



# Renaissance Report

DECEMBER 04, 2019



IT'S TIME  
TO ACT!

**URGENT: New Bills introduced to restore charter funding**

It has been over 2 months since funding was cut for charter schools across Michigan. Renaissance, along with all other charter schools, will soon be missing their third State Aid payment without the additional funding. We believe there is a chance to restore this funding over the next couple of weeks and we need your help!

Many of you have already emailed your lawmakers and the Governor, but we need you to email them AGAIN with this new message and ask that they support these bills to restore funding to charter schools.

Please use the following link immediately to make your voice heard for our students.

<https://www.votervoice.net/MICHARTERS/Campaigns/69716/Respond?vvs=BUvSdAAwACUBRAePdeV7FAA>



# Lost and Found

Many lost gloves, shoes, sweatshirts, and more have made their way into the Lost and Found. Any unclaimed items will be donated at the end of each month. A table with items will be placed on a table at the main entrance



## *Save the Dates:*

*December 17  
6PM  
Voyager and  
Islander Music  
Concert*

*December 19  
6PM  
Trailblazer and  
Middle School  
Band Concert*

## *Winter Music Concerts!*



# Box Tops Info:



Thank you for supporting Renaissance Public School Academy with your Box Tops Purchases! We have a [monthly gift card drawing](#) for entry for every 10 Box Tops submitted. Please share with your family and friends. Anyone, anywhere can support our school. GO RAMS! After you submit 10 Box Tops online snap a picture of your account and email to [renaissanceramspto@gmail.com](mailto:renaissanceramspto@gmail.com).

It's the easiest way to earn for your school: Just use the Box Tops mobile app to scan your store receipt.

It automatically finds participating products and instantly adds 10¢ Box Tops to your school's earnings online.

We are also collecting the clip-out Box Tops & during this transition we can 'double dip' receiving credit for the clipped and online submitted Box Top. A few brands are not allowing this & you will receive a message at upload informing you to submit the clipped Box Top.

Do you shop online? Your online receipt can be emailed to receive your Box Top credit. Please follow these simple directions: [https://www.boxtops4education.com/coordinator\\_faq](https://www.boxtops4education.com/coordinator_faq)

You're earning for: **RENAISSANCE PUBLIC ACADEMY**  
Your school's lifetime earnings: **\$13,598**  
Your school's earnings so far this year: **\$256.40**



The latest news & information from Box Tops for Education

WINTER 2019

## THANKS FOR SENDING IN YOUR BOX TOPS CLIPS!

Earnings checks will be sent out to schools in mid-December.

## GIVE CREDIT FOR YOUR BOX TOPS RECEIPT SCANS

Want to let your school's Coordinator know how much you've earned with the Box Tops mobile app? Each time you scan a receipt, you can click on "Give Credit" if you want to tag your earnings for a specific individual, classroom or grade level.



## IS YOUR BOX TOPS APP UP TO DATE?

Don't miss out on any earnings! Box Tops updates the app weekly to fix bugs and add top-requested features.



## EASY WAYS TO EARN BOX TOPS DURING THE HOLIDAYS:

- Keep holiday guests satisfied with Chex Mix™ & Nature Valley™ snacks
- Make baking easy with Annie's® baking mixes
- Paper Mate® Pens make great stocking stuffers!

SEE A FULL LIST OF BOX TOPS PRODUCTS AT [BTFE.COM/PRODUCTS](http://BTFE.COM/PRODUCTS)

Remember, if you see the new Box Tops label on packages, use the Box Tops app to scan your store receipt. There's no need to clip Box Tops labels or send them to school!



## YOU CAN STILL SEND IN TRADITIONAL CLIPS

If your package has a traditional Box Tops clip, cut it off and attach it below. Each clip is worth 10¢ for our school. Please be sure each clip has a valid expiration date.



Week of <b>December 16th - 20th, 2019</b>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Baby It's Cold Outside</b>  Wear your favorite hat and/or scarf.	<b>Land of the Mismatch Clothes</b>  Wear your best mismatched outfit.	<b>Deck The Halls</b>  Wear your happiest or ugliest sweater, shirt, or tie.	<b>Holly Jolly Elf Gear</b>  Wear Red and Green	<b>Long Winter's Nap</b>  Wear your pajamas to school.

# Winter Break

December 23-January 3



# Identity

Come check out the Trailblazers' Identity Masks at Art Reach the week of December 9th.

Through literature and self-reflection, students in Mrs. Snyder's class (of Renaissance Academy) have created masks to highlight how they see themselves and how they wish to be seen.



# Classroom News:



## Kindergarten News

### Literacy

What is the setting and who are the characters in your book? We have two sight words this week:

**with my**

### Math

Position words: next to, under, on top of, beside, in front of.

We will be working on the teen numbers, too.

### Writing

Lower case letters are tall, small, or fall. This week we will practice: Uu, Ee, Ii

### Science

We are beginning a unit on the weather.

### \*REMINDERS & EVENTS\*

Reminder - Snow pants, boots, warm jacket, mittens/gloves, and hat are needed for recess. Thank you for your cooperation. Fresh air, play, and large motor movement is so important for this age.

**HOLIDAY BREAK - December 23-January 3**



## Voyager Newsletter



### Academics:

In math, our students continue to work on Fact Families. Also, we continue to practice addition and subtraction with and w/o regrouping.

In reading, our students continue to work on answering who, what, when, where, and why...as well as how a character changes over time and why.

In science, our students continue to learn what is special about birds and how humans use biomimicry. Also, students will learn about bird migration patterns using the sun.

In writing, our students continue to finish writing a personal narrative. Their writing ties into their personal experience feeding the birds at Anderson and Girls.

### Parents,

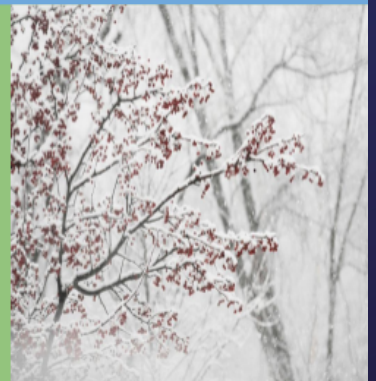
Please ensure your child comes to school with their winter gear. Voyagers must have boots and snow pants when going outside for recess.

As always, if you need to contact us, please use Seesaw and we will respond to you during non-instructional time throughout the day, thanks.

Thursday, December 12  
Field trip: Bay City Planetarium

Thursday, December 19  
Learning Celebration

Holiday Break:  
December 23 - January 3  
\*\*We hope everyone has a Wonderful break. See you back on Monday, January 6, 2020.





# Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders

December 4, 2019



## This Week's Learning

**Literacy:** Islanders are continuing to work on and finish their point of view literacy stories, and are beginning to look at and examine pieces of informational text.

**Math:** This week, students are getting an introduction to fractions with a fun mini project, creating a pizza!

**Writing:** This week, Islanders will be using their writing time to continue to finish their point of view stories, as well as complete creative writing prompts.

**Social Studies:** Islanders get to explore their artistic side this week, as they will find a thing or place that they find beautiful in Michigan, and recreate it using different artistic strategies. Students are also finishing up their slideshow presentations about a region they chose, as well as beginning their A-Z booklet about Michigan.

## Ideas for Home

- Continue to practice and work on basic math facts at home, both multiplication and division.
- Make sure your Islander is bringing their books and book bags to and from school. They should be trying to read for 20 minutes each night.
- Continue to have conversations at home about your kiddo's goals at school.

Please make sure you are sending winter gear with your student each day for recess.

## Important Dates

December 17th, 6:00pm: Islander/Voyager Winter Concert

December 23rd-January 3rd: Winter Break  
~School resumes on January 6th~

There will be NO Learning Celebration for Islanders on December 19th



# News and Events

## OUR CURRENT PBL DRIVING QUESTION:

How can we use an Amazing Race style game to inspire others in our community to learn more about geography?



MATH	Fraction operations, expanding and factoring expressions, solving simple equations - ask your child which one they're working on.
PBL	World Geography
LITERACY	MAISA Unit on Informational starting soon
WRITING	Think CERCA - The Future of Farming - Persuasive writing

Bryan Bachman, Chief Meteorologist from WNEM TV5 will be a guest speaker for Trailblazers on 12/11 as a part of our current PBL unit.



**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 December 5 - 11

### Study Lab Tuesday and Thursday

Math	English/ Language Arts		Science	Social Studies	
Mr. Buzard's math classes are working on solving algebraic equations.  Mr. McCausey's classes are wrapping up expressions, and they will be assessed before the holiday break.  Resource math is working on objectives individualized for each student.	Students have been working on their Research Skills as they gear up for Argument Writing. They have been focused on fake news, how to use questions effectively in research, and how to find reliable sources.  Resource writing is beginning our unit on narrative writing. Our end goal is to create graphic novels that will be displayed in the library/		Students are working on Interactions with Matter (reflection, refraction, absorption), and will be completing lab activities.	Our scripts for our Theater Project are wrapping up and our students have moved into new roles! We now have students working as part of an acting team, a production and marketing team, a set design and construction team, or a costume and prop design team.	
	12/5 (Th)	12/6 (Fri)	12/9 (Mon)	12/10(Tue)	12/11 (Wed)
<b>Major Assignment, Assessments, and Events</b>	Study Lab Renaissance "A" Vs. Rams "A" 5:30PM		"B" Basketball @ St. Peter 5:30PM	No Study Lab  "A/B" Renaissance @ Heritage Christian (Temple Hill Baptist) 5:30/6:30PM	



# RAMS Athletics:



## ATHLETICS

December 7, 2019 @ RPSA  
Keepin' it Local in the 989  
Arts & Crafts Show  
Athletics Fundraiser

### We need your help.

Please volunteer to work concessions at this event.

This would also be a great opportunity to fulfill your scholarship obligation of working at a home event.

Click this link in the Newsletter to sign up today:

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP!](#)



## ATHLETICS

### *RAMS BASKETBALL Coming Up*

December 5, 2019

Renaissance "A" vs. Rams "A"

Game Starts at approximately 5:30 PM

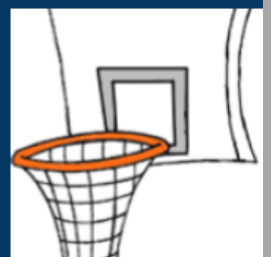
December 9, 2019

Renaissance "B" @ St. Peter (Big Rapids)

Game Starts at 5:30 PM

December 10, 2019

Renaissance "A/B" @ Heritage (Temple Hill Baptist)  
5:30/6:30 PM



## ATHLETICS

**Fulfill your scholarships...  
Volunteer today!**

**Sign-up sheets are outside the gym!**

- Many scholarships need to be fulfilled at this point. Scholarships not fulfilled will be required to pay the full athletic fee of \$80 in order to continue participating in athletics.
- Event nights with no volunteers will result in concessions being closed for the evening.

## ATHLETICS

**Cheer Team Fundraiser!**

**Buy a candy bar today!  
\$1 each.**

