



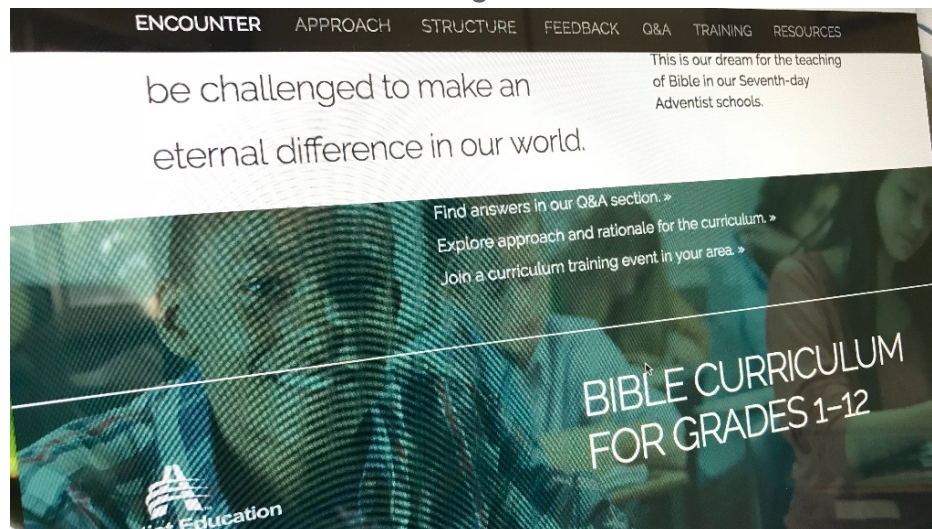
# NEWS NUGGETS

Friday, June 1, 2018

## **New Bible Curriculum to be Taught in RMC Schools »**

Using the Bible as its main textbook, the Adventist Encounter Curriculum gives students the opportunity to form their own personal relationship with Christ. This new program is being taught at Seventh-day Adventist schools around the world. It will focus on shifting content from a standard based model to an inquiry based one, acting as an aid for teachers in the process of asking questions which will lead students to discover answers on their own.


The program began in the Australian and New Zealand Adventist Education Departments for grades K-10. A new revised version spread throughout the North American Division schools, where Bible teachers began to develop material for the curriculum for grades 11 and 12.



According to Diane Harris, associate superintendent for education, teachers in the RMC began training in April 2018 in preparation for teaching the new curriculum in the fall of 2018. Harris says the Encounter, “feeds into our philosophy of educating our students in the 21st Century”.

Walter Weber, Vice Principal of Mile High Adventist Academy, who helped pilot parts of the Encounter Curriculum and is now training teachers, comments, “This is a phenomenal curriculum that combines elements of modern education with multiple techniques of teaching the Bible. It not only focuses on mindful learning, but also learning that

"Doubt kill more dreams than failure ever will."  
~Kerim Seddiki

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**NW Town Hall -- Grand Junction**

comes from the heart.”

Each unit in the curriculum contains a list of activities, resources, and comprehensive teaching plans for teachers. Students will be challenged within their classroom environment to apply and analyze, resulting in a personal application for their future.

According to the Encounter website, the curriculum has a biblical discipleship focus that seeks to transform the lives of students and equip them for their walk with God.

--Alaysha Harris; photo by Rajmund Dabrowski



### **Five RMC Schools Voice Appeals to Fill Teacher Openings »**

“We are truly blessed to have the finest teachers available and thank God for the wonderful way they are influencing children and youth across Colorado, Wyoming, and New Mexico,” says Ed Barnett, RMC president. His comment was made in the context of a need to fill teaching positions faced by five Adventist church schools in Rocky Mountain Conference.

“With five openings to fill for the upcoming school year, we seek help from our church members as we prepare for the coming school year,” says Lonnie Hetterle, RMC superintendent for education.

For many, summer means hot weather, swimming, and perhaps even a visit to Grandma and Grandpa’s house, but summer can’t truly begin for a few of our RMC schools until the ‘Help Wanted’ signs for the upcoming school year come down.”

The shortage of top-notch, passionate, dedicated, and professional teachers is, sadly, not unique to RMC as “we continue to get calls from other conferences and schools across the nation requesting names of good teachers for openings they have,” Hetterle says.

Currently, the RMC Education Department is seeking to fill positions in the following schools:

1. Farmington (lower grade teacher with head teacher responsibilities)
2. Durango (elementary teacher)
3. Delta (elementary teacher)
4. Colorado Springs (upper grade teacher with head teacher responsibilities)
5. Brighton (9th-10th grade homeroom teacher)

June 9

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### **Hispanic Prayer Ministry Training**

June 10-12

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### **Hispanic Town Hall -- Denver South Hispanic**

June 16

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### **GVR Board**

June 19, 9:30 a.m.

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### **RMC Property & Trust**

June 20, 9:30 a.m.

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### **Pathfinder/Adventurer Basic Staff/Master Guide Training**

Brighton Academy

June 23, 24

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### **Cowboy Camp Meeting**

July 11 - 15, 7 a.m.

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### **Wyoming Camp Meeting**

July 17 - 21, 7 a.m.

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### **Hispanic Marriage Retreat**

July 21, 22

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### **Mid-America Union Hispanic Youth Camp**

July 27-30

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### **Western Slope Camp Meeting**

August 1-4, 7 a.m.

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### **Pathfinder Camporee**

GVR

August 2-5

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### **Hispanic Pastor's Meeting**

Glenwood Springs

August 7-9

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### **Hispanic INTEL Class**

August 10-11

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### **Pastors Meeting**

August 12-15

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### **RMC Property and Trust Committee**

August 15, 9:30 a.m.

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### **Staff Meeting**

Superintendent Hetterle comments that, “all of these schools are doing well and have great students, boards, and churches,” but are a part of the 114 openings listed for Adventist schools across the United States.

“If you know of an outstanding teacher,” Hetterle adds, “who has great core values, and is someone you could recommend, please ask them to take a look at these RMC opportunities and to prayerfully consider them for this coming school year.”

These schools are God’s schools, Hetterle believes, and is confident He will bring the right teachers at the right time.

“We are all one team here in Rocky Mountain,” says Barnett. “We solicit your prayers and assistance as we complete our plans for the 2018-19 school year.”

For more information about these opportunities, call the RMC Education Office or visit the national Adventist website at [www.nadeducation.org](http://www.nadeducation.org).

--RMCNews

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### **Alaysha Encounters the Present With Nostalgia Visiting Her Alma Mater »**

I would never have imagined that one day I would be working as an intern in the RMC office, just a few blocks away from my old academy. Looking back, I vividly remember walking up the ramp ready to receive my diploma. I glanced around trying to savor the memory that I, along with 13 of my classmates, would be the last to graduate within these gym walls. My tassel was moved from one side to the other as I stood with a big smile on my face. I took a glimpse of the gleaming faces in the audience, wondering if this moment was as bittersweet for them as it was for me.



In the fall of 2015, Mile High Adventist Academy moved from its original location on Yale (built in 1949) to a new facility.

I tried to imagine the impact this move would have on past and present students, as they too were leaving behind a place that held so many fond memories.

While I wouldn’t be attending the new school, I had mixed

August 21

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**GVR Board**

August 21, 9:30 am

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**Hispanic Camp Meeting**

August 31- September 2

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### **Story Guidelines: We want to share your news! »**

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emotions. I recall being upset as I heard the news, knowing I would never get the chance to experience walking those halls as an alumni. I couldn't help but shake the feeling that when the school moved from one location to another, my memories somehow would leave me as well.

On the other hand, I know that when God allows something major to happen, His plan is far greater than my understanding. The new school would have greater opportunities for current and future students. It would provide "bigger classrooms, a whole wing for the Upper School, a dedicated arts and music area and play spaces for all ages," writes Agape Hammond in the school's blog.

Visiting three years later I found this to be true. The school is airy and bright, technology is updated, classrooms cater to all different learning styles and abilities, and the view of the mountains is amazing. Yet, it is not the building that made the difference in the end. When my parents sent me to Mile High Academy to receive an Adventist education, I was given a solid foundation to stand on. The community within the school taught me values that have helped me contribute to the society.

While I was hesitant about the move, God took the opportunity to teach me a lesson, helping me see that sometimes He takes us places that we may not understand. While we want to remain stuck in our comfort zones, God is pushing us to take a leap of faith. Once we do, we can grasp the beauty of the plans He has for each one of us.

As my visit neared its end, I realized the impact Mile High Academy had left on me during my eight years there, not the result of the building I went to school in, but because of the staff, the teachers, the students, and the Adventist education I received. This has made my journey in life worthwhile.

--Alaysha Harris; photo by Rajmund Dabrowski


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## Students Get Into Small Engines at Brighton Adventist Academy »

Mentored by Brighton Church member, Tim Taylor, the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade girls and guys at Brighton Adventist Academy learned about small engines, dismantling a Honda engine, cleaning its parts, and reassembling it into a working mechanism before the school year ended.

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Their several sessions, along with homework, gave them a basic understanding of how engines work. One student came the first day “just to watch”, but before the end of the afternoon, she had joined in and gotten her hands dirty.

While they tinkered with the engines, “they had plenty of opportunity for conversation, discussion, the application of nicknames, and laughter, strengthening bonds and deepening friendships,” said BAA’s spokesperson.

“Mentoring our kids gives us an opportunity to connect generations and genders, exposes them to varied skills and helps them “try on” different hats as they learn new areas of giftedness and interest,” their spokesperson shared.

-- RMCNews; Photo by VAA communication director

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

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### CAMP MEETINGS 20

Cowboy	July 11-15	Silver Jack Reservoir
Wyoming	July 17-21	Mills Spring Ranch
	Speaker: Mic Thurber	
Western Slope	August 1-4	Mountaintop Retreat
	Speaker: Mike Ryan	
Hispanic	Aug 31-Sept 3	Glacier View Ranch

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**Wyoming Camp Meeting Update** » Multiple dates have been announced for the **Wyoming Camp Meeting**, which require clarification. The **2018 Wyoming Camp Meeting** begins Tuesday night July 17 and continues through July 21. Mid-America Ministerial Director, Mic Thurber will be the featured speaker.

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# RMC Town Hall Meetings

March 17—SE Colorado—Colorado Springs Central Church  
March 24—Metro—Denver South Church  
April 14—Wyoming—Casper Church  
April 28—SW—Piñon Hills Church  
May 19—NE—Campion Church  
June 9—NW—Grand Junction Church  
June 16—Metro Hispanic—Denver South Hispanic (6:00pm presentation *only*)



## *Format of each meeting:*

Seminars:  
4:00-5:00pm

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5:00-6:00pm

Supper:  
6:00-6:30pm

Presentation:  
6:30-8:30pm

## Seminar Topics May Include:

Giving a Bible Study	A Church's First Impression
Deacon/Deaconess Workshop	Diabetes Prevention
Estate Planning	Communication
Stewardship	Youth Ministry in the Local Church
	Elders' Workshop

## SABBATH SERVICES AT YELLOWSTONE

**Rocky Mountain Pastors** will be at Yellowstone National Park every Sabbath from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Traveling through Yellowstone this summer? Join them for worship beginning at 10 a.m. each Sabbath in Old Faithful Lodge.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**True Life Community Church** » Jerry Nelson, pianist, vocalist, former music director for First Church of the Nazarene in Denver, and producer of the Saturday Nights in the Denver Gospel Music programs will bring his music ministry of gospel piano, singing, and video for the 11 a.m. Sabbath service at True Life Community Church, held in the Praise Chapel building, [6054 So. Kipling Parkway, Littleton, 80127](#). Nelson will perform a piano duet with Lucille Claridge, age 99, a church pianist from the Littleton Church.

**Discipleship Training at Campion Church** » Are you interested in learning how to make disciples for Jesus? If so, join us at Campion Church this Sabbath, June 9 at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. as Dr. Philip Samaan explores Christ's strategy for revitalizing our lives, our witness, and our

church's effectiveness.

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**Hispanic Prayer Training »** Hispanic prayer coordinators and others passionate about prayer are invited to attend the Hispanic prayer training from 9:15 to 11:45 a.m.

Sunday, June 10 at the conference office. Lunch will be served and those in attendance will have the opportunity to network.

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**New Freedom to Love: Truth About Love and**

**Porn »** New Freedom to Love is a live, two-day seminar designed to bring educational awareness to the issue of pornography usage in the Christian life. It is presented by the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists and features specialized sessions by Erik Steinbakken, Mike Tucker, Bernie Anderson, Celeste Holbrook, and Troy Beans. [Reserve](#) your seat for Saturday, July 21, and Sunday, July 22 at Hensel Phelps Theatre, [701 10th Avenue, Greeley, CO 80631](#). Times will vary by session.

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**Journey to Wholeness Support System »** Journey to Wholeness support system is a program built for those who find themselves struggling with unhealthy dependencies with substances or other destructive behaviors. Meetings will be held every Tuesday night from 7- 8p.m. at Gillette Seventh-day-Adventist Church.

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**Celebrating Life in Recovery Groups Program »** Born from the desire to encourage adults to enter recovery and connect with other like-minded people in a safe and healing environment, this program looks at addiction in its broadest sense, not focusing solely on drugs and alcohol, but on anything that disrupts our lives and interferes with our ability to be in healthy relationships. Held from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. June 28 through September 27 at the church at 80001 W 23rd Avenue, Lakewood, CO, will discover a new sense of hope and worth from the God who lives you and is bigger than all our "junk," the God who delights in our healing. For more information, contact Tenisha at 970-485-9876.

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## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

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**H.O.P.E. Prayer Summit »** Featuring James Black from NAD Prayer Ministries, this prayer summit will be held September 7-9 at Glacier View Ranch.

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**Annual RMC Women's Retreat »** Heather-Dawn Small, GC Women's Ministry Director will speak at the annual retreat September 28-30 at Glacier View Ranch.

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# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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**Voice of Prophecy Openings » Full-time Bible School department Assistant.** This full-time staff member will operate the *Discover* Distributor Student Record System, manage *Discover* Bible School records, answer telephones and perform general departmental office duties.

**Part-Time Bible School Department Assistant.** Primary tasks will include grading correspondence Bible lessons, answering phone calls and general secretarial duties.

Learn more at [vop.com/jobs](http://vop.com/jobs) or by contacting Carolina De Paoli at 805-955-7656.

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**Rocky Mountain Conference »** The Rocky Mountain Conference has an immediate opening for a part-time **Maintenance Coordinator.** The Maintenance Coordinator will plan, direct and control the overall maintenance of the facility's physical plant. This position must perform or oversee electrical, plumbing, carpentry, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, refrigeration and other technical tasks. For information regarding duties, qualifications and how to apply, please visit our website at: <http://www.rmcsda.org/hr-maintenance-coordinator>

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**HMS Richards Elementary »** Located on the campus of Champion Academy, HMS Richards Elementary School is looking for a **part-time preschool teacher** for the upcoming school year, 2018-19. To qualify, you must have teaching certification or a director's license. If you are interested, send your resume to [hmsrichardselementary@gmail.com](mailto:hmsrichardselementary@gmail.com) or call 970-667-2427.

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**Delta School »** The Delta school is seeking grades **1–8 teacher** for the 2018-19 school year. To apply, go to the union website: <http://adventisteducation.org/employment/opportunities?category=4> or contact the Rocky Mountain Conference education department.

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**Vista Ridge Academy »** Vista Ridge Academy is seeking a **part-time aide** for our Early Childhood Education program. Candidates must meet state requirements for an Early Childhood preschool teacher. For more information or to find qualifications, contact our Early Childhood Education Director, Sandy Hepp, at [shepp@vistaridge.org](mailto:shepp@vistaridge.org) (303.828.4944).

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**ESL Teacher Needed for Mile High Academy Sister School China Campus »** Mile High Academy still has a



position available on their extended campus at the Guangdong Experimental Shunde - **ESL Teacher Needed**

This is a unique opportunity to serve as a teacher in Shunde China at Mile High Academy's extended campus at the Guangdong Experimental Shunde. Please see link below to explore the

school: <http://www.gdsysd.com/Home/IndexEnglish>

Contact Principal Toakase Vunileva at [tvunileva@milehighacademy.org](mailto:tvunileva@milehighacademy.org) for questions or to submit your resume.

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**We want to share your news** -- Change is a part of the communication age. With online media experiencing constant evolution, the *NewsNuggets* is also experiencing an increased access from our readers and contributors. We will continue to encourage news sharing from our churches, institutions, and individual church members.

In order to make our eNewsletter accommodate an increased volume of announcements, our editorial work proposes to present information in a more efficient approach, ensuring that all timely promotions and announcements be included in a weekly, Friday release

of *NewsNuggets*. **Submission deadline for stories, news, and announcements is at noon on every Wednesday.**

**Please send all your submissions to [nuggets@rmcsda.org](mailto:nuggets@rmcsda.org).**

Thank you for your contribution, but also comments, as *NewsNuggets* continues to serve the church in an efficient and effective way.

**NOTE:** Questions are being raised regarding guidelines for the Announcement section of the RMC *NewsNuggets* newsletter. After a review of the guidelines, the following few points should be considered when sending announcements or promotional materials:

- The newsletter has been established primarily for news sharing within the conference, though selected general church news stories are also considered for publication.

- The primary readership of the newsletter are church members within the Rocky Mountain Conference.

- When submitting an announcement, consider that local Sabbath events may be drawing members from other local churches.
- Promoting evangelistic meetings in *NewsNuggets* is not attracting potential attendees for whom the meetings are primarily advertised.
- Due to space constraints, NewsNuggets will not publish posters and other large photos or images. However, information from the text will be used.
- Announcements will not be repeated more than twice, and they should be concise. Web page links or phone numbers should be provided for additional information.

We are inviting all correspondents and contributors to follow a general Adventist News Network *Style Guide*, including glossary. For guidelines,

see:<http://news.adventist.org/styleguide/>

--Editor

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