



Renaissance Report

DECEMBER 3, 2018

Dates to Remember:

The first Learning Celebration will be this Wednesday, December 5, 2018! More details are provided below.

Middle School Museum Exhibition Night is coming soon!

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.

Salad bar is back...but we will be using fresh spinach instead of romaine.

Thank you for your understanding.

Learning Celebration!

The first Learning Celebration will be the morning of Wednesday, 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!

Parents are invited to join Mrs. Bergman in the cafeteria until 8:15. The Learning Celebration runs from 8:15-9:30. We are asking families to go to the cafeteria after dropping off students.

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 (1802 E High Street). The shuttle will begin at 8am and will run every 15 minutes. The parking lot will fill up quickly!

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>

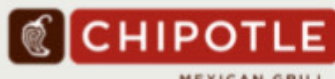


PTO News:

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.



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.

Preschool News

This week we were talking some about maps. We explored Google Earth looking at different landscapes and traveling around the world! We were able to locate our school, some of our homes and even went on a lighthouse adventure. Some of our friends were even drawing their own maps of their neighborhoods on dry erase boards. If you have a chance to "take a trip" check it out! It is a lot of fun to explore areas without even having to go anywhere. A perfect wintertime trip!

-Mrs. Simon and Mrs. Binns

WE'VE HAD SO MUCH FUN OUTSIDE THIS WEEK.
PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD HAS ALL THEIR
WARM ITEMS NEEDED DAILY FOR OUTSIDE PLAY TIME.
WE DO GO OUT FOR ABOUT 45 MINUTES AND IT IS
CHILLY!



Kindergarten News



Literacy

Sight words:

with my

Sorting:

Is it a letter?

Is it a word?

Is it a sentence?

Math

Counting and
ordering numbers to
10.

Same number
and some more!

Writing

We will continue to
practice
writing letters:
t u
(and some review)

Science

We are studying the
sun, weather
and the
seasons.

REMINDERS & EVENTS

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
Kindergarten is not participating in the Learning Celebration this week. We will be having our own celebration on January 29. More information will come in January.





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 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:

December 5 (**note time change)
Learning Celebration
8:15-9:30

December 20
Concert 4:30-5:30

December 24-January 4, 2019
Holiday Break

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

Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders

December 3 - December 7, 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 beginning to look at fractions this week! They will be working with equivalent fractions, as well as comparing them.

Writing: We will be learning many nonfiction text features and beginning our pre-write for our informational books!

Science: This week, Islanders will be reviewing kinetic and potential energy. We will also be learning about balanced vs. unbalanced forces and pushes and pulls with activities and mini experiments.

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 this week! Make sure to come check out the awesome work your student has done so far!

Important Dates

December 5 - Learning Celebration
8:15-9:30am

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

December 22 - Winter Break



**Week at
a Glance**

December 3-7

LEARNING CELEBRATION

**This Wednesday, 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. Please be seated in
the gym prior to the 8:30 start
time. Thank you!**

Middle School Happenings

December 3 - December 7

Study Lab Tuesday and Thursday

Math	English Language Arts	Science	Social Studies
<p>Mr. McCausey's classes will continue working with Algebraic Equations.</p> <p>Mr. Buzard's math classes are working on one variable equations. We have spent some time reviewing distributing, and solving one-step and two-step equations. Next week we will be moving on to multistep equations including fractions and with variables on both sides of the equation.</p> <p>In Resource Room, students are working on calculating fractions of whole numbers (i.e. $\frac{1}{2}$ of 9)</p>	<p>This week, students will focus on root words. Last week, students presented Book talks and Group Presentations for the ELA PBL. Groups who did not present will get the opportunity to present this week.</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 Students finished most of their round one presentations. Peers are providing feedback to help students finalize their lessons to the aliens.</p> <p>This week students will finish their presentations, edit based off their experience and feedback, and conduct their final presentation.</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		Study Lab Student Council	Early Release	Study Lab Student Council	

Middle School Announcements

In Career Readiness, students practiced preparing for a job by being an interviewer and interviewee. They prepared questions and answers for their perspective fields.

Students are continuing to work on their Museum Project. The pieces are coming together nicely.

We want to send out another reminder. Students should be checking in with their teachers and checking PowerSchool to make sure that they are not missing any assignments. The trimester ended 11/30/18.





Athletics



Boys Basketball:

Monday, December 3, our “A/B” Renaissance teams will travel to Cadillac. They will be taking on the Patriots of Heritage Christian. The “B” game begins at 6:00pm...followed by the “A” game shortly after the first game is finished. Remember, if you are making the trip, they play at Temple Hill Baptist.

Tuesday, December 4, our Rams “A” team is at home to face the Colts of St. Mary. Come on out and support our boys. The action begins at 6:30pm. Volunteers are needed in order for concessions to be open.

Thursday, December 6, at 6:30pm our Rams “A” team will be in action again. This time, they will take on the Patriots of Heritage Christian. Our Rams would love to see you there! Volunteers are needed in order for concessions to be open.

Thursday, December 6, at 5:30pm, The Renaissance “B” team will be in action against the Spirits of St. Ann! Go Rams!

Cheer Team:

Remember, our cheer team will be there supporting our Rams at every home event! Come on out and support them as well! They are doing a great job, and they are gearing up for their competition!

January 26, 2019 - Alma College Spiritfest

Our Rams will be competing against the following schools:
Breckenridge, Freeland, Ithaca, Pewamo-Westphalia, and Southfield
A&T

Be on the lookout for more information regarding this competition...coming home soon!



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.

