



# Renaissance Report

OCTOBER 30, 2019

## Student Led Conferences

Soon, your child will be showcasing their schoolwork and discussing educational goals with you through a new format called Student-Led Conferences. During your scheduled conference time, students will lead the discussion with you about their school work, while the teacher's role will be to support the students as they direct the conversation and answer questions you may have. It is important to schedule your conference at a time when your child can attend with you.

There are several goals for holding conferences using this format:

For parents - it is our hope that families will get to see rather than simply being *told* about their child's progress

For students - it is our hope that students will take ownership of their learning through reflecting and sharing their progress

For teachers - it is our goal that teachers will have more meaningful and impactful conferences with families and students

For all - it is our hope to maximize our time together, create ways to partner with one another to support student success.

We are excited to share with you, and we welcome any questions you may have about this conference format.

# STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES:

PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING  
LINK TO SIGN UP FOR A  
CONFERENCE:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/53173d80ea1c9eac24-rpsaconferences>

## Treats & Trivia!

Sat., Nov. 16 10:00 to 11:30

*Fundraiser for the Rotating Homeless Shelter!*

Donut Holes, Coffee, and Juice will be provided, but please bring a treat to pass, as well as cash for other activities. We will eat treats and form teams to play trivia! Additional activities include hair braiding, and face painting!

*\$2.00 Admission per person. For families of all ages!*

*Please R.S.V.P to Zoe Brown nsnyder@renaissancepsa.com  
by Nov. 13th!*



The service night on November 5 will take the place of our November PTO meeting. Please join us!! If you know you're coming, please sign up for the event here:



# Animal Service Night

Tuesday, November 5  
5:30-7:30pm | RPSA Cafeteria

Join us as we make toys for the Animal Shelter and visit with some service animals.

Please bring in the the following items to make toys for the cats & dogs and place in the designated box in the lobby:

- empty toilet paper rolls
- feathers
- corks
- pipe cleaners

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## CAT VS DOG Canned Food Contest

Are you a cat or dog person? Vote by bringing in the wet food of the animal you choose- one can is one vote. Vote as many times as you want! Put food in the designated Cat or Dog box in the lobby.



If attending event, please register online:  
<https://www.allforgood.org/projects/P8oZ3jQq>



# Classroom News:



## Kindergarten News

### Literacy

We are exploring sounds, words, and sentences. Sight word for the Week: A a (yes, it is a letter AND it can be a word!)

### Math

On Monday we will begin to talk about size and weight. We will continue to practice our numbers, of course!

### Writing

We are practicing the letter: J. We will review all of the capital letters and begin lower case writing of letters.

### Social Studies

We continue to care for our stuffed animals by building cozy homes for them to show we care.

### \*Reminders & Events\*

**\*Looking ahead: NO SCHOOL Friday, November 1**  
**Teacher Professional Development**  
*Please sign up for Student Led Conferences*  
*These are taking place November 12, 13, 14*



## Voyager Newsletter

### Academics:

In math, our students are working on Fact Families. Also, we are focusing on addition and subtraction w/ and w/o regrouping.

In reading, our students continue to work on answering who, what, when, where and why. 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 finish writing a personal narrative. Their writing ties into their personal experience feeding the birds at Anderson and Girls

### Parents,

Please watch the weather to ensure your child has the proper coat and footwear. It would be a good idea if your child has some sort of boot to put on when going outside for recess.

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

Friday, November 1, 2019  
No School

Conference week:  
Begins November 11th

Friday, November 22, 2019  
All Star Dads

Thanksgiving Holiday (NO School)  
Wednesday, November 27  
Thursday, November 28  
Friday, November 29





# Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders

October 30th



## This Week's Learning

**Literacy:** In this week of school the students read some articles about natural resources and also had "A Day with An Artist" last week-Ask them about it!

**Math:** Groups this week continued to work on multiplication and division and a PBL involving algebraic thinking and Halloween!

**Writing:** This week the students finished their persuasive letters and will have the option to present their free writing pieces next week.

**Social Studies:** The students started to research an attraction that they would like to visit in Michigan and created a timeline of the events that we have learned about so far.

## Ideas for Home

Our first round of conferences will be the week of November 11th. Check SeeSaw for a sign-up link. Two important things to keep in mind:

- 1. Your student MUST BE AT the conference.
- 2. Please plan accordingly with childcare so your child can have your undivided attention

## Important Dates

- No school on November 1st.
- Conference week is the week of November 11th
- Thanksgiving break is November 27th-December 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?"

MATH	+, - Integers, decimal operations, fraction operations, and algebraic concepts- ask your child which one they're working on.
PBL	Group PBL work - prepping for our Tectonically Speaking Conference
LITERACY	MAISA Unit on Narrative Reading
WRITING	Think CERCA - Ciphers

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Tuesday 11/5/19**  
**5:00-6:30**

Trailblazer students will be holding a "Tectonically Speaking Conference"

**REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR A STUDENT-LED CONFERENCE, IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO ALREADY.**



**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.**

*Lost and Found:*

THE LOST AND FOUND  
ITEMS ARE GOING TO BE  
DONATED ON NOVEMBER 1.



*Check out the Lost and Found before it is gone!*

## RAMS Athletics:



### ATHLETICS

Winter Athletics Pictures  
Boys Basketball & Cheer Team  
November 12



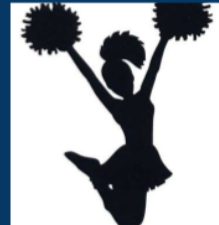
Immediately following dismissal  
Student Athletes please change into your uniform  
*Order Envelopes will be coming home soon!*



## ATHLETICS

**Boys Basketball & Cheer Team  
Paperwork & Fees are now Due**

**Give your paperwork to the coach.  
Give your fees to the office.  
Thank you.**



## ATHLETICS

**Fulfill your scholarships...  
Volunteer today!**

**Sign-up sheets are outside the gym!**

Needs:

- Concessions Set-up
  - Entry Table
- Concessions Sales
  - Clean-up



## ATHLETICS ***RAMS VOLLEYBALL*** ***Coming Up***

**MMSL Tournament  
November 2, 2019  
“A/B” Teams  
Tournament begins at 9:00 AM  
Crossroads Academy  
215 N State St.  
Big Rapids**







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***RAMS VOLLEYBALL  
Awards Banquet***

**November 8, 2019  
RPSA Cafeteria - 5:45 to 7:15  
Dinner Provided!**

**Volleyball players and their families are invited to attend for an evening of celebration - as we honor our student athletes' accomplishments!**



ATHLETICS



***RAMS CROSS COUNTRY  
Awards Banquet***

**November 4, 2019  
RPSA Cafeteria - 5:45 to 7:15  
Potluck Style!**

**Runners and their families are invited to attend for an evening of celebration - as we honor our student athletes' accomplishments!**



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***RAMS CROSS COUNTRY***

***Runners...  
Please turn in your uniform to the office  
or Mr. McCausey***

***Thank you.***