



Renaissance Report

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The New Website has Launched!

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DREAM. BUILD. LEARN.

PROJECT-BASED LEARNING

Renaissance Public School Academy provides preschool through eighth grade students with high-quality, personalized instruction in an active and engaging educational environment. Multi-age classrooms and Project-Based Learning are the hallmarks of our grade level teams. We build strong relationships with our students and families. Knowing our students well allows us to guide students in deepening current passions and introduce them to new and exciting learning opportunities. We foster connections to real-world applications and partner with the broader community to extend student experiences beyond the walls of our building.

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PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

A note from Mrs. Bergman

FEATURED
THIS WEEK:

Winter Recess
Reminders



Winter Has Arrived!

Some are very excited to see the first signs of snow, while others are already dreaming of spring. At RPSA we value not only our time in the classroom but the experiences students have when they are outside and playing with one another. This year we will be making an increased effort to get outside as often as Mother Nature allows. Please help your child plan accordingly so they can enjoy their time outside each day.

Students will go outside when the FEELS LIKE temperature is 10F or above.

Students will NOT go outside when

It is raining or freezing rain.

The actual temperature is 9F or below.

The FEELS LIKE temperature is 0F or below.

The FEELS LIKE temperature is between 9F and 1F, recess outside will be determined by the office based on sunshine, wind speed, and precipitation. EVERY EFFORT TO HAVE CHILDREN OUTSIDE FOR RECESS WILL BE MADE.

We use The Weather Channel as our up to the minute source to determine if we go outside.

Students in grades K-4 should come to school every day with all of the necessary clothing to go outside every day. Every student is expected to go outside with their classmates. Required winter clothing for students in grades K-4th includes Hat and Gloves

Coat

Snowpants


Boots

Trailblazers and Middle School students in grades 5-8 may make personal choices for the clothing worn outside during the winter month. A change of shoes/boots will be required to go off the paved area of the playground.

Winter boots MAY NOT be worn in the classroom during the school day. Students MUST change into dry shoes for the classroom.

If your child is in need of any of the necessary clothing items for the winter please contact your child's teacher or stop by the office. We have many resources to assist students with their needs. Don't hesitate to ask!

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19	20 Boys Basketball St. Peter (A) RPSA	21 Boys Basketball St. Michael (B) RPSA	22 Early Release Pajama Day!	23 Happy Thanksgiving 	24 No school	25
26	27 Boys Basketball @ Trinity (B) Reed City Boys Basketball 'RAMS' St. Mary (A) @ RPSA	28	29 Early Release	30 Boys Basketball Heritage Christian (A/B) RPSA Boys Basketball 'RAMS' @ St. Peter (A) Big Rapids	December 1	2
3	4	5	6 Learning Celebration Early Release	7 Muffins with Mom (7-8am) Boys Basketball 'RAMS' Heritage Christian (A) RPSA Boys Basketball @ St. Ann (B) Cadillac	8	9
10	11 Boys Basketball @ St. Peter (A/B) Big Rapids	12	13	14 Boys Basketball St. Mary (A/B) RPSA	15 All Pro Dads (7-8am)	16

A Note from Parent Club

Save the Date! Muffins with Moms will be held from 7am-8am in the cafeteria on December 7th! we look forward to seeing you there!

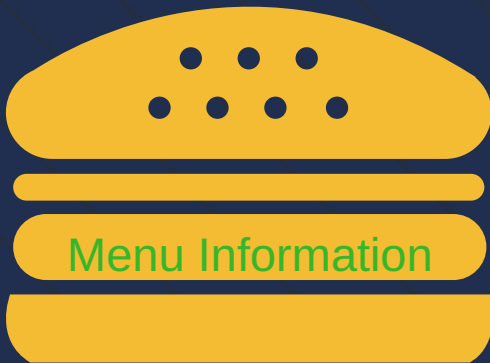


Important Announcements!



School-wide pajama day this Wednesday!
Students should still be prepared to go outside for recess, so please plan accordingly. Thank you!

No school Thursday and Friday!



The breakfast and lunch menus can be found by clicking on this icon!



Want to help support RAMS athletics? Volunteers are needed at tonight's game. ❖❖ If you are able to help set-up from 4:30-5:30, work during the 'B' team's game from 5:30-6:30, or help while the 'A' team plays from 6:30-7:30, please see the sign-up sheet outside the gym door.

Thanks in advance!



Preschool Happenings

Here are a few things we've been working on: talking and drawing on dry erase boards how we feel, writing how old we are and how many classmates are at school, retelling The Napping House using the BIG book and felt board and making decorations for our gingerbread house.

Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!!



Get your body moving with these fun moves!!

Turkey Pokey
(Hokey Pokey)

You put your right wing in.
You put your right wing out.
You put your right wing in,
And you shake it all about.
You do the turkey pokey
And you turn your self around.
That's what it's all about.

Additional verses:

Left wing (*left arm*)
Drumsticks (*legs*)
Stuffing (*tummy*)
Wattle (*head*)
Tail feathers (*bottom*)
Turkey body (*whole self*)

We truly hope that you all have a great few days of family time together. We will miss you and look forward to seeing you back in a few days!

Parents:

Please know that we do go outside all year as long as the temperature is 10 degrees and above. Please make sure your child has appropriate gear for the weather daily. **Please label their items.** THANKS!

Mrs. Simon and Mrs. Binns

Kindergarten News



Literacy

- Beginning Sounds
- Stretching out words
- Sight word - to Rhyming

Math

- Numbers 1-10
- Number order
- Comparing Numbers, more, less

Writing

- Letters: Hh Ii
- Writing a Class Opinion Letter

Science & Social Studies

- Life Science
- Who am I?

Reminders & Events

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE FAMILIES WHO ATTENDED THE
GRANDPARENT Tea LAST WEEK!

- * Please remember to read and sign your CHILD'S agenda
- *Remember to send warm jackets



Voyager Newsletter

Academics

This week we are going to do many activities covering multiple reading, math and writing skills. As we prepare for our first Learning Celebration, we will wrap up loose ends.



Needs & Wants

The students have done a nice job learning about needs and wants these past few weeks. We hope they have shared with you all the new vocabulary they have learned throughout our Needs & Wants unit.



Parents, please help us out! We have many students who are struggling to get their coats zipped up when preparing to go outside for recess. If you could work with your child to help them learn how to zip their own coat we would greatly appreciate it. A 100 coats is a lot for us to zip up and get the students outside for recess on time. Thank you in advance!



Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders

November 20th - November 24th



This Week's Learning

Literacy: We will be finishing up our Fiction Assessment this week.

Math: Islanders will continue to work on multiplication and division, including factors and multiples.

Writing: Islanders will have some fun creative writing assignments for Thanksgiving Week.

Social Studies: We will continue working on our Geography Tour Guide Projects. Students will persuade citizens to visit their chosen region.

Staying Up To Date

We will soon be starting a new science project, and we will need a lot of cardboard boxes of all sizes. Please consider saving your empty cardboard boxes and sending them to school with your child. Thank you!

Important Dates

November 23rd-26th: No school

December 1st: End of First Trimester

December 6th - Learning Celebration



Trailblazer Week at a Glance November 20- November 24



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Major Assignment & Assessments		Assessment on literary elements and narrative reading.	EARLY RELEASE	No School HAPPY THANKSGIVING!	No School

Weekly Summaries

MATH	LITERACY	WRITING	SOCIAL STUDIES
Continuing with: Fraction operations OR Introducing Expressions and Equations OR Working with inequalities Ask your child which topic they are working on.	Final work on literary elements and narrative reading.	Final work on argumentative writing.	Using S. America to learn how elevation affects how people interact with the environment and where they live.

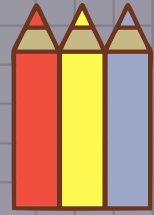
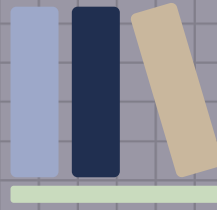
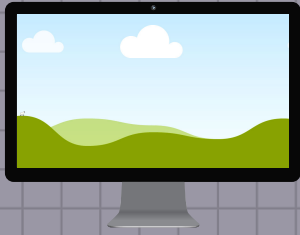
Middle School Happenings November 20 - November 22

STUDY LAB Tuesday
3:30 - 4:30

Math	English/ Language Arts	Science	Social Studies
Mr. Buzard's Math 1 is getting ready to take their assessment on scientific notation on Monday. Mr. Buzard's Math 2 is working with scientific notation and learning how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide numbers in scientific notation. Mr. McCausey's students in both classes are continuing their work on Written Algebraic Expressions and Real-World Expressions.	Mrs. Hubbell's - We are working on taking apart a current event and answering questions using the test as well as a reading project the students created themselves . Liphard's class are continuing their Book Talks in class. Students will work on Modernizing Fables as well. Final Drafts need to be turned into Google Classroom.	Science Projects were due last week. This week students will be presenting their projects in class.	George Washington was so much more than our first president. We are learning all about what he did while president and his communications with Hamilton and Jefferson.

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Major Assignment, Assessments and Events		Study Lab in McCausey's room 3:30 - 4:30	Pajama Day	No School	No School

Specials and Enhancements



Title: The Lost Pet Art Installation

Made by the Students of Renaissance Public School Academy

Each pet advertisement serves as a symbol for all lost pets and their owners. Renaissance students not only learned the importance of getting their message across through effective advertising, but gained empathy for those suffering losses (both animals and humans). In this project, the students explore beyond the concept that art has to be a pretty picture on a wall, but can be used in practical applications that can positively impact the community.

Resources if you have lost your pet:

- Post and share on all social media sites.**
- Post on “For the Love of Louie”, a Facebook site that has a large network and has saved many lost pets.**
- Check Craigslist to see if someone found your pet and is possibly trying to sell it.**
- Call and visit all vets and animal shelters in the area. There are two shelters in Mt Pleasant, the Humane Animal Treatment Society (989-775-0830), and the Isabella County Animal Shelter (989-773-9721).**
- Display fliers in busy places and where the pet was lost. It helps if they are brightly colored.**
- Put a piece of clothing (for scent) near where the pet was last seen and check it routinely.**

If you want to see this art installation, go downtown , and you will see the fliers posted everywhere. Here are just a few snapshots of the art:





Rams Athletics



Boys Basketball

Monday, November 20, at 6:30pm, the Renaissance “A” Team will take on the Raiders from St. Peter. Come on out and support them!

Tuesday, November 21, at 5:30pm, the Renaissance “B” Team will face off against the Saints from St. Michael. The boys sure would like you to root them on.

Cheer Team

The Lady Rams Cheer Team will be supporting our basketball teams on the 20th and 21st. They would love for you to show your Rams Pride and come on out to the games!

General Athletics Announcements

The athletics department would welcome and appreciate volunteers to sign up and work at home athletic events. This is an opportunity for you to serve our Rams Athletes and help the program grow. Please be aware that concessions will not be offered when we do not have volunteers to work. Thanks for your support in making Rams Athletics what it is today!



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

We are offering an opportunity for interested fourth and fifth grade students to compete in the Battle of the Books competition sponsored by the Grace A. Dow Library in Midland. This program has been offered for four decades and helps build a sense of teamwork and a love for reading. Third grade students will be offered the opportunity to participate in our school practice battles in preparation for joining an official team next year. Sixth grade students can participate as assistant coaches by reading, offering encouragement, creating sample questions, and helping teams practice for the official battle.

Teams of students will work together to read and understand a list of 20 books. Individual students will need to read and become familiar with approximately four books in order to support their teammates. Copies of the books are available at school for students to check out. You may also check them out from the local library.

There are a series of written and oral battles that will take place in February and March. The top performing teams will advance to future rounds. Interested students should sign up with Mr. Mayer.

This is an extracurricular event, so the majority of reading preparation will need to take place outside of school. Weekly team meetings to check in and support students will take place during lunch time.

We will need volunteers to serve as team coaches and others to help write practice questions. Let us know your interest in volunteering or ask additional questions by contacting Mr. Mayer at hmayer@renaissancepsa.com.