



Renaissance Report

NOVEMBER 26, 2018

Dates to Remember:

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

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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

The Centers for Disease Control has recently informed the public that Romaine lettuce is unsafe to eat in any form. They have issued a food safety alert in response to a new outbreak of illnesses caused by a E. coli bacteria.

Due to this alert, we will not be offering the salad bar at lunch until further notice.

Thank you for your understanding.

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 Tuesday, January 29th. 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!

To help with parking lot congestion, there will be an ICTC shuttle running back and forth from First Baptist Church. The shuttle will begin at 8am and running every 15 minutes.

RPSA Bowling

Do you have a 5th-8th grader interested in bowling? RPSA is happy to continue our partnership with Riverwood through the remainder of 2018!

Additional November dates and all December dates have have been added to the calendar, and you can sign up by using the following link!

The students who have participated in this program have really enjoyed the bowling and camaraderie!

<http://www.riverwoodresort.com/-2018-youth-initiative>



PTO News:

Please return your Box Tops by the end of the month to be entered into the November drawing for the \$10 Meijer gift card. Thank you!

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

The PTO in conjunction with the Athletics Department will be selling concessions and extra RAMS cards at the Keepin' it Local in the 989 Craft Fair on December 1st. The craft show runs 9-3, and we are looking for help from 8:30-3:30. If you can help out for a couple of hours, please email Shelly Smith at gowdysmith@gmail.com.

Thank you! Your support is appreciated!

The next PTO Meeting will be held January 22nd-all are welcome!

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.**

Kindergarten News



Literacy

Sight words:
come me
Punctuation marks
help us as
readers and writers.

Math

Counting and
ordering numbers to
10.
Composing numbers
to 5 and adding one
more.

Writing

We will continue to
practice
writing letters:
t a d g

Science

We are studying the
sun, weather
and the
seasons,

REMINDERS & EVENTS

Thank you to all the Grandparent/VIP visitors who came last
Wednesday! It meant a lot to all of us.
Keep bringing your "snow gear" to school. Remember, your child can
wear his/her gym shoes in the building, IF they choose to wear
boots to and from school.



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 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
8:30-9:30

December 24-January 4, 2019
Holiday Break

Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders

November 26- November 30, 2018



This Week's Learning

Literacy: As we close out this trimester, our new focus will be nonfiction text features which ties in with our new writing unit.

Math: Islanders will be taking the end of trimester math test this week. We will also focus on factors and multiples.

Writing: We will be learning many non fiction text features and writing strategies to help us begin to write our Informational books.

Science: This week begins a new unit on Energy and Waves plus Force and Motion. Islanders will be experimenting with several forms of energy this week.

Staying Up To Date

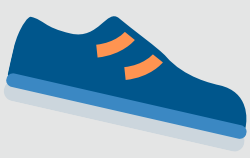
- Student must have boots on to go off the blacktop for recess. Also, remember that boots are for outside only. Your child needs to wear shoes inside school so mud and snow are not tracked in and our floors stay dry.
- Read 30 minutes each day at home
- Continue to practice basic multiplication and division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

Important Dates

December 5 - Learning Celebration 8-9am

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

December 22 - Winter Break



Athletics



Boys Basketball:

Thursday, November 29, our Renaissance “A/B” teams will travel to Big Rapids to take on the Raiders of St. Peter. “B” game action will begin at 5:30pm, and the “A” game will begin shortly after the first game is finished. Families need to remember to have an approved transportation waiver in order to transport student-athletes on game day. This should be taken care of well in advance...and not on game day (if possible).

Volunteers:

The sign-up sheet is posted outside the gymnasium. Complete your scholarship requirement by volunteering today.

989 Arts & Crafts Fundraiser:

Come on out on December 1, from 9:00am to 3:00pm, and support your Rams Athletics Program - and get some shopping done at the same time! The Renaissance Athletic Department will be in charge of concession sales at this event. All proceeds will help to support our athletics programs. A perfect opportunity for you to come on out, have a slice of pizza or two...and shop the wonderful vendor booths!

All-You-Can-Eat Pizza (for one hour) Event:

Coming soon...to a cafeteria near you...the Domino's Pizza All-You-Can-Eat for one hour athletics fundraiser! Sales for this event will begin soon...and the event is in January! Proceeds from this event will help to provide scholarships. Last year, the athletics boosters paid \$1,760 in scholarships. This is only possible with your support!

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

