What’s Happening

- Did you hear about all of the S-N-O-W? Some areas reported over 4 inches of the cold, white stuff on the ground yesterday! There is no denying it—winter is here! Please remember to make sure that your student is prepared to participate in recess and other outdoor activities. This means long pants, winter coats, appropriate footwear, hats, gloves, etc. Thanks!

- Speaking of snow, it’s time to sign up for the RMES Ski & Snowboard Club at Bittersweet Ski Area. Contact Wendy Keough at keoughw@andrews.edu or 269.317.3977, or visit our website for information. Sign up forms are available in the RMES office. Club cards cost $14 for students and adults. Remember to invite your friends to join too! The more the merrier!

- Dismissal has been going very well, thanks to students who are listening carefully for their number and parents who are displaying their blue card in their window properly. Nice job everyone!

- We will be using Alert Now to send phone calls and texts in case of emergencies or announcements, including school closings due to weather. Please make sure the office has your current contact information. Also, remember to visit our website for the latest RMES info!

On the back...

A message from the Village of Berrien Springs of the 5th Annual Christmas Open House
Fifth Annual Christmas Open House

**KINDLE YOUR CHRISTMAS SPIRIT**
Dec. 1 from 6 to 9 p.m. in downtown Berrien Springs

- Businesses will be decorated and open. Stop in for refreshments along with special sales. Enter drawings at each open business for prizes.
- Santa Claus will greet children at the Berrien Springs Village Hall. Cookies will be provided by the Berrien Springs Civic League. United Federal Credit Union will provide gift packets.
- Shuttle to the downtown area! Park at the 1839 Courthouse Museum or the Berrien Springs Community Library for free rides downtown.
- Trinity Lutheran Elementary students and the Praise Team will present their Christmas program at 5 p.m.; the Praise Team will lead a Christmas sing-a-long at 7:30 p.m. Both events are at the 1839 Courthouse Museum.
- The Christmas tree lighting ceremony - Music by the UMC Bell Choir at 6 p.m. at Memorial Park.
- Singing groups from local schools and Andrews University will perform downtown.
- The Berrien Springs Community Library will have music, a craft for children and light refreshments.
- Downtown streets will be closed to provide a safe environment!
- Face painting and refreshments at Fifth Third Bank.
- The Free Store at the United Methodist Church on W. Mars will also offer free hot chocolate and cookies.
- Ornament-making at Simple Updates, sponsored by Honor Credit Union.
- Face painting by SIFE students will be next to The Journal Era, with cookies from McDonald’s.

**Create an ornament!**

**Bring the family downtown!**

♫ CAROLERS!

Make a strand of garland

FREE FACE PAINTING!

Enjoy free horse & carriage rides

See a live Nativity scene!

Courtesy of the
A.U. Easter Passion Play

Sponsored by the Berrien Springs-Eau Claire Chamber of Commerce.