



Renaissance Report

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PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

A note from Mrs. Bergman

FEATURED
THIS WEEK:

Rams Squads!



Rams Squads!

Wednesday morning, January 10, 2018, didn't look like an average morning at RPSA. From 8:10-8:30, students of all ages were gathered in small groups all around the building. Thus begins...

RAMS SQUADS!

From one end of the building to the other, 35 groups of student each with a staff member as Squad Leader, met for the first time. Some Squads played games, a few voted on a fun name for their squad, and many decorated their new Rams Squad name tag.

New relationships began to form as middle school students were interacting with kindergarteners, Voyagers were introduced to middle school teachers that they've never met, and kindergarteners met Trailblazers for the first time.

Most Rams Squads took a squad photo, so please look for the photos of each Rams Squad displayed on the tv in the foyer.

Each Wednesday, Squads will meet to simply have fun and build lasting friendships. Look for continued updates about Rams Squads in the Renaissance Report and on Facebook!

All Pro Dads

Mark your calendars: January 19th is our next meeting of All Pro Dads!

See you at 7AM for bagels and donuts!



Parent/Teacher Conference Information:

Spring Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for **February 5th through the 9th**. Just like in the fall, we will be using Signup Genius to schedule individual conferences, which will be available beginning **January 17th**. For your convenience, we will have Chromebooks available in the foyer for you to use starting on the 17th. Please contact Tina Singer (in the office) or your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions



Parent Club Updates:

The next Parent Club meeting will be held Tuesday, January 16 at 5pm. We will be discussing upcoming events.

The Spring Carnival will be here before we know it! If anyone is interested in helping the Carnival Committee please contact Sarah Whitman at siwhitman31@gmail.com.

Remember to turn in you Box Tops.

Family Game Night at RPSA!

Renaissance Academy Is having a Family Fun Game Night Thursday, January 25th from 5:00-6:00



Students grade K-8 and their families
are invited to a fun family night!



All students and their **families** are invited
for a night of quality family time. **Play fun** and
educational games that help kids learn and
master critical **Math and Language Arts** skills.
This event is **free of charge** to all students and
their families.



***All games are available for purchase
the night of the event
and range in price from \$4.00-\$25.00
No Purchase necessary**



December's Leaders!



Our celebration for the December Leader of the Month students was held January 11th. Classroom teachers, specials teachers, and other Renaissance staff chose these student leaders because they have demonstrated one or more of the 7 Habits of Leadership during the month of December. Many students were selected; check out the bulletin board in the lobby for a complete list.

Preschool News

We've had such a fun week inside and out! We brought the snow INSIDE and made snowmen in the sensory table. It sure was cold, but what fun! We also really got artistic when we painted salt on paper with watercolors! It was so cool!

January Birthdays!

Mason, Noah and Kunj!
Happy birthday, boys!



cool pic of the week

Another highlight: Roll the dice game: each child got a dice, counters bears/blocks and a cup. Roll the dice and count the number of bears/blocks and add to the cup. Try and get all of your counters in the cup. This could be a great family activity as well.

Please remember to bring all of your child's outdoor gear as well as extra clothes...including extra socks. THANKS

Fun Family activity: PAINT THE SNOW!!

Materials needed: snow, food coloring/liquid watercolor, spray bottle/cup, paint brushes, etc.
Mix your food coloring/liq. water color to water in cup or spray bottle.
Go outside and
PAINT THE SNOW!!

Kindergarten News



Literacy

*author, illustrator
*Stretching out words
-*sight words:
are now

Math

The Teen numbers:
Count them, write
them, in and out of
order

Writing

Narrative-Small
moments in our lives

Social Studies:
Needs and Wants
Science:
Weather

Reminders & Events

FIELD TRIP, Wednesday, Jan. 24, 8:45-11:00
MT. PLEASANT DISCOVERY MUSEUM....More info coming home this
week

*PLEASE make sure your CHILD HAS ALL OF THEIR SNOW gear Here





Voyager Newsletter



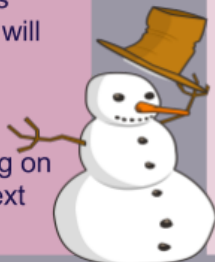
Academics:

In math, our students will be working on identifying numbers to 100, 3D shapes, and coordinate planes.

In reading, our students will be working on comprehension strategies with both nonfiction and fiction text. We will be working on asking and answering questions like who, what, where, why, as well as looking at how characters change over time.

In social studies, our students will continue to work on understanding these essential questions: How do people live together in a community? How do people's choices impact a community? These lessons will lead up to our Itty Bitty City learning celebration.

In writing, our students will be working on writing an informational book using text and graphic features.



Our students did an amazing job this past week during our NWEA testing. We are very proud of them all and all of their hard work they displayed during the test. Please celebrate with your child on completing our second testing session for the year. This celebration will continue to encourage them to do their very best work for the remainder of our 2017-2018 school year.

Parents: Please encourage your child to pack their necessary items for school at night before going to bed. This way we can ensure the following items are at school daily: agenda, book bag, hat, gloves, boots, snow pants and shoes. Thanks in advance for your support, Voyager Teachers



Your students are developing a community to show what they've learned about economics. They are going to produce goods that can be purchased at a later time. Before purchasing materials we wanted to reach out to families to see if anyone wanted to donate any of the following items:

duct tape in a variety of colors and designs
large safety pins
cardstock
ribbon or thick string
fabric (fleece would be best)
1 oz. Plastic solo containers with lids
dawn hand renewal dish soap
medium beads and charms

puffy paint
adhesive gems
silicone mold trays (already have heart and lego shapes)
elastic stretch string
embroidery floss in a variety of colors



Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders

January 15th-January 19th



This Week's Learning

Literacy: We are learning about several different informational resources and how helpful they can be to our reading and writing!

Math: Fractions, fractions, fractions! We will continue in our fractions unit, and some students will even enter the world of decimals this week!

Writing: The students have created topics and subtopics, and will now learn how to create well-written chapters. They are so excited to use text features!

Science: Islanders are working well in their group projects and documenting their progress online! We are continuing to learn how animals use their structures and why and how they function the way they do!

Staying Up To Date

- Make sure your child is still working hard on practicing multiplication!
- Remember to keep your child home if they show any flu-like symptoms. Please respect the 24 hour window. :)
- Thank you so much for the box/cardboard donations. We do not need anymore at this time. We appreciate your help!

Important Dates

- All Pro Dads Jan 19th 7:00am
- Mr. LeValley visits Jan. 22nd
- Family Game Night Jan. 27th 5:00pm-6:00pm
- Conferences Feb. 5th-9th



Week at a Glance

January 15- January 19

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Big Events and Happenings			EARLY RELEASE 1/17 - WNEM TV5 Guest Speaker - Chris Easlick, Meteorologist		THE AMAZING RACE Part 3 - Ask your child about it!

Weekly Summaries

MATH	LITERACY	WRITING	SCIENCE
X and / Fractions OR Order of Operations OR Expressions and Equations OR Measures of Central Tendency Ask your child which topic they are working on.	Identifying text structures and summarizing informational text	Working on our informational essays as a part of our Science/Social Studies unit	Severe weather and its impact on human choices

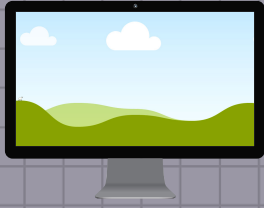
Middle School Happenings January 15 - January 19

Study Lab Tuesday & Thursday

Math	English/ Language Arts	Science	Social Studies
Mr. McCausey's Math: Both of my Math classes are finishing up Algebraic Equations. We are preparing to move on to Statistics & Probability. Mr. Buzard's Math: Mr. Buzard's Math 1 is currently learning about slope-intercept form. Math 2 has been working on Linear Equations.	Mrs. Hubbell's ELA - Outlines were due last week. We are focusing on our introductions for our Argument papers this week. Liphard's ELA- We are continuing our work with Argument Papers. They are completing their introductions and beginning to start their body paragraphs. In Reading they are working on Root Words.	In Science class, students are beginning their tests of their devices. They need to bring in their materials or complete tests at home. Students are working on Phase 2 and 3 this week.	We are starting Lewis & Clark and the Louisiana Purchase. Students are enjoying the expansion to the west.

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Major Assignment, Assessments and Events	Renaissance "A" @ St. Peter in Big Rapids 6:30 Buzard Math 2- Quiz on One-Variable Equations	Study Lab Mr. McCausey's room		Study Lab Mrs. Hubbell's room	

Specials and Enhancements



Introducing...

Astonia-Student Art Gallery

Hello Parents/Guardians,

Artsonia, the online student art gallery, is finally up and running! This program will make it easier to keep a record of your child's artwork throughout the years. The age of crumpled artwork at the bottom of your child's backpack...will never go away. However, as a reaction to those unfortunate events, your child will take a photograph of their artwork during art class, and upload it to this fantastic website. Then you will have access to view their artwork online even before it makes it home.

Your child went home with a permission slip last week, which describes how to grant permission and log on to to see their artwork. If you did not receive a permission slip, please email me and I can resend your child's individualized code. My email is czardus@renaissancepsa.com, so feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns about this program.

My best and artful regards,

Miss Zardus



Rams Athletics



Boys Basketball:

This week the boys will finish up their seasons and head to Big Rapids for the league tournament! Great job this year boys and good luck on Saturday!

January 15: The Renaissance “A” team will travel to Big Rapids for a make-up game against St. Peter. This game is scheduled to start at 6:30, and the bus will leave here around 5:15.

January 15: The Renaissance “B” team will be home to play the Panthers of Trinity. This game is scheduled to start at 5:30.

Whether you are traveling to Big Rapids or cheering the Rams in our gym, we appreciate your support and know that the student-athletes love having you at their games. Go Rams!

Tournament:

January 20: All three of our teams will be on the bus to Big Rapids High School. The bus will leave Renaissance at 11:25 AM. The tournament is scheduled to begin at 1:00. As soon as the tournament brackets are released, they will be posted on the athletic website. We are not expecting them to be released until Friday, as games are still being played in the league through the 18th.

Remember, a signed transportation waiver is required for an athlete to be transported by someone other than the bus.

Cheer Team:

The cheer team will travel to Brandon High School in Ortonville for the competition on February 25. The bus will leave Renaissance at 6:45am, and the competition is scheduled to begin at 9:15am. Teams must arrive early to register.

Rams Athletics

Girls Basketball:

The girls basketball tryouts will be held on January 16. When school is dismissed, the girls trying out should change into practice gear and head to the gym. Remember to have your physical form with you to give to the coach (if you've already participated in a sport this school year at Renaissance, we already have a copy on file, and you are all set; otherwise, we need a copy). All other athletic forms and fees are due to the coach prior to the first game being played.

Please note: Girls Basketball will begin before Boys Basketball finishes. During this short period, the girls will have to wait until the boys are finished with the gym. We had a similar situation at the end of the volleyball season, when the boys had to wait for the girls to finish their season.

Additionally: Any members of the girls cheer team that are planning on playing basketball will have to attend both practices until the cheer competition is over at the end of February.

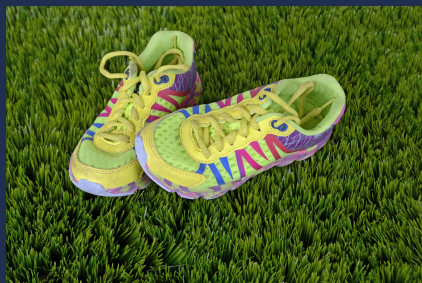
Schedules:

The coaches are currently working with the athletic department in order to make as smooth a transition as possible between all of the sports and their practice schedules. As soon as things are finalized, they will be released and posted on the website for families.



Go Rams!





Girls on the Run

The spring session of Girls on the Run begins March 12 and is open to girls in third, fourth, and fifth grades. Registration will open in February. Fee scholarship applications are available on a first come, first served basis and are available now. You will receive a code to use when completing the registration form in February. Visit

<http://www.gotrcentralmichigan.org/>. Click “Register Now” and then select “Spring Scholarship Application”

Volunteer coaches and assistant coaches are also needed. Training and lesson materials are provided. Please check out

<http://www.gotrcentralmichigan.org/> to learn more about the programs and to volunteer.