



October 2, 2017 Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
OCTOBER 1	2 5:30 & 6:30 PM Girls' Volleyball at Home	3 7:30 - 8:00 AM Annual Title I Parent Meeting	4	5	6 4:00 PM Fowler Apples 2 Apples XC Invitational Uncle John's Cider Mill	7
8	9 5:30 PM Girls' B Team Volleyball at Home	10 Cross Country Beaverton Invite	11	12 5:30 PM Girls' A Team Volleyball at Home	13 Cross Country Mustang Invitational	14
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	21
22	23	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

LUNCH MENU

With the new breakfast and lunch menu options this school year, there are some related changes. There will no longer be a paper copy sent home with the students. Please follow this link to see this month's menu!

<http://bit.ly/RenMenus>

Parking Lot Etiquette



For the safety and well being of all our students and family members at Renaissance please remember the following expectations.

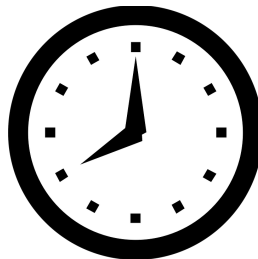
- Students must be dropped off in the right lane.
- Drop off may be anywhere between the two crosswalks.
- DO NOT allow students to exit the car before the first crosswalk.
- Students may not walk from a parked car to the school without an adult.
- Cross ONLY at the crosswalk.
- Drivers in the left, drive through lane must DRIVE SLOWLY.
- Drivers should not be on a cell phone while driving in our parking lot.
- Smoking is PROHIBITED on school grounds, including in vehicles.

[Here](#) is a link to our complete drop off and pick up procedure.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS AT RPSA

The school day begins at 8:00 each morning. This means your child must be in the building and to their classroom at 8:00, not just arriving at school. Our front doors are locked at 8:00 and students arriving late **MUST BE SIGNED IN AT THE OFFICE BY AN ADULT.** You will see a large sign each morning after 8:00 at the school entrance reminding adults to walk a late student to the office.

[Here](#) is a copy of the complete attendance policy, along with tardy guidelines and the county truancy policy.



IMPORTANT REMINDER

OCTOBER 18: Parent-Teacher Conferences are right around the corner! Look for information to sign up for conferences electronically in next week's newsletter.

ATHLETIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

The volleyball team opens its home season today against St. Mary. Come out and cheer on the Rams! The first match begins at 5:30pm, with the 2nd match to shortly follow (roughly around 6:30pm). Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students at the door.

The cross-country team did an amazing job on Saturday at the Warrior Invitational at Chippewa Hills! The weather was beautiful and the team did great!

The Rams runners will be at the Fowler: Apples 2 Apples Invite on October 6 at Uncle John's Cider Mill. Bring the family, have some cider, and cheer on the Rams, as they tackle the orchard!

October 2nd and 3rd: Head on over to Domino's to purchase a pizza at the menu price, and the Rams Athletics Program will receive \$2. Every pizza purchased brings a donation...tell all of your friends!

EMERGENCY CARDS

Please turn in any missing emergency cards and beginning of the year forms to the school office. It is important that we have current and accurate information to serve our students best. Thank you for your cooperation.

THE TITLE 1 TEAM

Annual Title 1 Fall Parent Meeting

October 3rd 7:30-8:00 in the cafeteria

This meeting is for any Renaissance parent wanting to know more about our school, Title 1, and ways to get involved. Drop in anytime between 7:30-8:00am.

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!

Specials and Enhancements at RPSA!



The beginning band is doing very well. They have played their first song as a band and are quickly learning how to read their notes. Band students should be practicing at home 5 days a week for at least 20 minutes.

Check out this amazing artwork completed by our amazing RPSA artists!



Let's Get Art Smart!

Kindergarten News



Literacy

-Beginning Sounds
-Rhyming

Math

-Sorting and matching
objects

Writing

Letters i, j, k, l

Science & Social Studies

Life Science
Who am I?

Reminders & Events

*DON'T FORGET TO PACK A SNACK!

*IF YOU WANT TO CHECK OUT MORE STEM ACTIVITIES LIKE WE DID ON
Wednesday Here is a LINK -

[HTTPS://WWW.CMICH.EDU/STEMED/PAGES/K-12-EVENTS.ASPX](https://www.cmich.edu/stemed/pages/k-12-events.aspx)



Voyager Newsletter

Academics

This week some Voyagers will be working on subtracting numbers to 10. Others are working on numbers to 1,000.

In reading we will be focusing on retelling key events in a nonfiction story.

In writing your child is continuing to work on their opinion writing.



BIRDS! BIRDS! BIRDS!!!



Hopefully your child has been telling you about all the fun we have been having studying birds! We have investigated bird beaks, bird feet, and bird feathers! We had an exciting visit from the Wildlife Recovery Association.....and they got to see and touch birds!!

Continue to watch the weather to ensure your child is appropriately dressed for the day.



Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders



October 2nd - October 6th

This Week's Learning

Literacy: Have you heard about our Mentor Sentences yet? They are a fun way for our students to practice their grammar skills through fantastic literature!

Math: Students will be having fun with some mini-projects working on ordering of numbers and place value!

Writing: Islanders have begun to draft their persuasive letters! They are looking great so far!

Science: Research will continue in our Food Webs and Invasive Species units! You may see your child bring home research materials to continue this project at home (by choice). Please make sure these come back each day with your child. There will be plenty to do with designing a food web and writing an informational report!

Staying Up To Date

Wonder Workshop presentations will be this Wednesday and next. The students will be teaching us about something they know a lot about or know how to do very well. Your child may take some time to practice at home or may ask to bring in some materials or props for their presentation.

Don't forget! Our days are getting chilly, and your child may want a coat for recess!

Important Dates

October 16th-20th: Parent Teacher Conferences.

October 27th: School Halloween Party in the evening. Costumes can be worn for the party, but not during the school day.



**Trailblazer
Week at a Glance
September 25-29**



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Major Assignment & Assessments		Science presentations start			
School Events/ Activities	Volleyball vs. St. Mary 5:30		<i>Early Release</i>	CC at Fowler Invite 4:00	

Weekly Summaries

MATH	LITERACY	WRITING	SCIENCE
Continuing with Unit 1 for all levels	Using textual evidence to support our thoughts and also working with character development throughout a story.	Continuing our argumentative writing. We will be completing our paragraphs and transitioning to an argumentative essay that will include our science research and presentations.	Continuing with History of the Earth unit and our project research on regions of the world and how they are impacted by plate movements.

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.