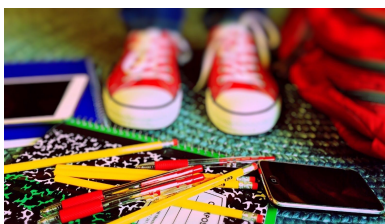




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UPCOMING EVENTS

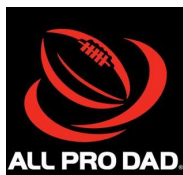
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
15	16 5:30 & 6:30 PM Girls' Volleyball at Heritage, Cadillac	17	18 Parent-Teacher Conferences	19 5:30 & 6:30 PM Girls' Volleyball at Home	20 4:00 PM Cross Country Alma Scottie Classic, Ithaca	21
22	23 5:15PM Cheer and Boys basketball informational meeting	24 5:30 PM Girls' B Team Volleyball at St. Peter's, Big Rapids	25 6:00 - 7:00 PM Family Science Night	26 5:30 & 6:30 PM Girls' Volleyball at St. Mary's, Big Rapids	27 5:00 - 7:00 PM Halloween Party	28
29	30 5:30 PM Girls' A Team Volleyball at Trinity, Reed City	31	NOVEMBER 1	2 5:30 & 6:30 PM Girls' Volleyball at Home	3	4 League Volleyball Tournament at Big Rapids High School
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CONFERENCES

We cannot wait to see you for parent/teacher conference this week! Sign up using the following link:

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October 20th is the first All Pro Dad meeting of the year! We look forward to seeing you all bright and early (7AM) in the school cafeteria this Friday! Dads, grandpas, uncles, mentors... all are welcome!



RENAISSANCE PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY ON FACEBOOK

We are happy to announce a new and improved way to stay up to date on events and celebrations of learning at RPSA. In the past, our school has had multiple pages on Facebook for specials, Title, All-Pro Dads, Parent Club and Middle School. Even Mrs. Bergman had a principal page. All of the pages previously associated with RPSA will now become one. By following [Renaissance Public School Academy-Mount Pleasant](#), parents, students, families, and friends can find everything they need in one place.

The purpose of this page will be to inform our school community of special events from all of our school organizations and clubs. It will also be the platform we use to post pictures of student learning and special recognitions. Questions, comments, and concerns will now need to be directed to the appropriate person via email or by contacting the office at 989-773-9889.

COMMUNITY EVENTS FLYERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have added a display rack in our lobby and a large monitor. The monitor will scroll announcements for upcoming school events as well as pictures from around our school. The display rack will house community flyers and information for families from outside agencies. Friday Folders will now only include school sponsored event information and student work. Families are invited to visit the display rack often and take flyers of interest.

ATHLETIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for Rams volleyball action on Thursday! We hope to see you there!

Spectators, please understand that bringing in outside food and drink into the game is prohibited. Please see the concession stand for your refreshment needs. Thank you.

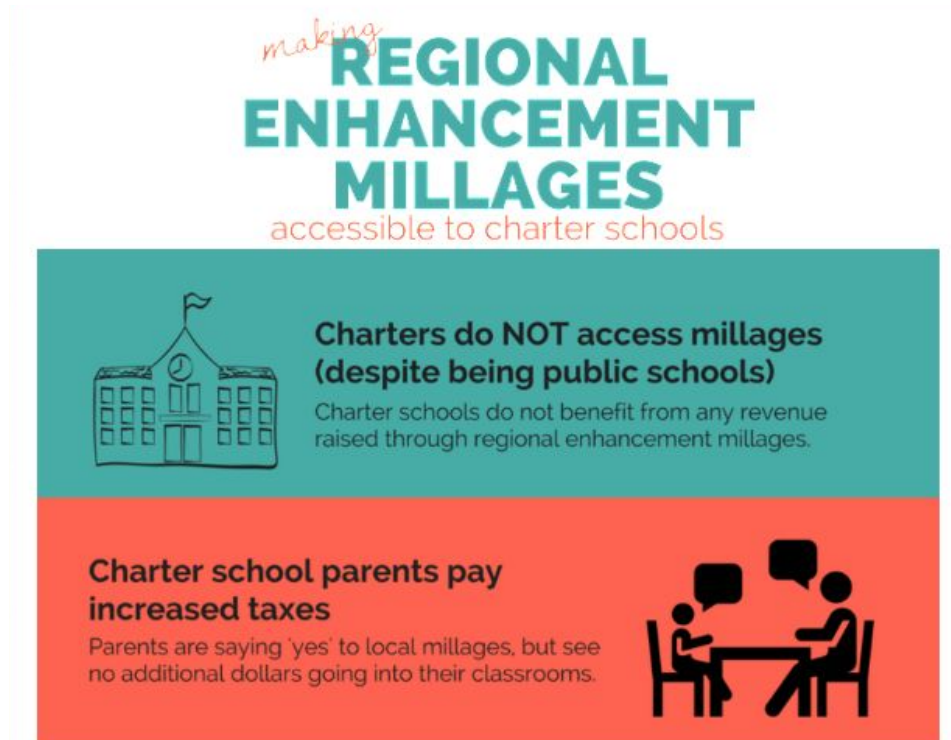
Monday, October 23, at 5:15pm, join Mr. McCausey for the Boys Basketball and Cheer Team informational meeting. Valuable information will be given concerning the upcoming season. Students wishing to play, and their families, are invited to attend. Student-athletes should attain their physical as soon as possible...you will not be able to tryout without it.

THE TITLE 1 TEAM

Family Science Night

Wednesday, October 25th 6:00-7:00pm

Students from the Central Michigan University chapter of the Michigan Science Teachers Association will be here to provide fun science experiments for students and their families. All students and families are invited to attend this event!



TAKE ACTION FOR EQUAL FUNDING FOR CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS

Students enrolled in charter schools do not currently benefit from additional funding generated through regional enhancement millages. Michigan's Charter School Association, the Michigan Association for Public School Academies (MAPSA), is advocating to make a change so all students benefit. Please [follow this link](#) to learn more and let your voice be heard on this important issue.

Specials and Enhancements at RPSA!



The Book Nook

Look for Mrs. Doyle in the Open Space on Wednesday, October 18th during Parent/Teacher Conferences. I will be registering children and families for library cards from our local CRDL libraries. Public library cards provide invaluable access to a variety of materials, from books to movies to video games. All Renaissance students are able to get library cards, even those who live out of the district, so come visit Mrs. Doyle and sign up for a card!



The Art Corner

Just in time for conferences!

As you attend parent/teacher conferences this week, please be sure to check out the new artwork in the long hallway!



WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS!!

Last week, Mr. Whitman's Wednesday Club, Sports Officiating, had a guest speaker. Mr. Mark Uyl, Assistant Director of the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) joined them to go over what it is like to prepare for, and work a game as a sports official. Mr. Uyl has been an NCAA Division 3 football referee, and is currently an umpire for the Big Ten Conference in baseball and has worked in multiple College World Series.

As a part of his presentation, Mr. Uyl talked about game preparation, rules knowledge, and showed us some video of some pretty important calls.

Our students really enjoyed the presentation and did a fantastic job of actively listening and participating. In fact, Mr Uyl told us that they were better to work with than many of the high school groups that he has spoken to. As a result of the students being such a good group to work with, each student was offered an awesome opportunity to attend the MHSAA State Football Finals at Ford Field in Detroit over Thanksgiving weekend with their families. Part of their game attendance is also the opportunity to get a personal tour of Ford Field, locker rooms, field access, press box, and more.

What an amazing opportunity for our students. Thank you for being positive role models and showing your RAMS Pride!

Kindergarten News



Literacy

-Beginning Sounds
-Sight word review
week: I, like, the, and

Math

Finishig Unit 2 -
patterning and
sorting- with our Unit
Craft!

Writing

Letters q, r, s, t

Science & Social Studies

Life Science
Who am I?

Reminders & Events

- ★ conferences are THIS week! Tuesday-Thursday
- ★ IF YOU DROP OFF YOUR CHILD BEFORE 7:45 PLEASE SIT WITH ON THE BENCH OR SEND THEM TO THE GYM

Voyager Newsletter

Conferences-

This week is conference week. Please make sure you sign up for conferences with your child's teacher.

This week Voyagers will start the wonderful opportunity of Junior Achievement.

Math-Addition to 1,000
And fact families
Reading-Story Elements
Writing-Final Opinion Piece
Science-Project Completion



Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders



October 16th - October 20th

This Week's Learning

Literacy: Islanders will begin to learn about characters. They will also start to learn about point of view.

Math: Islanders will review our learning during the last six weeks and get ready to move on to multiplication and division!

Writing: Islanders will finish up their persuasive essays and work on some fun creative writing projects!

Science: Islander students will finish the construction of their species food web this week! These awesome projects will be displayed at the first learning celebration.

Staying Up To Date

The first round of our Wonder Workshop presentations were successful! We will brainstorm new topics for our next Wonder Workshop presentation this week! Ask your student what topics they might have in mind.

Please make sure your student has a sweatshirt or jacket at school. The days are getting chilly and all students are expected to go outside to recess.

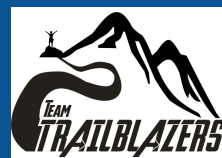
Important Dates

October 25th: Family Science Night from 6-7

October 27th: RPSA's Halloween party will be from 5-7. Students are not allowed to wear costumes to school. Join us for some spooky fun and games!



Trailblazer Week at a Glance October 16-20



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Major Assignment & Assessments					Science argumentative essays due
School Events/ Activities	Conferences	Conferences	Conferences <i>Early Release</i>	Conferences	Conferences

Weekly Summaries

MATH	LITERACY	WRITING	SCIENCE
The number system and operations with decimals. Whitman BLUE group-working with operations with negative rational numbers.	Working toward answering the following question:	Creating a formal letter of complaint as a form of argumentative writing.	Working on our argumentative essays "Do you agree with Alfred Wegner's theory of Continental Drift? Why or why not?"

Please sign up for See Saw, if you have not already done so. If you need another instruction sheet, check with your child's teacher; we would be happy to get you another one.

Parent/Teacher Conferences are this week. Please sign up for a time if you have not already done so.

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Middle School Happenings

October 16 - October 20

STUDY LAB Thursday

3:30 - 4:30

Weekly Summaries

Math	English/ Language Arts	Science	Social Studies
Mr. McCausey's classes continue to work through Unit 1. Many of the students are working at a terrific pace! For some, I would encourage the students to remain focused. This week and one more is what remains in our first unit. Mr. Buzard's classes have been finishing up rational and irrational numbers and have been moving on to properties of exponents. After properties of exponents we will work on scientific notation!	Students are focusing on conclusions and peer editing this week. We are also finishing up theme, main idea, etc and moving onto figurative language.	The students received an overview of the project choices for the 1st trimester, and they seem pleased with the options.	We are finishing looking at the three branches of the government and checks and balances. Our big discussion this week will be with John Locke and why do we need government?

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Major Assignment, Assessments and Events		Parent Teacher Conferences No Study Lab today	Parent Teacher Conferences	Study Lab	