



Renaissance Report

OCTOBER 2, 2019

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Dear Renaissance PUBLIC School Academy Families, In my seven years at Renaissance I have come to cherish the responsibility of leading our school, knowing our families and learning alongside our students. After more than 22 years in a traditional, public school district I found my true calling when I joined Renaissance. Today I received news that threatens the school, students, and families that I hold so dear. I need your help in sending a message to our lawmakers that every single one of our 436 students at Renaissance is as valuable and deserving as any other public school student in Michigan. Governor Whitmer used a line item veto to eliminate the proposed increase of \$240 per-pupil for charter school students. The governor did not eliminate this increase for students attending traditional public schools. The message being sent is that students who attend a public charter school in Michigan deserve less than those students who attend traditional public schools. This single line item veto will mean that Renaissance will receive \$104,640 less in our budget from the state this year than if we were a traditional public school. It means we will need to amend our school budget and make cuts that will affect our mission and vision as a school. It means we will receive less funding for each and every one of our students. Our world today can often seem divided down different lines. I believe a truly unique characteristic of Renaissance is our ability to come together every day and appreciate one another more than we compare and divide each other. So it is with deep respect that I ask each and every adult connected to our school community to send a message to Lansing that our students are PUBLIC school students who deserve every bit the same as every other public school student in Michigan. This can be done by following [this link](#) which will help you automatically send a message to the Governor, your state representative, and your state senator simply by entering your zip code. If you have any further questions or comments please feel free to email me at lbergman@renaissancepsa.com and I will be sure to contact you.

In Partnership,

Mrs. Lisa Bergman
Executive Director
Renaissance Public School Academy

Lost and Found

THE LOST AND FOUND
CONTINUES TO GROW!

Please visit the former cafeteria to see if you
are missing anything!



Classroom News:

Preschool NEWS

What a beautiful week outside! Our biggest outdoor highlight was going on a bug hunt. We found caterpillars, grasshoppers, crickets and butterflies. We will be looking some stuff up as a class about our new class caterpillars. An indoor highlight and surprise for us the birds of prey gentleman was here at our school! We were invited to sit and join in with some other classes. He showed us a small owl (named Sparkle) and her brother. We also saw a huge barn owl. It was a lot of fun!



Week of
9.23.19





Kindergarten News

Literacy

Enjoy the books in our book bags! Please read and return every day. Sight words:
I, like, the, and

Math

We are using vocabulary words: more and less.
We will write and count with numbers: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Writing

We are practicing L, U, V, W in handwriting.
Watch for some FUN letter crafts to come home!

Social Studies

We are spending more time with our stuffed animals who will help us learn to care for others.

Reminders & Events

***Thank you for sending a snack for the afternoon.**

***Please send a jacket in the morning in case it is needed for our unpredictable Michigan weather.**

***Hopewell Ranch Field Trip, Tuesday, October 15**



Voyager Newsletter

Academics:

In math, our students continue to work on counting forward and backward to 20. Also, they are practicing place value to the thousands.

In reading, our students continue to work on beginning, middle and end. Also, how a character changes over time and why.

In science, our students continue to learn what is special about birds: What are a bird's external parts and why are they important? How and why birds adapt? And why do birds have different types of beaks? Also, we are learning about biomimicry.

In writing, our students will be writing a personal narrative. This writing will tie into a personal experience that they have and will be linked to our Andersons and Girls field trip.

Parents,

Please remember to send a healthy snack and water bottle with your child each day to ensure they have the energy to learn throughout the day. Water bottles can stay at school.

Also, please ensure your child arrives at school with enough time to be in their classroom by 8:00 a.m. Thanks in advance.

If you need to contact us, please use Seesaw and we will respond to you during non-instructional time throughout the day.

Here is to a great year!

Anderson and Girls Field Trip:

When: Monday, October 7th

Leave: 9:00am

Return: 1:00pm

Lunch: Eating there

-Please remember to send your child with a lunch if you did not contact your child's teacher stating they would need a school lunch.

Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders



October 2nd

This Week's Learning

Literacy: The Islanders did a wonderful job with NWEA testing last week! Guided Reading groups are beginning in classes and we are working with groups on inferencing skills.

Math: A variety of problem solving is happening in each of the classrooms as the teachers are individualizing plans for groups. We have a variety of topics including regrouping, multiplication/division, story problems and algebraic equations!

Writing: Great progress continues to be made in our persuasive writing unit. Students are using peer feedback to make improvements to their writing.

Science: Groups will be presenting their final results within their own classrooms this week. The results have been impressive and this was a very fun experience!

Social Studies: We will be launching our next project this week! It's a combination of several topics within Michigan History and the geography of Michigan and the United States!

Ideas for Home

- Flashcards! Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division are all important!
- Have your child practice their Wonder Workshop presentation for you! The first round of (classroom) presentations will take place soon!
- ST Math and Khan Academy are two great online resources!

Important Dates

- Islanders already have their next field trip scheduled for October 15th! We will be going to the Grand Rapids Public Museum ALL DAY!
 - Please look for updates from your child's teacher regarding this trip!
- No school on November 1st.



News and Events

OUR CURRENT PBL DRIVING QUESTION:

How can our knowledge of plate tectonics and the history of the Earth help raise awareness of the potential dangers of living in geographically and geologically unstable areas of the Earth through a "Tectonically Speaking Conference?"

nwea

Testing in math and ELA has been happening this week.



Hartley was AMAZING

Our time last week at Hartley OEC was spent learning, growing, sharing, and making memories.

MATH

+, - Integers, decimal operations and powers of 10- ask your child which one they're working on.

PBL

History of the Earth

LITERACY

Narrative Reading

WRITING

Think CERCA - Fossil Records



REMINDER: If your child has/had a fever or has thrown up within the last 24 hours before school starts, they should remain at home to recover and prevent the spread of illnesses.

Middle School Happenings October 2- October 8

STUDY LAB IS UNDERWAY! Tuesday & Thursday 3:30 - 4:30PM

Math	English/ Language Arts	Science	Social Studies		
<p>Mr. Buzard's math classes are moving on to simplifying algebraic expressions using properties of exponents.</p> <p>Mr. McCausey's classes are working through multiplication and division with Rational Numbers (fractions).</p> <p>Resource math is working on objectives individualized for each student.</p>	<p>In ELA, students are working on sensory details, dialogue, and structure of a narrative.</p> <p>We are also spending some time reading and sharing books with each other.</p> <p>Resource writing will be finishing descriptive writing and beginning persuasive writing.</p> <p>Resource reading is working on objectives individualized for each student.</p>	<p>Science classes are working through the physical characteristics of substances, and we will soon be exploring chemical properties too!</p>	<p>We have begun our study of the Constitution and will be breaking down the functions of the three branches of government and learning about the Bill of Rights.</p>		
	10/2	10/3	10/4	10/7	10/8
Major Assignment, Assessments and Events	Early release	V-ball vs. St. Ann's - 5:30/6:30 Study Lab	Cross Country @ Uncle John's		

RAMS Athletics:



ATHLETICS

RAMS CROSS COUNTRY Coming Up

**October 4
Apples to Apples XC Invitational
Uncle John's Cider Mill**

See schedule for event times



ATHLETICS

RAMS VOLLEYBALL Coming Up

**October 3: "A/B" Team
Home vs. St. Ann
5:30/6:30 PM**

**October 7: "B" Team
@ St. Mary - Big Rapids
5:30 PM**



Volunteers are needed for the October 3 game - please sign up on the sheets posted outside the gymnasium. Thank you for your support.

ATHLETICS

VOLUNTEERS & SCHOLARSHIP FULFILLMENT

Volunteer sign-up sheets will be posted outside the gymnasium during each athletic season. Please feel free to sign up at your convenience...and fulfill your scholarship commitment. Thank you.

See Mr. McCausey or Mr. McConnell if you have questions.

ATHLETICS

**Boys Basketball & Cheer Team Informational Meeting
October 22 in Mr. McCausey's classroom**

5:15 - 6:00 PM



Boys 5th through 8th grade that are interested in playing basketball, Girls/Boys interested in cheer, and their families, are encouraged to attend. Meet the coaches, and hear valuable information about the upcoming season.

ATHLETICS

FALL BOYS BASKETBALL OPEN GYM SCHEDULE

Attention Families & Students (5th through 8th grade): If you are interested in playing boys basketball this year, please consider the following dates for you to attend. Our coaches are holding more open gym sessions in preparation of the coming season.

October 10
October 17
(6 to 7:30 PM)



Boys that are considering boys basketball this year are encouraged to attend. There is no cost for these sessions. A completed physical is required.

ATHLETICS

Boys Basketball Tryouts

October 24
3:30 - 5:30 PM



Boys 5th through 8th grade that are interested in playing should attend - with a completed physical.