



Renaissance Report

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Welcome to the New Renaissance Report!

We hope you enjoy the new look
of our school's weekly newsletter.

Thank you for reading the
newsletter each week to keep up-
to-date with all things RPSA
related.

Take a peek!

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PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

A note from Mrs. Bergman

FEATURED THIS MONTH:

Parking Lot Reminders

Picture Retake



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.



Picture Retakes: November 1st!

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN	1 Picture Retakes	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

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.

making REGIONAL ENHANCEMENT MILLAGES accessible to charter schools



Charters do NOT access millages (despite being public schools)

Charter schools do not benefit from any revenue raised through regional enhancement millages.

Charter school parents pay increased taxes

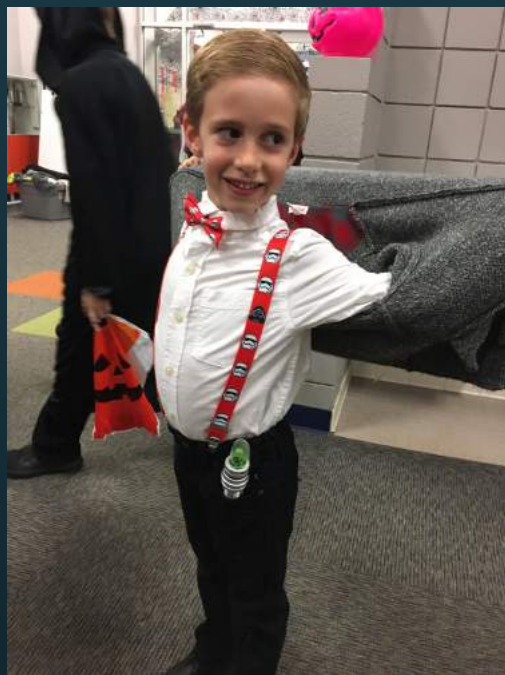
Parents are saying 'yes' to local millages, but see no additional dollars going into their classrooms.



Halloween at RPSA!

The Parent Club would like to thank everyone for coming out to the Halloween Party on Friday!

Thank you to all who donated candy and volunteered!



Happy Halloween!

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 Newsletter

Academics

In math, our students will continue working on addition with and without regrouping as well as double facts plus one.

In reading, our students will be reading What Can You Do? Students will make connections to real life situations.

In social studies, our students will be learning about needs and wants. Also, we will be discussing goods, services, consumers and producers.

In writing our students are continuing to work on completing their opinion writing.



Needs and Wants



Please remember to send your child with warm coats, hats, mittens, and boots. The weather is getting colder. Many of our students do not have warm enough clothing here at school to ensure they are dressed appropriately to enjoy their recess time.

Also, please do not send your child to school in shorts and tank tops.

Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders

October 30th - November 3rd



This Week's Learning

Literacy: We have been learning about characters and point of view! Our students are becoming part of speech professionals and have been labeling our grammar sentence of the week quickly and accurately!

Math: Islanders will continue to work on multiplication, division, and work to decode word problems.

Writing: After finishing our persuasive letters we have done some creative free writing.

Social Studies: We have started our geography unit! Ask your student(s) what U.S. region they have learned about!

Staying Up To Date

Mr. LaValley is here this week! Ask your student(s) what they now know about mammals!

We loved seeing the Islanders in their costumes at the Halloween Party! A reminder that we do not wear costumes to school. Students may have some candy in their cold lunch if you like but should not have copious amounts stored in their lockers.

Important Dates

November 5th: Daylight Savings

November 23rd-26th: No school due to Thanksgiving Break



Trailblazer Week at a Glance October 30 - November 3



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Major Assignment & Assessments				Pre Assessment in Social Studies	
School Events/ Activities	Volleyball @ Trinity 5:30		Early Release	Volleyball @ Heritage Christian 5:30	

Weekly Summaries

MATH	LITERACY	WRITING	SOCIAL STUDIES
<p>Continuing with: Factors/multiples and +- fractions OR Division of fractions OR Expression and Equations</p> <p>Ask your child which topic they are working on.</p>	<p>Working on characters and how authors develop characters throughout a story.</p>	<p>Continuing our formal letter of complaint. This is our last writing piece for our argumentative unit.</p> <p>We are concentrating on developing viable arguments relying on credible sources.</p>	<p>Continuing our unit on Earth's Physical Systems begins. We are trying to answer the questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is geography • What is geographic inquiry? • Why do people live where they choose to live?.



Seesaw

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 30 - November 3

STUDY LAB Thursday
3:30 - 4:30

Math	English/ Language Arts	Science	Social Studies
Mr. McCausey's classes will continue in their expressions and equations unit. The focus this week will be expanding (distributing) and factoring expressions. Mr. Buzard's classes are finishing up their work on exponential notation and are moving into scientific notation!	Information papers are due Friday! If students followed all turn in points that should be good to go on their papers. We are going to look at how a "FINAL" paper might always need a little polish. We will be finishing up figurative language and using it in a fun story.	Science Projects are due on November 17. As students continue to work on their projects, they will continuing working through Unit 1.	Students were really interested in natural law. Ask them about Shiver, Gobble and Snore! Now that we know why we need government we are going to look into the Republican and Constitutional Government more in depth.

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Major Assignment, Assessments and Events	Volleyball "A" at Trinity 5:30pm Cheer tryouts	Study Lab Today	Picture Retakes	Study Lab Today Volleyball at Home vs. Heritage 5:30pm	

Specials and Enhancements at RPSA!



Technology/STEM classes are certainly in full swing! This week alone, kindergarten students are learning about new websites, Voyagers are investigating the inside of a Chromebook (see pic), Trailblazers are designing prototypes that will eventually be created with the 3D printer, middle school students are utilizing the 3D computer lab, and Islanders are researching animals and blogging about their findings!



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



Rams Athletics



Girls Volleyball

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 "B" team is scheduled to practice on the 30th and will not be travelling with the "A" team to Reed City.

October 30 our Rams "A" Team is in Reed City to take on the Trinity Panthers at 5:30pm. Make the trip and cheer them on!

November 2 the Rams close out their home schedule by taking on the Heritage Christian Patriots. The action starts at 5:30pm.

Boys Basketball & Cheer Team

Students wishing to participate 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.

The cheer team tryouts are being held today, after school, in the cafeteria.

Student-athletes that are on the Renaissance A/B teams will be practicing at different times this week, due to the volleyball season finishing up. Schedules will be given at the first practice. Practice today will be at 5:00pm...and last until 6:30pm.

Student-athletes that are on the Rams A team will begin practice today at Morey Courts. Practice will start at 3:45pm and last till 5:15pm. Schedules will be given at the first practice.

Remember: Renaissance has a Closed Practice Policy

Basketball Forms and Fees are now due. Student-athletes will not be allowed to participate in athletic contests until all of the forms and fees have been collected. Remember, if you are applying for the scholarship waiver, give your form to Mrs. Reihl in the office.

Fall Sports Banquet will be held the evening of November 14th! We cannot wait to celebrate our cross-country and volleyball athletes!

The Running Rams



The 2017 RPSA cross country team has completed their season. This fantastic group of sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students represented our school phenomenally. Coach Papenfus and Coach Papenfus are incredibly proud of your hard work and dedication to the sport!