



# Renaissance Report

JANUARY 21, 2019



## A Note from the Office:

Upon notification from Central Michigan District Health Department, we are passing the following information along to our families:

Children should remain home for 24 hours after a fever has broken without fever reducing medication. If your child is vomiting or has diarrhea, they should remain home for 48 hours after symptoms have subsided.

# Riverwood After School Club



Up to 1.5 hours of bowling with shoes,  
Instruction & snack provided

5th- 8th Grades      \$10 per visit

(online option available)

Tuesdays and/or Thursdays 3:30pm-5:15pm

(parent pickup available until 5:45pm)

ICTC Transportation provided from Renaissance to Riverwood

**Families of 5th-8th grade Rams:**

**Riverwood Resort and RPSA are excited to continue our  
partnership this winter!**

**January and February dates have been added. You can sign up  
online by clicking the following link.**

<http://www.riverwoodresort.com/-2019-youth-initiative>





Dear Renaissance Families:

FlexTech High School is proud to invite all students and their families to our Fall Project Showcase!

We use a project based approach where we integrate content from multiple subjects with things that are relevant and interesting to students. Teachers collaborate with colleagues or community members to create cross-curricular experiences and rigorous learning opportunities for all students.

Every project begins with a big idea or essential question that guides the student through their research. At the end of each semester, students select their favorite project to present at our project showcase event. At the project showcase, students share their work with a public audience who provides feedback to them.

We are extremely excited to speak with you about our program and we will have enrollment information available at the event as well. The FlexTech Fall Project Showcase will be at Morey FlexTech High School from 5PM - 7PM.

When: Thursday January 24th from  
5PM - 7PM

Where: Morey FlexTech High School  
380 West Blanchard Rd Shepherd, MI  
48883





# Gratiot-Isabella Technical Education Center

## OPEN HOUSE

Over 50 years of CTE education at work

Thursday, February 7, 2019  
5:30-7:30 pm



All Mt. Pleasant labs will be open and operational

National Technical Honor Society  
Induction Ceremony at 7:45 pm

Gratiot-Isabella Technical Education Center  
1155 S. Elizabeth St.  
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48858  
(989) 775-2210  
[www.GI-TEC.com](http://www.GI-TEC.com)

This is a great opportunity for our older Rams to check out Mount Pleasant High School's Tech Center!



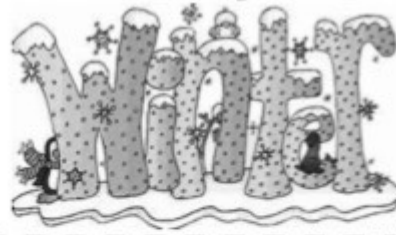
# Renaissance Academy

Is having a Family Fun Game Night

## Thursday, January 24th 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**

**Please RSVP by January 23rd**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade(s) \_\_\_\_\_

#Attending \_\_\_\_\_

(Please return RSVP to your home room teacher)

\*Our preschool families are also invited. :)

## Preschool News

I feel like we should say WELCOME BACK AGAIN!! With two days of school this week, it felt like another mini vacation. We are certainly glad that everyone was safe and sound. We used the dry erase boards to practice writing our names, experimented with melting ice cubes in different ways and made animal tracks in playdough. We hope that you all have a wonderful weekend and stay warm!

-Mrs. Simon and Mrs. Binns

### REMINDERS:

**January 24TH: FAMILY Game NIGHT**

**January 29TH 2:15 PM Dance Performance**



# Kindergarten News



## Literacy

Sight words:  
are now  
We are blending  
sounds together to  
make words.

## Math

The teen numbers  
may be challenging,  
but we we've "got  
this". Numbers 10 to  
20!

## Writing

We are writing  
narratives about  
something we have  
done. We are  
becoming authors!

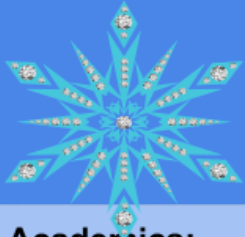
## Science

Families are special  
and unique. I am a  
special part of my  
family.

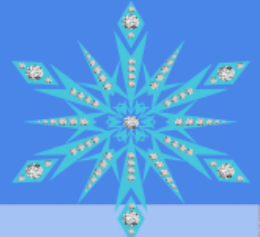
## \*REMINDERS & EVENTS\*

**\*Kindergarten Learning Celebration, Tuesday, January 29  
at 2:15**

**Come and see what we are learning through creative  
movement and expression!**



# Voyager Newsletter



## Academics:

In math, our students will continue to work on place value, addition of three numbers and geometry. They will also be working on comparing and ordering numbers, as well as addition and subtraction w/ and w/o regrouping.

In reading, our students will be working on informational text; they will be taking notice of the different text features and the importance of these features.

In science, students will be working on our Light and Sound unit. Students will be completing a light and sound project for our next Learning Celebration.

In writing, our students will continue working on their information writing for this trimester.

Parents,

Please continue to remember to send all winter clothing with your child each day: hat, gloves, snow pants, and boots are a necessity for your child to have fun in the snow. Also, if you can, please supply your child with a snack or two per day for snack time. We can supply some, but there is never enough for everyone to have two; many days the students are very hungry even shortly after lunch.

Thanks for your support!

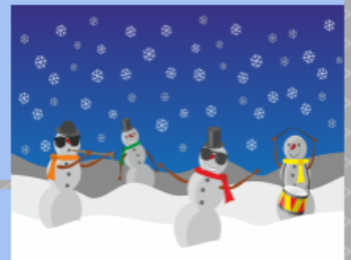
## Upcoming Events:

Thursday, January 24: Family Fun Game Night 5-6 p.m. Please RSVP by sending back the RSVP with your child

Monday, February 4: Conference week

\*\*Please see newsletter for Sign-up Genius week

Monday, February 18: No School for Students





# Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders

January 22nd-January 25th



## This Week's Learning

**Literacy:** The Islanders have been enjoying our non-fiction selections that we have been working with! This week we will begin to dive into our next Social Studies unit (Michigan History) and enjoying some great articles that go along with it!

**Math:** We will continue to work hard within our fraction unit as well as practicing story problems using money.

**Writing:** The students are making great progress in their non-fiction books!

**Science:** Teams will be finalizing their projects this week and making sure their contraptions work! This has been a very fun unit!

## Staying Up To Date

- This week your child will begin Rocket Math in the classroom to help improve their accuracy with multiplication and division facts! (It's really happening this week!)
- It's cold outside! Please bring your outdoor gear for recess each day!

## Important Dates

- No School on Jan. 21st.
- Family Game Night Jan. 24th 5:00pm-6:00pm
- Conferences are coming up in February! Stay tuned for more information!
- Islanders will be attending a live performance on Harriet Tubman in Midland on February 6th!



## Week at a Glance

January 21-25

MATH	-Division as a Fraction -Algebraic Expressions and Equations
PBL	Social Studies - Colonial Life 14th Colony Project
READING	Informational -Content, Specific Words, Author's Purpose
WRITING	Argumentative: Which Colonial region would be the best to live during the 1600s?



**REMINDER:** If your child has/had a fever or has thrown up within the last 24 hours before school starts, they should remain at home to recover and prevent the spread of illnesses.



## Middle School Happenings

January 21 - January 25

### Study Lab Tuesday and Thursday

Math	English Language Arts			Science	Social Studies
<p>Mr. McCausey's classes are beginning work with Real-World Inequalities.</p> <p>Mr. Buzard's math classes have quizzed on one and two variable Linear Equations. We have moved on to working with slope and creating equations for lines.</p> <p>In Resource Room, students are continuing to work on converting fractions to decimals in tenths and hundredths form and comparing decimals on a number line</p>	<p>Students will begin exploring Argument writing. They will delve into the vocabulary and learn the components of writing an Argument Piece.</p> <p>Students will continue to work on building their vocabulary as they learn Root Words.</p> <p>In Resource room, we are using various reading strategies to help us comprehend the informational pieces we are reading.</p> <p>In Resource Room Writing class, students will be starting a Poetry unit.</p>			<p>In Science, we have moved onto Reproduction of Plants and Animals, and will soon dive into genetics of living organisms.</p>	<p>We have finished up our study of Ancient Greece and are moving on to Persia and Rome. Students will be learning about their new project this coming week. Ask your student later this week how their new project connects to Ray Bradbury's short story "A Sound of Thunder."</p>
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Major Assignment, Assessments and Events		Study Lab Student Council	Early Release	Study Lab Student Council	

# Athletics

## Boys Basketball Banquet:

The boys basketball banquet is scheduled for February 22nd. The event will be in the school cafeteria from 5:30pm - 7:00pm. Basketball players, and their families, are invited to attend an evening of celebrating our season's accomplishments. Dinner will be served and awards will be given.

Please wash and return uniforms to Mr. McCausey as soon as possible.  
Thank you for your consideration and cooperation.

## Cheer Team:

The Renaissance Cheer Team will participate in the Alma College Spiritfest competition on January 26th. The event begins at 10:00am. The bus will leave Renaissance at 8:20am. If you want to transport your child, a transportation waiver form must be signed in advance by Mrs. Bergman.

Please do not wait till the last minute. Spectators will be charged \$5 to get in. Doors will open at 8:30am. Cheerleaders and spectators should enter the Hogan Center from the parking lot off of Grant Ave. Parking is very limited; therefore, I encourage everyone that is planning on attending, arrive early. A campus parking map will be sent home this week with your child.

Concessions are available for purchase; however, there is not an "area" for teams to eat or use as "their space" - this is an athletic arena.

## Girls Basketball:

Remember, student-athlete fees and paperwork are due at this time. All fees and paperwork must be in prior to the first game. Any outstanding fees and paperwork will result in non-participation until collected.

## Fundraiser Thank You:

I want to thank each and every person that came out for the All-You-Can-Eat Domino's Pizza Fundraiser! Even though we did not have school that day, the event was a success, and with your support, we are able to provide more opportunities for our students! Thank you!



# Battle of the Books

Three teams of students will be representing Renaissance at the Battle of the Books competition this year. This first written battle takes place on Tuesday, January 29. Students on the team will travel via school bus at the end of the school day to participate in Midland.

Students will be back at Renaissance and ready for pickup at 6:30 p.m. following the battle. Battle participants will be bringing home an informational letter with additional details this week.

Students who have checked out battle books, but who are not on one of the official battle teams should return the books at this time so that the battle teams have adequate copies to prepare. These books will again become available to all students at the conclusion of the battle season. Thanks for your assistance.

