



October 23, 2017 Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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 Fundraiser Pickup 5:30 & 6:30 PM Girls' Volleyball at St. Mary's, Big Rapids	27 5:30 - 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
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Boys' Basketball St. Ann (B) @RPSA Boys Basketball @ Heritage Christian (A)	14 Fall sports athletic banquet (Cross country and volleyball)	15	16 Boys' Basketball @ St. Mary (A/B) Big Rapids	17	18

RENAISSANCE PARKING

We know that the parking lot is quite busy right at dismissal time. The safety of our students and families is very important to us. Here are a couple parking lot reminders to keep everyone safe.

- Do not pick up children from the lane that is moving; only pick up from the pick up lane closest to the school.
- Use the designated crosswalks to walk from your car to the school.
- It is absolutely acceptable (and encouraged) to pick up between 3:30 and 3:40 p.m. to alleviate parking lot congestion.
- Please do not park at Airway Oxygen (our neighbor to the south) as we have had complaints from them.

PARENT CLUB

The annual Halloween Party will be held this Friday from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Additional volunteers are needed for the second shift from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Candy donations are also appreciated. A flyer is included at the end of the newsletter.

Fundraiser items will be available for pickup this Thursday, October 26.

ATHLETIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Girls Volleyball

- October 24 our Rams "B" Team is in Big Rapids to take on St. Peter at 5:30pm. Make the trip and cheer them on
- The "A" team is scheduled to practice on the 24th and will not be travelling with the "B" team to Big Rapids. Practice will end at 5PM.
- October 26 our Rams "A/B" Teams are in action at St. Mary in Big Rapids. The action begins at 5:30pm. They would love to have your support!
- The November 4th MMSL Volleyball Tournament has been moved to Crossroads Academy in Big Rapids. Doors will open at 8:00am, and the tournament is scheduled to start at 9:00am. When the regular season is over, brackets will be announced. Directions/Address to Crossroads Academy can be found on the athletics site front page (the website is your friend).

Boys Basketball & Cheer Team

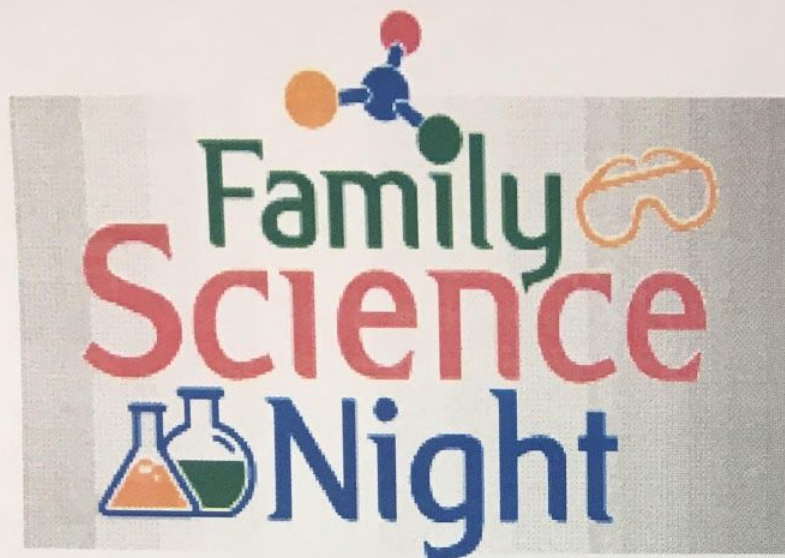
- The Informational Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 23, at 5:15pm in Mr. McCausey's classroom. Students that are interested in playing and their families are invited to attend. Valuable information regarding the upcoming seasons, Q&A session, and meet the coaches will all be happening. Things are going to look a little different this year.
- Students wishing to participate in basketball or cheerleading must complete a physician's physical and bring the completed form before be allowed to participate or try out. This is not a new policy.

Save the Date!

- Students who participated in cross-country or volleyball are invited (along with their families) to the fall sports banquet on November 14th! More details to follow. We look forward to celebrating our fall athletes!

General Athletics Announcements

- Any student wishing to participate in a sport at Renaissance must turn in a completed, approved physical prior to being allowed to participate. All athletics physicals are recommended to be completed over the summer. Forms can be turned in at any time.
- Outside food and drink is not allowed to be brought in to any Renaissance athletic events. Please see the concessions stand for your refreshment needs.
- Students wishing to participate under scholarship status must complete the scholarship application waiver form and have it approved by Mrs. Reihl in the office to qualify for the scholarship. The athletic department recommends this be done when the physical is completed.

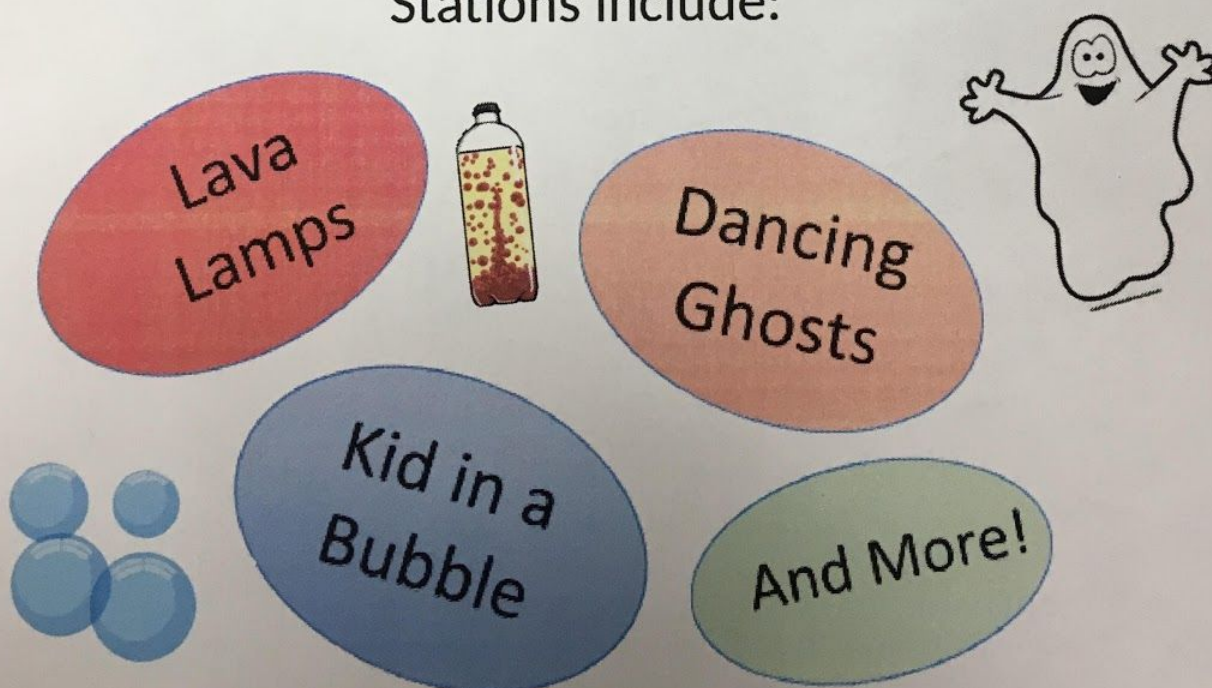


With
CMU's National
Science Teachers
Association

At Renaissance Public School Academy

Join us on October 25th, 2017 from
6:00pm-7:00pm
For a fun filled science night for all ages!

Stations include:





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.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

RPSA Parent Club collects Box Tops for Education, Labels for Education (Campbell's), and School Spirit UPC' (Aunt Millie's). If you would like to check out the eligible products, you can visit each website at:

www.boxtops4education.com

www.labelsforeducation.com (Their School Spirit Program is ending soon)

Turn in completed forms by October 27th to be entered into this month's drawing to win!

Please make sure that you put the name of the student and the teacher on the form.

Send completed forms back to school in your child's agenda or drop them into the correct bin on the Parent Club shelf in the school lobby. More forms can be found in the bins, or you can use blank paper or envelopes.

There will be a drawing each month, but your child's name (teacher's name) MUST be on the form to win!

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.



Follow [Renaissance Public School Academy-Mount Pleasant](#) on Facebook! Questions, comments, and concerns will need to be directed to the appropriate person via email or by contacting the office at 989-773-9889.

Specials and Enhancements at RPSA!



PE at RPSA!

On Wednesdays, Mr. McConnell & Mrs. Bartell lead a teams sport club. This class consists of Trailblazers and Middle Schoolers. We are playing sports that foster the idea that the better you work with your teammates, the better chance you have to be successful. We are doing some sports that students haven't played before as well as sports that the students know well and love to play.



The Art Corner

Hello Parents/Guardians,

I am going to be starting this new art program to 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, I will be taking a photograph of their artwork, while it's still in pristine condition, and uploading it to this fantastic website. Then you will have access to view their artwork online even before it makes it home. Letters are going home this week with your child/children informing you of their personal access code to get started. 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

Kindergarten News



Literacy

- Beginning Sounds
- Rhyming
- Sight Word - see

Math

- Numbers 1-10
- Number order
- Counting forward and backward

Writing

Letters u, v, w, x

Science & Social Studies

Life Science
Who am I?

Reminders & Events

- SCHOOL HALLOWEEN PARTY IS FRIDAY OCTOBER 27TH FROM 5:00-7:00
- PLEASE DO NOT WEAR COSTUMES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY



Voyager's Newsletter

Academics

In math our students will be adding with and without grouping and learning doubles facts.

In reading we will be reading the Great Gracie Chase and working on sequencing the events of the story.

In science we will be wrapping up our unit on animal adaptations and beginning our social studies unit addressing needs and wants.

In writing we will continue working on our opinion writing unit.

The 20 minutes of at home reading each night is critical to their reading success. We don't assign any other homework because we want to ensure you have the time you need to spend time as a family and complete the reading requirement.

Please remember to send a healthy snack with your child each day. If this is difficult for your family, please talk to your child's teacher.

Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders



October 23rd - October 27th

This Week's Learning

Literacy: Islanders will continue learning about characters & point of view.

Math: Islanders are excited to move on to multiplication and division!

Writing: Islanders will work on fun creative writing projects!

Science: Islander's awesome food web 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.

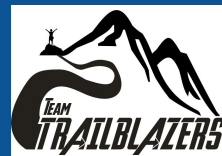
Important Dates

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 23-27



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Major Assignment & Assessments	Social Studies unit starts today Assessing the number system and decimal operations				
School Events/ Activities		Volleyball @ Big Rapids 5:30	<i>Early Release</i> Family Science Night 6-7	Volleyball @ St. Mary in Big Rapids 5:30	RPSA Halloween Party 5-7

Weekly Summaries

MATH	LITERACY	WRITING	SOCIAL STUDIES
Transitioning to: Factors/multiples and +- fractions OR Division of fractions OR Expression and Equations Ask your child which topic they are working on.	Working on Point of View and how this relates to a story's meaning.	Continuing our formal letter of complaint. This is our last writing piece for our argumentative unit.	Our unit on Earth's Physical Systems begins. We will also be studying the 5 Themes of Geography.

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.

Middle School Happenings

October 23 - October 27

STUDY LAB Thursday
3:30 - 4:30

Weekly Summaries

Math	English/ Language Arts	Science	Social Studies
Mr. McCausey's classes have completed 3.1(adding algebraic expressions) with their new unit - Expressions & Equations. This week, students will be working on subtracting expressions, as well as expanding expressions. Mr. Buzard's classes are finishing up their work on exponential notation and are moving into scientific notation!	We are well into figurative language in Mrs. Hubbell's ELA class - we are using some scary stories to help us find different types. We are in the finishing stages of our informational paper.	Students have approximately 4 weeks to complete their Science Projects. Students will continue their work with Changes of State (physical and chemical) this week.	SS has finished their project for the trimester. If they have not turned it in, you can check powerschool and find out. We are continuing to discuss why we need government and exploring what "Natural Law" would look like in place of government.

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Major Assignment, Assessments and Events	Basketball & Cheer Meeting 5:15 in McCausey's room	Volleyball "B" at St. Peter in Big Rapids Study Lab Today		Study Lab Today Volleyball "A/B" at St. Mary in Big Rapids	

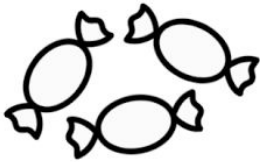
Happy Halloween

You're invited to PARTY on Friday October 27, 2017

5:30-7:00pm

School Appropriate Costumes Only

• Candy Stations



• Candy Walk



• Candy Guess

• Haunted Hallway

Light dinner available for purchase. \$2.00



This event is sponsored by the RPSA Parent Club. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Bridget Ervin at bridgetervin3@gmail.com



Please consider making a candy donation. Bagged candy can be dropped off at the school office by Thursday, October 26th.