



Renaissance Report

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PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

Dear Renaissance Family and Friends,

We are excited to present **SCREENAGERS: Growing up in the Digital Age**, the award-winning documentary by physician Dr. Delaney Ruston. The film is 68 minutes long and will show at the Broadway Theatre (216 E. Broadway in downtown Mt. Pleasant) this Monday, January 29, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. This is a **FREE** event that is open to the community. There will be raffle prizes, informational booths, and concessions will be available for purchase. This is a collaborative effort between Sacred Heart Academy, Mt. Pleasant Public Schools, Renaissance Public School Academy, and Saginaw Chippewa Academy. You can get a sneak peek by watching the trailer at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LQx2XoBXgZg>.

Please join us Monday evening! This is for all parents, children age 10 and up, and anyone interested in making a difference in our community.

What is **SCREENAGERS**? This is information from their website.

"Are you watching kids scroll through life, with their rapid-fire thumbs and a six-second attention span? Physician and filmmaker Delaney Ruston saw that happening with her own kids and began a quest to uncover how it might impact their development. As with her other two award-winning documentaries on mental health, Ruston takes a deeply personal approach as she probes into the vulnerable corners of family life, including her own, to explore struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. Through poignant, and unexpectedly funny stories, along with surprising insights from authors, psychologists, and brain scientists, **SCREENAGERS** reveals how tech time impacts kids' development and offers solutions on how adults can empower their kids to best navigate the digital world to find balance.

SCREENAGERS addresses the most pervasive parenting issue of our time head on—depicting teen struggles over social media, video games, and internet addiction. The film empowers kids to best navigate the digital world and provides practical resources to help them do it."

Please join us Monday evening. Together we will make a difference for our children. Thank you for your continued support of Renaissance Public School Academy.

Yours Truly,
Lisa Bergman, Principal
Renaissance Public School Academy



Battle of the Books

Renaissance is proud to have three official teams representing our school at the Battle of the Books competition sponsored by the Grace A. Dow Library in Midland. The Book Masters, Pygmy Puff Book Worms, and Rams Discovery Readers will be among 46 teams from across Mid-Michigan displaying their love of good books. The first written battle for our teams will take place at Northeast Middle School in Midland on Tuesday, February 6 at 4:30 p.m. The competition is closed to spectators; parents, teachers, and coaches will be asked to wait in adjacent classrooms until the battle is complete. Students and coaches will travel via school bus to Midland. We will leave Renaissance at 3:15 p.m. and anticipate returning to school at approximately 6 p.m. All battle participants will need to be picked up from Renaissance at that time. We will learn the results of the first battle on Wednesday, February 7. The top scoring 23 teams will advance to the second written battle. The teams have been practicing their skills during lunch. Team practices will also take place Tuesday, January 30 and Thursday, February 1 from 8:10-8:30 a.m. in the art room. Please contact Henry Mayer at hmayer@renaissancepsa.com or (989) 773-9889 with any questions.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Spring Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for next week. Please visit the following link if you haven't already signed up <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080548ada72aa7f58-feb>



Annual Parent Survey

Each year our school improvement team conducts a survey of parents, staff members, and students in 3-8 grades. The information gathered is used to plan school improvement initiatives for the coming school year and to understand current perceptions of our educational program. The survey contains approximately 30 questions and provides an opportunity for you to share additional comments. Please complete the survey found at the following link: <http://bit.ly/RPSA2018> Paper copies of the survey are available at the office. The survey will close on February 16.

Parent Club News:

SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Renaissance Public School Academy. Come in to the Chipotle at **1720 S. Mission St.** in Mt Pleasant on **Tuesday, February 20th** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to Renaissance Public School Academy.



Online orders will not be included in the fundraiser total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in-restaurant. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.

Did you see this flyer come home in your child's Friday Folder last week? We hope to see many of our families join us at Chipotle on February 20th.

Side note: There is a girl's home basketball game scheduled for 5:30 that night. Maybe we can all grab an easy dinner and then come out and support the girl's team!

Per Chipotle, flyers cannot be passed out at the event. If flyers are distributed (either in the parking lot or restaurant) the fundraiser is cancelled.

Preschool News

Does it float?

Each child designed their own boat out of aluminum foil and set sail in a dish basin. We also spoke about what a hypothesis was and they made guesses on how many bears their boat would hold before taking on water.

January Birthdays!

Mason, Noah and Kunj!
Happy birthday, boys!



Another highlight:

Coin counting and sorting. We discussed the value of each coin, using base 10 (see pic) and counting.



Fun Family activity:
Dominoes

A great counting and color matching game that everyone can play together. It is also fun to see how tall of a tower you can build with them.

Please be sure and check your child's extra clothing for school. Also, even though there's no snow right now today, please be sure and bring in all snow gear. It is still cool and wet and will be going outside for about 45 minutes. Thanks!

Kindergarten News

Literacy

*middle sounds
-ad word family
*author, illustrator
-*Sight words:
Is how

Math

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

Writing

We have read and
now are writing
books with
patterns

Social Studies: Needs and Wants

Science:
Weather

Reminders & Events

*100TH DAY OF SCHOOL WILL BE FEB. 8
MORE INFO TO COME HOME IN AGENDAS
*PLEASE make sure to sign up for P/T conferences





For more pictures
from the
kindergarten field
trip at the Discovery
Museum, visit our
Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/techwithMrs.P/>



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.

Important Field trip Dates:

Monday, February 12: Adelaide's Bistro & Ginko Tree Inn

Friday, February 23: Snow Snake
(Snow tubing; waivers will need to be signed by parents)

Thursday, March 1: Bay City Planetarium



Parents:

Please ensure your child has all of their winter clothing needed to play comfortably outside in the this winter. Thanks in advance!

Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders

January 29th-February 2nd



This Week's Learning

Literacy: Islanders have been working towards some pretty ambitious reading goals. We are citing text evidence and making connections to the text as well!

Math: In addition to some multiplication and division review, we will continue to work hard at fractions and understand place value when working with decimals.

Writing: The rough drafts of our informational books are coming along nicely!

Science: The students are now in Week 5 of this experience, and have learned so much already. Ask your Islander about the presentation they have been preparing with their group!

Staying Up To Date

- Make sure your child is still working hard on practicing multiplication!
- We are so proud of our Battle of the Books participants! Practice has been taking place during lunch and some mornings during the week!
- Some of our students will be presenting their Wonder Workshop presentations this week!

Important Dates

- Conferences are next week! Thank you to those who have already signed up online! If you haven't, stop into the school and sign up in the lobby!



Week at a Glance

January 29- February 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Big Events and Happenings			EARLY RELEASE		

Weekly Summaries

MATH	LITERACY	WRITING	SOCIAL STUDIES
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	How do population characteristics impact human and physical conditions?

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR A PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE

TRAILBLAZER GUEST SPEAKER

On 1/24, Trailblazers had a special visitor. **WNEM TV-5 Meteorologist, Chris Easlick** was a special guest speaker for the group. He talked with the students about weather, climate, and the recent meteor that landed in Michigan. He even gave them, and all of RPSA, a shout out on air during his Friday morning broadcast!!



Middle School Happenings January 29 - February 2

STUDY LAB Tuesday & Thursday

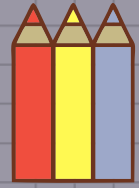
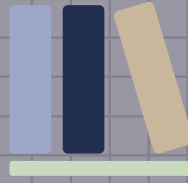
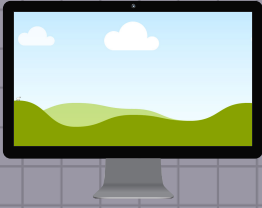
Math	English/ Language Arts	Science	Social Studies
<p>Mr. McCausey's</p> <p>We are wrapping up Statistics and will be assessing this week. We will be starting Probability shortly.</p> <p>Mr. Buzard's Math 1 is finishing up our instruction on slope and equations for lines and moving on to real world problems involving slope. Mr. Buzard's Math 2 is finishing up Linear Equations and will be taking our third quiz on the unit soon.</p>	<p>Mrs. Hubbell's ELA - We are working on body paragraphs of our argument papers. We are learning how to show the other side of the argument.</p>	<p>In Science class, the students will be presenting their projects this week</p>	<p>The students have been working on their Lewis and Clark and Louisiana Purchase projects. Due to testing these projects are due this Thursday.</p>

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Major Assignment, Assessments and Events		Study Lab in Mr. McCausey's room		Study Lab in Mrs. Hubbell's room	

Thank you, Mrs. Liphard and the Student Council, for organizing a fun Trailblazer and Middle School dance !



Specials and Enhancements



Trailblazer Field Trip to Snow Snake!

On Friday, January 26th, Mr. McConnell took the Trailblazers (and their teachers!) on a field trip to go tubing at Snow Snake! They had a beautiful day for an outdoor field trip!



Rams Athletics

Girls Basketball:

Attention: All athletics fees and forms are now due. Please turn these in to Coach Brown as soon as possible. The athletic handbook is clear on this. Thank you.

The Ladies "B" Team will kick-off their season on Monday, January 29, in Cadillac. They will be playing St. Ann. The game is scheduled to begin at 5:30pm.

The Ladies "A" Team begin their season this week as well. They will take on the Panthers of Trinity at home on February 1. The action is scheduled to begin at 5:30pm.

Attention Families: Please take a moment and check out the volunteer sheets posted outside the gym. It would be terrific if we could have volunteers work at the concessions/ticket tables at our home games. We certainly do appreciate your help.

Cheer Team:

The cheer team will continue to have structured practices as they prepare for their competition. Cheer team members need to be continuing to work on their routines and attend practices regularly to stay sharp. Information regarding the upcoming competition can be found on the athletics webpage. <http://renaissancepsa.com/athletics/>

Winter Athletics Banquet:

Attention Families, Coaches, and Players: The Winter Athletics Banquet, celebrating our three boys basketball teams has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 28, from 5:15pm to 6:45pm in the school cafeteria. Boys basketball players, and their families, are invited to attend, as we celebrate their spectacular seasons. Dinner will be provided and awards will be given.



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.