



Renaissance Report

DECEMBER 10, 2018

Dates to Remember:

Middle School Museum Exhibition Night: December 14th from 4-5PM. Please see the flyer.

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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.

PTO NEWS:

November Box Tops have been counted and Chris Wilson of Mr. Neyer's class has won the November drawing! December submission forms will be out soon. Thanks for participating!

If you're needing last-minute gifts, consider giving a RAMS card! We have some left in the office for sale. They make great appreciation gifts, stocking stuffers, etc.!

Remember Chipotle for dinner on Tuesday! Bring in your flyer or show it on your phone for a percentage of the sale to go to RPSA!



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Spirit Week!

Week of December 17th - 21st, 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Baby It's Cold Outside</p> <p>Wear your favorite hat and/or scarf.</p>	<p>Land of the Mismatch Clothes</p> <p>Wear your best mismatched outfit.</p>	<p>Deck The Halls</p> <p>Wear your happiest or ugliest sweater, shirt, or tie.</p>	<p>Holly Jolly Elf Gear</p> <p>Wear red and green.</p>	<p>Long Winter's Nap Day</p> <p>Wear your pajamas to school.</p>

Bedtime Math: A Proven Idea

- ★ Parents know to read to their kids at night— **but what about math?**
- ★ When families do Bedtime Math just **a few times a week**, kids do better at math.
- ★ Our playful, wacky math **helps kids love numbers** from the start.

Our kids need to read to succeed—but they also need to do the math.

Bedtime Math helps parents talk to kids about math in a fun and engaging way. We post zany daily math riddles for kids aged 3-9, with different levels of math. No logins. No drilling. No scores. Whether it's flamingos, ninjas or pillow forts, kids can see the math in their favorite topics. It's fun and it's easy - even for parents who don't like math themselves!

Join the Movement!

Sign up for our nightly email, download our free app, or read one from our best-selling books.



Fun math at bathtime, snacktime, anytime!

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BED TIME MATH IS AN ENGAGING APP THAT ALLOWS PARENTS AND CHILDREN IN GRADES K-2 TO HAVE A BRIEF MATH CONVERSATION EACH EVENING. IT'S THE MATH VERSION OF READING A STORY BEFORE BEDTIME. DOWNLOAD THE APP FOR IOS OR ANDROID DEVICES TO MAKE IT CONVENIENT. AFTER DOWNLOADING, SELECT COMMUNITY EDITION, USE "MI" AS THE COMMUNITY CODE, AND SEARCH FOR RENAISSANCE ACADEMY.

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>



Preschool News

We've had a great week of doing some science experiments. We made predictions, had discussions of during the process and talked about the outcomes of both experiments.

One experiment was baking soda, vinegar and water. We spoke about which had a chemical reaction and which did not. The kids also LOVED the smell of the vinegar! Our second experiment we did was color blending with black, blue and white paint. We had several friends take it a step further and create cool ideas like galaxies, a storm over a small town and fireworks!

-Mrs. Simon and Mrs. Binns

REMINDERS:

NO SCHOOL WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY DUE TO PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES.

ALSO, PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S BACKPACK NIGHTLY. WE DO SEND CHILD'S SNOW GEAR HOME IF IT IS WET. IT DOES NOT DRY OUT VERY WELL IN THEIR LOCKERS. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO DRY IT AND SEND IT BACK TO SCHOOL THE FOLLOWING DAY. THANKS A BUNCH.



Kindergarten News



Literacy

Sight words:
you what
We are listening for
ending sounds in
words and reading
with expression.

Math

We are jumping
into a unit on size
and using position
words:
above, below, next
to, behind, etc.

Writing

We have hand
signals for letters
that are tall, small,
and fall. It helps to
make our writing
easier and neater.

Science

We are studying the
sun, weather
and the
seasons.

REMINDERS & EVENTS

Look in this newsletter for **spirit week** plans for next week!!

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. Do your "5 check" when you leave home in the morning.

1. Boots 2. Snow pants 3. Jacket 4. Hat or hood 5. Mittens or gloves





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 be work on information text; they will be making noticings of the different text features and the importance of these features.

In science, students will be working on our Light and Sound unit. Students will be completing a light and sound project for our next Learning Celebration.

In writing, our students will begin writing How To's that will lead into their information writing.

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:

**December 20
Winter Concert
4:30-5:30**

**December 24-January 4, 2019
Holiday Break**

****See you on Monday, January 7, 2019**

Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders

December 10 - December 14, 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 continue to learn about fractions this week and review what they already know!

Writing: Students will finish their informational pre-write, and begin to learn more about text features for their final product.

Science: This week, Islanders will be moving on to magnetic force, static electricity, gravity and friction. Students will be able to participate in mini experiments to demonstrate these ideas!

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
- We have begun our new science unit and will begin building before you know it! All Islander classrooms will be collecting shoeboxes. If you have any, please send them with your student!

Important Dates

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

December 22 - Winter Break

Middle School Happenings December 10 - December 14

Study Lab Tuesday and Thursday

Math	English Language Arts	Science	Social Studies
<p>Mr. McCausey's classes should be wrapping up Algebraic Equations to move onto Inequalities.</p> <p>Mr. Buzard's math classes have continued working on solving one variable linear equations. We will be quizzing this week and moving on to consistent, inconsistent, and identity equations.</p> <p>In Resource Room, students are working on converting fractions to decimals and comparing decimals on a number line</p>	<p>This week, students will focus on root words. Last week, students presented Book talks and Group Presentations for the ELA PBL. Students will be reflecting on their projects and will discuss upcoming Trimester 2 projects and activities.</p> <p>In Resource room, we are using various reading strategies to help us comprehend the informational pieces we are reading.</p>	<p>Body Systems Projects will finish their final lesson presentations.</p>	<p>Our Museum Night is Friday, December 14th. It runs from 4-5pm here at the school. Check SeeSaw announcements for more information!</p>

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Major Assignment, Assessments and Events		Study Lab Student Council	Early Release	Study Lab	Museum Night



Girls Basketball 5th through 8th Grade INFORMATIONAL MEETING



(Interested student-athletes and families are encouraged to attend)

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

5:15pm

Pod C: Mr. McCausey's Classroom

Meet the Coach, receive practice information, and discuss the upcoming season!

If possible, bring completed paperwork (athletics website) and physicals

Please read the athletic handbook – there have been some changes

RENAISSANCE PSA MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESENTS

RENAISSANCE ACADEMY

MUSEUM OF
ANCIENT
HISTORY



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14
4:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M.

LOCATION:
MIDDLE SCHOOL POD





Athletics



Boys Basketball:

Monday, December 10, our Renaissance “A/B” teams will travel to Big Rapids to take on the Colts of St. Mary. The first game will begin at 5:30pm, with the 2nd game to shortly follow.

Monday, December 10, our Rams “A” team will be in action at home vs. the Raiders of St. Peter. This game will begin at 6:30pm.

Thursday, December 13, all of our school teams will be in action at home! This will be a great opportunity for anyone to come on out to support all of our Rams!

The “B” team will be in action at 5:30pm, taking on the Spirits of St. Ann.

Following that game, our Renaissance “A” team will take on our Rams “A” team, in a good-natured fun rivalry.

Cheer Team:

The cheer squad is improving each day, and the coach has the team looking terrific! Let them know what a great job they are doing by supporting them at our next home game!

The team is also working hard on preparing for the Alma College Spiritfest Competition, being held at Alma College on January 26, 2019. The competition will begin at 10:00am. More information will be coming home soon!

Fundraiser Information:

Purchase your All-You-Can-Eat for one hour cards at the school's office, or at any home game! The cost is \$5, and you get to eat as much pizza as you can for one hour! The event is on January 15 from 6:00-7:00pm in the school's cafeteria! Get your card(s) before they are gone!

Girls Basketball:

The girls basketball informational meeting has been scheduled for January 8 at 5:15pm in Mr. McCausey's classroom. There will be an “A” team and a “B” team; therefore, girls in grades 5 through 8, that are interested in playing should plan on attending this meeting. If you have not gotten an athletics physical, I recommend you do so. Do not wait...get yours today!



Athletics



ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT! Athletics Fundraiser

January 15, 2019
6:00 to 7:00pm

School Cafeteria

Proceeds help pay for athletic scholarships



Purchase your entry-card(s) today in the office for \$5!
For one hour, it is all-you-can-eat pizza for only \$5!
You **must** have your entry-card to get into the event and...
Only 150 cards are being sold! Get your card(s) today!

It's that time of year again! On sale now - and coming in January...is what you have all been waiting for! The All-You-Can-Eat Pizza for one hour fundraiser! January 15, 2019 from 6 to 7pm. For just \$5, you can eat all the pizza you can for one hour!

Sounds like a terrific opportunity for families to take an evening off from cooking at home and enjoy some pizza...and support the athletics program at the same time! This is a fabulous idea! Proceeds from the fundraiser will go toward funding athletic scholarships. Last year, the boosters funded almost \$2,000 in scholarships for our student-athletes! That's incredible! And they cannot do this without your support.

Specials and Enhancements



A Note from Ms. Z:

All last year Trailblazers who participated in the Art Reach Banner Festival: Your banners are now available for purchase! Banners are \$25 and are sold on a first come, first served basis at Art Reach: 111 E Broadway. They would make wonderful gifts!



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

WINTER CONCERT

VOYAGERS, ISLANDERS AND BAND STUDENTS

Battle of the Books

Preparation for Battle of the Books is underway. Fourth and fifth grade students are encouraged to read 3-5 of the battle books before the end of January. Official teams will be formed at the end of December. The books are available to check out from the school library. Battle practice for interested students is taking place during weekly library classes.

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.





LEGO Club will be held after school on Thursday, December 13th! We will meet in the CAFETERIA right after school and end at 4:15. Any students not picked up before 4:25, will be sent to PEAK.

Lego Club is for any student (Voyager through 8th grade) who just loves to play with Lego Bricks! A form was sent home last week; Please complete and return to the drop-off box outside the STEM Lab. Siblings can just fill out one form per family. You can also Seesaw your student's teacher and let him or her know your student is to attend.

Questions: Email Mrs. Papenfus at spapenfus@renaissancepsa.com

Has Your Student Lost Glasses?



Please see Ms. Tina if you think these look familiar!