



Renaissance Report

NOVEMBER 19, 2018

Dates to Remember:

Fall Athletics Banquet: Tuesday at 5:30

No school: November 22 & 23

Save the Date: The first Learning Celebration will be the morning of December 5, 2018! Please see the information below for more details.

The Voyager, Islander, and Band concert will be held at 4:30 on December 20th

Winter Break: December 22-January 6.

If we get rain this week and the area floods, we will

We would like to clarify that students should be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. Additionally, students should stay home at least 24 hours after vomiting. Thank you for helping to keep RPSA a healthy place to learn.

Learning Celebration!

The first Learning Celebration will be the morning of December 5, 2018!

Special information regarding this first Learning Celebration of the year:

Kindergarten will not be participating at this time, as they will have their own learning showcase on January 24th. We look forward to celebrating their growth and learning that day!

Trailblazers are planning a live introduction to their projects at 8:30am in the gym. They would like audience members to be seated in the bleachers by that time. All Trailblazers will be participating in some way!

PTO News:

November Box Tops submission sheets will go out today! Turn in your Box Tops by the end of the month to be entered into the November drawing for the \$10 Meijer gift card.

Our October winner was River Cotter. Thank you for all of the Box Tops!

Note: due to low numbers, we will no longer be collecting Aunt Millie's bread UPC labels.

Thank you for your support.

DO GOOD WITH BURRITOS



Join us at our restaurant for a fundraiser to support Renaissance Public School Academy. Just come in to the Chipotle at **1720 S. Mission St.** in Mt Pleasant on **Tuesday, December 11th** from **5:00pm** to **9:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Renaissance Public School Academy.



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Online orders will not be included in the fundraiser total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in-restaurant. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.



RPSA CAN DRIVE

Friday November 16- Friday November 29

**hosted by RPSA Recycling
and Sustainability club.
Please drop cans off at the
North entrance by the
Voyager classrooms/
cafeteria. Cans may not
come inside the school. All
money collected will go
towards getting RPSA more
recycling bins.**

Preschool News

We had "snow much fun" outside in the snow on Thursday. The snowflakes were huge! We worked a lot this week on recognizing letters and their sounds. One fun activity we did was cooperatively tracing our bodies out of our building blocks. They were team building and problem solving on how to manipulate the blocks.

-Mrs. Simon and Mrs. Binns

PLEASE make sure that your child has all of their snow gear daily. Also after Thanksgiving school is requiring each child to have a change of shoes for inside leaving their boots for outside only. If your child wears their boots to school, please have them change into their shoes before entering the classroom. THANKS!!



Kindergarten News



Literacy

Sight words:
a, we, to, see
We will spend some time next week with shapes. Yes, shapes in Literacy!

Math

We will use words, one more, one less, and some simple adding of objects.

Writing

We will continue to practice writing:
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Science

We are studying the sun, weather, and seasons.

Reminders & Events

Grandparent or VIP social is Wednesday, November 21, 1:00-1:30
There will be a sign out sheet for students to leave with grandparents if you have given them permission. There will be a sign out sheet. **THREE DAYS OF SCHOOL THIS WEEK!**





Voyager Newsletter



Academics:

In math, our students will continue to work on place value. They will also be working on comparing and ordering numbers, as well as addition and subtraction w/ and w/o regrouping.

In reading, our students will continue to work on fiction story structure: characters, setting, problem, solution, and summary.

In social studies, our students will continue working on their Healthy Me unit to prepare for the upcoming Learning Celebration.

In writing, our students will continue writing a persuasive piece. This writing will tie into our social studies unit and how to ensure the greater good for all in our community.

Parents:

Please remember to have your child bring a warm coat, hat, gloves, and boots to school. It is getting cold and the playground is very wet; we want the students to enjoy their time playing outside.

Thank you!

Upcoming Events:

November 22 & 23
Thanksgiving Break
No School for Students or Teachers

November 26
Students must have boots to wear outside to play off the blacktop everyday until spring (when the playground is dry) beginning today.

November 30
End of our 1st Trimester

December 5
Learning Celebration

Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders

November 19 - November 21, 2018



This Week's Learning

Literacy: Islanders continue to read for meaning, while working on fluency with their "Fluency Buddy". Ask your child who is their buddy.

Math: Once again we will focus on long division and multiplication facts. Many of our students have begun factors and multiples. Please keep practicing long division at home (if your child has worked on it at school). We will come back to it throughout the year.

Writing: We have finished our Pen Pal letters! Now our writing ties in with Social Studies and our debate skills.

Social Studies: Your child is now working hard to write their side of our big driving/debate question, "Is it possible to have a society without a government?" Please ask your child which side they are on and discuss their debate claim, reasons, counterargument, rebuttal, and conclusion. Input from you would be great. Plus it is debate week!

Staying Up To Date

- Student must have boots on to go off the blacktop for recess. Also, remember that boots are for outside only. Your child needs to wear shoes inside school so mud is not tracked in and our floors stay dry.
- Read 30 minutes each day at home
- Continue to practice basic multiplication and division facts
- Our first Learning celebration is fast approaching.

Important Dates

November 22 and 23 NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving break

December 5 - Learning Celebration 8-9am

December 20 - Islander Winter Music
Concert 4:30-5:30pm



Week at a Glance

November 19-23

MATH	-Fractions operations -Operations with + and - integers - +and - Fractions
PBL	Science - Properties and States of Matter
READING	Characters and Character Development using the novel, <u>Wonder</u>
WRITING	Persuasive Essay - Supporting your claim with reasons and providing evidence.

COLD WEATHER IS HERE!
We do have times during the
day that all students are
expected to go outside. Please
make sure that your child is
sent to school with enough
outside clothing to keep them
warm.

LEARNING CELEBRATION
12/5- Trailblazers will be
conducting a live
introduction of their
portion of the Learning
Celebration, that will
incorporate all 100
students! We will begin
at 8:30 in the gym during
the school-wide
celebration.



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 November 19 - November 21

Study Lab Tuesday until 4:30

Math	English Language Arts	Science	Social Studies
<p>We took the Expressions Assessment last week in Mr. McCausey's Math classroom. We will begin work with Algebraic Equations.</p> <p>Mr. Buzard's math classes are solving real-world problems in scientific notation. After break we will be moving on to linear equations.</p> <p>In Resource Room, students are working on calculating fractions on the number line and finding where fractions fit in comparison to others..</p>	<p>Students are getting feedback on their informational papers. If students need help with the final touches on their paper, Ms. Hunter is at study lab on Thursdays! Students in Ms. Hunter's class have been exploring "storybird" creating picture books with a theme and working on their "book talks".</p> <p>In Resource room, we are using graphic organizers to help us comprehend the informational pieces we are reading.</p>	<p>Body Systems Projects are progressing nicely. Students should be putting their lesson plans together for critique and practice.</p>	<p>We are continuing our work on our museum project. Our hope is to have our exhibition night in December. Be on the lookout for an announcement when the date is set!</p>

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Major Assignment, Assessments and Events	Manny Monday	Study Lab Student Council	Early Release	<u>No School</u>	<u>No School</u>

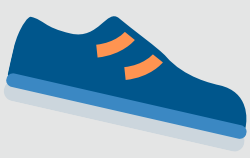
Middle School Announcements

Our students have been working hard on their science and social studies projects!

Students should be checking in with their teachers and checking PowerSchool to make sure that they are not missing any assignments as we close out the first trimester.

We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable break!





Athletics



Boys Basketball:

Our Rams "A" team will see their first action of the season on Monday, November 19, at 6:30pm. They will be making their way to Cadillac to play the Patriots of Heritage Christian. Just a reminder - if you are heading that way to support our team - they play at Temple Hill Baptist.

FEES DUE: Reminder, student-athletes that have not paid their fees or turned in their paperwork will not be allowed to participate until this has taken place.

The Renaissance "B" team will be in action again on Monday, November 19, as they host the Panthers of Trinity. Action is set to begin at 5:30pm. We would love to have you there to support our boys.

Cheer Team:

Coach Holtrop has the team off to a great start! The Ram pride and spirit are really strong at our home events! Keep up the great work!

Fall Athletics Banquet:

The banquet will be held on Tuesday, November 20, from 5:30pm to 7:00pm in the school's cafeteria. Members of the cross-country team, and both volleyball teams, along with their families, are invited to attend. We look forward to celebrating their accomplishments! Dinner will be provided.

Uniform Returns:

We still have some volleyball uniforms out there that need to be turned in. Please do so as soon as possible, so we can close out our volleyball year.

Volunteers Needed:

Mr. McConnell would love to have your help at home athletic events. A sign-up sheet is posted outside of the gym. Sign up at your convenience...thank you.

Winter Pictures (Guys and Dolls):

Families that want pictures, but didn't return the envelope by the deadline, can drop the envelope directly at Guys and Dolls. You can still order pictures!

They will make a great holiday gift! Get those envelopes turned in - and they will process your order.

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.

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 eat and discuss books together. Students will still have plenty of time to eat.

We will need volunteers to serve as team coaches and others to help write practice questions. More information on Battle of the Books can be found at <http://www.midland-mi.org/510/Battle-of-the-Books> Let us know your interest in volunteering or ask additional questions by contacting Mr. Mayer at hmayer@renaissancepsa.com.



Specials and Enhancements



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2018
4:30-5:30

WINTER CONCERT

VOYAGERS, ISLANDERS AND BAND STUDENTS