



# Renaissance Report

OCTOBER 9, 2019

## PTO Sponsored Event:

### MONSTER MASH DANCE

Friday, October 25 | 5:30-7:30pm  
at Renaissance Public School Academy



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050d49abae29abfa7-monster>



# 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
- corks
- feathers
- 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:

## Preschool NEWS

We had such a rainy week which allowed for us to have recess inside. We had some extra fun activities to keep our bodies moving. We did dancing, a marching parade through school, rhythm sticks, ribbon twirling and more! One highlight of our week was the construction in "our backyard." In preschool, we have a PERFECT view of the machines at work. It really opened up conversations with the kids about the type of machines. We did some research as a class and learned about excavators, roller truck, bulldozers and bobcats.



**Week of 9.30.19**





# Kindergarten News

## Literacy

Look for our Sight Words in the books you are reading.  
Sight word Review Week:  
**I, like, the, and**

## Math

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

## Writing

We are practicing X, Y, Z in handwriting.  
Watch for some FUN letter crafts to come home!

## Social Studies

We will share a picture with a friend to practice doing something kind 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 Anderson and Girls field trip.

## 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.

## Discovery Museum Field Trip

October 23, 2019  
9:00-11:00 a.m

Two classes will go from 9-10 a.m. and the other two classes will attend from 10-11 a.m. Students will be looking and talking about the origami birds displayed at the museum and then get a chance to play for a short time at the museum on this day.





# Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders



October 9th

## This Week's Learning

**Literacy:** The Islanders dove into story elements this week and continued with 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 order of operations!

**Writing:** Great progress continues to be made in our persuasive writing unit. The students that have finished their letters are now giving feedback to their classmates.

**Science:** Groups presented their slideshows and paragraphs for their grassheads this week and did an excellent job!

**Social Studies:** We launched our next project for our Michigan history/geography unit this week! Ask your children about it!

## Ideas for Home

- Please make sure your child is reading for 30 minutes every night
- Have your child practice their Wonder Workshop presentation for you! Presentations begin this week
- Fall looks like it is here! Please make sure your child brings a jacket to school everyday.

## 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
- PTO Halloween party is on October 25th from 5:30pm-7:30pm
- 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?"

<b>MATH</b>	+, - Integers, decimal operations and powers of 10-ask your child which one they're working on.
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<b>PBL</b>	Group Ignite Presentation work
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<b>LITERACY</b>	Narrative Reading
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<b>WRITING</b>	Think CERCA - Fossil Records Making a Claim and supporting with evidence
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**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 9 - 15

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

Math	English/ Language Arts		Science	Social Studies	
Mr. Buzard's math classes are moving on to simplifying algebraic expressions using properties of exponents.  Mr. McCausey's classes are finishing up Unit 1 and will be assessing soon.  Resource math is working on objectives individualized for each student.	Our Edgar Allan Poe field trip is coming up soon so we are going to begin our short story and poetry analysis to get us prepared for that trip.  Resource writing is working on persuasive writing.  Resource reading is working on objectives individualized for each student.		States of Matter and Chemical Reactions are our focus this week. Check-in with students on their portfolio progress with documenting their labs.	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. Students will be starting their chapter two essays we well.	
	10/10 (Th)	10/11 (Fri)	10/12 (Sat)	10/13 (Sun)	10/14 (Mon)
<b>Major Assignment, Assessments and Events</b>	Open Gym Session for boys basketball 6pm	Cross-Country Mustang Invitational See schedule			Volleyball "A/B" @ St. Ann 5:30/6:30

# RAMS Athletics:



## ATHLETICS

### ***RAMS CROSS COUNTRY Coming Up***

October 11  
Mustang Invitational  
Montabella High School

*See schedule for event times*



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

October 14: "A/B" Team  
@ St. Ann - Cadillac  
5:30/6:30 PM



## 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.