



Renaissance Report

NOVEMBER 6, 2017.

Welcome to the new Renaissance Report!

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

We appreciate you keeping up-to-date with all things RPSA related.



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PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

A note from Mrs. Bergman

FEATURED
THIS MONTH:

Parking Lot Reminder

Facebook



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.



Be sure to check out Renaissance Public
School Academy-Mount Pleasant on
Facebook!

UPCOMING EVENTS!

November 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6	7	8 Early Release	9 Leader of the Month Breakfast at 7:30 am	10	11
12	13 Boys' Basketball St. Ann (B) @RPSA Boys Basketball @ Heritage Christian (A)	14 Fall sports athletic banquet (Cross country and volleyball) at 5:30	15 Early Release	16 Boys' Basketball @ St. Mary (A/B) Big Rapids	17 Kindergarten Grandparent & Special Person Tea Middle School Hoops for Hunger at CMU	18
19	20 Boys Basketball St. Peter (A/B) RPSA	21 Boys Basketball St. Michael (B) RPSA	22 Early Release	23 Happy Thanksgiving!	24 No school	25



We **DO** have school on November 7th even though Mount Pleasant Public does not.

A Note from Parent Club

FUNDRAISER INFO:

Thank you for supporting our school by participating in our fall fundraiser! If you haven't turned in your fundraiser money, please do so. Thanks!





Leader of the Month

Our first Leader of the Month celebration for this school year will be held Thursday,

November 9th at 7:30am.

Students who were nominated by a staff member should have received an invitation for their family to attend. Juice and donuts will be served.

Check out the bulletin board in the lobby for a picture next week, and watch for some of the leaders to be greeters at the door in the morning.

Preschool Happenings

Week of
November 6, 2017

Here are a few things
we've been working on
recently:

counting up to 10,
pointing as we count;
two color patterns (red,
blue, red, blue);
sorting objects by
color/size/shape;
balance on one foot up
to 10 seconds;
naming and sounding
out letters A-G

We just learned how to
play duck duck goose as
a class, and it has been
so fun to watch the
children recreate and
play on the playground
together on their own.

Fun things to do in the
car/at home:

Read books and see if
they can recall parts of
the book, play eye spy
with colors/objects,
cook

together-measuring
ingredients is great for
math and fine motor
skills (a fun recipe is
below for playdough)

Playdough recipe:

1 C flour; 1/3C salt; 2tsp cream of
tarter; 1C water; 1 TBSP veg
oil; food coloring

Mix all in 2 qt pot over low/med
heat, once it begins to thicken add
food coloring, continue stirring
until thickens and collects into a
boil, remove dough and cool.

Store in airtight container.

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. THANKS!
Mrs. Simon and Mrs. Binns

Kindergarten News



Literacy

- Beginning Sounds
- Stretching out words
- Sight word - a

Math

- Numbers 1-10
- Number order
- Counting forward and backward

Writing

- Letters: Aa, Bb, Cc, Dd
- Writing class stories

Science & Social Studies

- Life Science
- Who am I?

Reminders & Events

- * Please remember to read and sign your CHILD'S agenda
- *Remember to send warm JACKETs and maybe even HATS and GLOVES (DON'T FORGET TO FIND YOUR SNOWPANTS AND BOOTS... WE WILL NEED THEM SOON!)



Voyager News

Academics

In math, our students will be working on subtracting numbers to 1,000, regrouping ones and tens; as well as missing addends.

In reading, our students will be reading Amazing Animals. Students will make connections between the text and pictures.

In social studies, our students will continue to learn about needs and wants. They will learn the importance of earning money to purchase these needs and wants.

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



Needs
&
Wants

Please continue to read a minimum of 20 minutes a night. Also, we hope everyone has had a chance to take a look at the bedtime math. The students who have tried it seem to really enjoy this time with their parents learning right before they go to sleep.

Have a great week!



Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders

November 6th - November 10th



This Week's Learning

Literacy: We will continue to learn more about characters and point of view.

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 will begin researching for our first project, and become an expert on a region of the United States.

Staying Up To Date

Now that the weather is turning colder, please remember to send warm clothes with your child for recess. We go outside every day unless it is raining.

We have school on Tuesday, November 7, even though Mount Pleasant Public is closed.

Important Dates

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

December 1st: End of First Trimester



Trailblazer Week at a Glance November 6 - November 10



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Major Assignment & Assessments					
School Events/ Activities			Early Release		

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>Whitman's Blue group is assessing Rational Number Operations and will begin Equations and Expressions.</p>	<p>Continuing to work on characters and how authors develop characters throughout a story.</p> <p>We are also looking at how Point of View impacts meaning and how stories are told.</p>	<p>Continuing our formal letter of complaint. This is our last writing piece for our argumentative unit.</p> <p>We are concentrating on performing quality research and deciding which evidence will work for our argument.</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?. <p>We will also start to consider Africa and its climate and how that impacts where people live. Part of this is how Longitude and Latitude impact temps.</p>

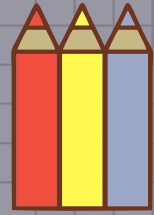
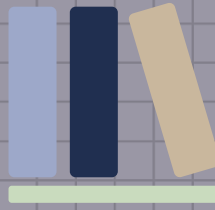
Middle School Happenings November 6 - November 10

**STUDY LAB Tuesday & Thursday
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.	<p>Hubbell's class turned in Informational papers November 3 - if you child didn't turn theirs in - please consider using study lab to catch up. We are looking at Greek/Latin word roots and are starting a PBL project.</p> <p>Liphard's class turned in their first draft. Their final draft is to be complete by November 10th. We are working on reading informational texts in groups and peer editing.</p>	<p>Students are working on Chemical Reactions. They learned about Conservation of Mass and how to balance an equation.</p> <p>Students chose a Science Project back in September. Students should be actively working toward finishing their projects. They are to be completed by November 17th.</p>	Last week we talked about Constitutional Law and the students researched higher law in more depth. They created a poster on the topic. We will start looking at how to organize the government to prevent the abuse of power and how constitutional government started in Great Britain

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Major Assignment, Assessments and Events	Mr. Buzard's Math 1 Scientific Notation Test	Study Lab Today		Study Lab Today Unit 1 SS test	

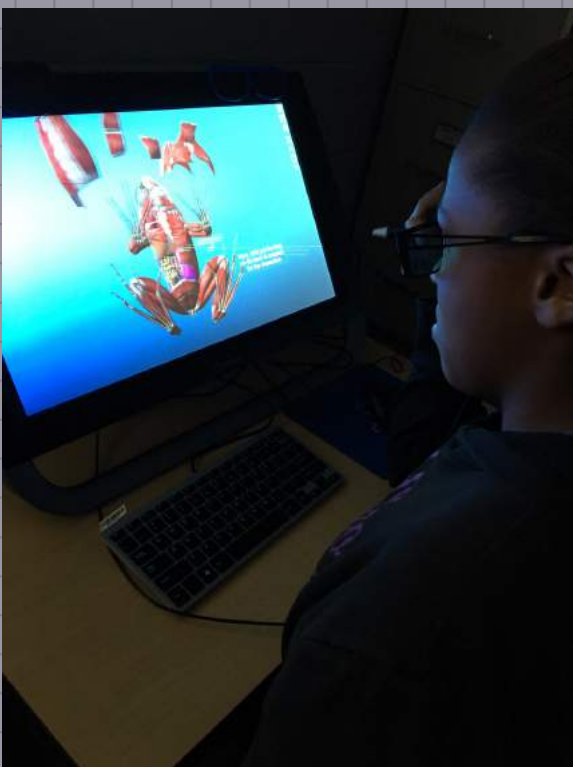
Specials and Enhancements



ZSPACE AT RPSA!

What's ZSpace?

Our ZSPACE lab features ten 3D computers! Middle school students have been using the lab to develop their 21st Century thinking skills of creativity, logic, collaboration and problem-solving.



Find out more at
<http://zspace.com/>



Rams Athletics



Girls Volleyball

Our Rams finished their year at the MMSL League Tournament on Saturday. If you were able to join us that day, you know we saw some terrific volleyball! The “B” Team won its first match of the day but lost in a tie-break game in the semi-finals. The “A” Team won their first match, which put them in the championship game against a very tough Trinity Panther squad. Our Rams were defeated in a competitive match. Congratulations on wonderful seasons to both teams!

On November 7, in Mr. McCausey’s classroom, the girls are invited to turn in their, freshly washed uniforms, and enjoy ice cream right after school. This gathering will last until 4:30 pm. Student-athletes of the “B” and “A” Teams are invited. Don’t forget to bring your uniform with you.

Boys Basketball

Attention Players: 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. Your first game is approaching fast, and you do not want to miss it.

Renaissance “A” and “B” teams will now begin having practices after school. Please follow the schedule that the coach sent home with the players.

Rams “A” will continue to follow their practice schedule at Morey Courts.

Please remember: Renaissance has a Closed Practice Policy, which is in effect at Morey as well as in our home gym.

General Athletics Announcements

Outside food and drinks are not allowed to be brought in to any Renaissance athletic events. Please see the concessions stand for your refreshment needs.

Students wishing to participate under scholarship status must complete the scholarship application waiver form and have it approved by Mrs. Reihl in the office to qualify for the scholarship. The athletic department recommends this be done when the physical is completed.

Winter Athletics pictures have been scheduled for right after school on November 6th. Student-athletes should immediately change into their uniform at dismissal and head to the gym for pictures. Envelopes were sent home last week. Please use the following order for getting pictures taken:

Cheer Team

Rams "A"

Renaissance "A"

Renaissance "B"

Fall Athletics pictures are in. The athletic department is planning on distributing pictures at the Athletics Banquet on November 14th. However, if you would like your picture order sooner, please see Mr. McCausey, and he will be happy to get that for you.

Fall Athletics Banquet

Student-athletes and their families are invited to join us for our Fall Athletics Banquet on November 14 at 5:30 pm in the school cafeteria. The banquet will end at approximately 7 pm and dinner will be provided. We look forward to seeing our Fall Athletes there as we celebrate their accomplishments!