



Renaissance Report

DECEMBER 18, 2019

Winter Break: December 23-January 3

See you in 2020!





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 in the lobby each Friday.



Spirit Week Continues!

Thursday	Friday
Holly Jolly Elf Gear	Long Winter's Nap
Wear Red and Green	Wear your pajamas to school.





Hey Dad – What does your child really need
for breakfast? **YOU!**

All Star Dads Breakfast • Friday, December 20 **Renaissance Lunch Room • 7:00am**

Please join us for our monthly All Star Dads Breakfast. It's a one-hour monthly **FREE breakfast** (bagels, muffins, juice, milk, and coffee) held before school where dads (stepdads, grandpas, uncles, mentors, etc.) and their children meet with other dads and kids in the school cafeteria. During this time, we discuss a wide range of character building topics, spend time together, and create memories for a lifetime. **It's fun, and it's free!**

While not required, a RSVP will help us better plan for food. To RSVP, please text Dru Wilson at 989-330-2212 or email at wilso1dm@cmich.edu. Thank You! (Please come even if you forget to RSVP!)



THANK YOU

for your submissions we raised over \$50 in November!

Winners of the Monthly Gift Card Drawing:
October is Eleanor from Mr. Wilson
November is Cassandra from Mrs. B

*December submissions are due the 20th! Submit them on a fun sheet (see below) that can be picked up in the lobby or in a baggie/envelope with students name. The drop box is in the lobby.

*Scan submissions are also due the 20th! Just snap a picture of your account and email to renaissanceramspto@gmail.com with students name.

*For additional information visit: <https://www.boxtops4education.com/>



SEE THIS...
CLIP IT



SEE THIS...
SCAN
YOUR RECEIPT

Classroom News:



Kindergarten News

Literacy

As we read a variety of *Gingerbread Men* stories this week, we will compare and contrast them.

Math

We will be working on the teen numbers.

Writing

We will write our own *Gingerbread* story this week.

Science

We are continuing a unit on the weather. We will be checking the weather and using many weather words.

REMINDERS & EVENTS

Reminder - Snow pants, boots, warm jacket, mittens/gloves, and hat are needed for recess. Thank you for your cooperation. On Friday, we will send home most of the contents from our lockers. This would be a good time to wash all of the winter gear so we can have a CLEAN start on January 6. Thank you!
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. Also, students will be learning about text features and the importance in text.

In science, our students continue to learn what is special about birds. Also, students will continue to learn about migration, adaptation, and hibernation based on patterns using the sun.

In writing, students have finished their personal narrative. They will begin their informational writing when we come back from Winter break. Students will focus on their choice of bird.

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 19
Voyager Learning Celebration
Begins at 2:30-3:15**

**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 18, 2019



This Week's Learning

Literacy: We have concluded our literacy, point of view stories. This week and upon returning from break, we will dive into informational text and text features.

Math: Islanders continue to work on equivalent fractions.

Writing: Creative writing will take us through this week. When we return in January, students will begin to think about their informational books and the topic they want to do.

Social Studies: Students are continuing to work on their Michigan brochures. In January, we will kick off our next unit, Michigan Government.

Ideas for Home

- We hope you enjoy your break! Here are some things to think about/do at home before returning in January:
 - Wash recess gear
 - Read 15-20 minutes each day at home, in the car, ...
 - Practice math facts

Important Dates

December 19th/20th: Think about sending an extra bag with your kiddo for locker clean out.

December 16th-20th: It is spirit week! Check Seesaw for dress up days the rest of the week.

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 help others in our community to learn more about geography?



ENJOY THE BREAK!
We look forward to seeing you all back in January!

After break, please send appropriate winter gear each day.

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



Trailblazer students who attend band have a concert on Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 6PM. Band students should plan to be in the cafeteria by 5:15PM.

Middle School Happenings December 18 - January 8

Study Lab Tuesday and Thursday Happy Holidays!

Math	English/ Language Arts		Science	Social Studies	
<p>Mr. Buzard's math classes are working on number of solutions to algebraic equations.</p> <p>Mr. McCausey's classes are wrapping up expressions, and they will be assessed before the holiday break. We will work on equations when we return.</p> <p>Resource math is working on objectives individualized for each student.</p>	<p>Students are going to begin research for a topic of their choice. Once they have established a claim they will read informational texts to collect evidence that they will use to support their claim. Key focus will be on argumentative techniques.</p> <p>Resource writing is beginning our unit on narrative writing. Our end goal is to create graphic novels that will be displayed in the library/</p>		<p>Students are working on Interactions with Matter (reflection, refraction, absorption), and will be completing lab activities.</p> <p>Electromagnetic Spectrum when we return from break.</p>	<p>For our Theater Production, students are 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.</p> <p>We can't wait to share our work with everyone!</p>	
	12/19 (Th)	12/20 (Fri)	1/6/20(Mon)	1/7/20(Tue)	1/8/20 (Wed)
Major Assignment, Assessments, and Events	<p>Study Lab</p> <p>Renaissance A/B at St. Ann in Cadillac - 5:30/6:30</p> <p>Band Concert at 6.</p>	<p>Last day of school in 2019!</p>	<p>Rams "A" @ Trinity 6:30 PM</p>	<p>Study Lab</p>	

RAMS Athletics:



ATHLETICS *RAMS BASKETBALL* *Coming Up*

December 19, 2019
Renaissance "A/B" @ St. Ann (Cadillac)
5:30/6:30 PM

January 6, 2020
Rams "A" @ Trinity (G.T. Norman Elementary - Reed City)
Game Starts at approximately 6:30 PM

January 9, 2020
Renaissance "A/B" Vs. St. Mary
5:30/6:30 PM

January 9, 2020
Rams "A" @ St. Ann (Cadillac)
Approximately 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

Girls Basketball Informational Meeting January 14 - 5:15 to 6:00 PM Mr. McCausey's Classroom

5th through 8th grade girls interested in playing (and their families) should plan on attending. Learn about new policies and meet your coaches.



ATHLETICS

Girls Basketball Tryouts - January 20 3:30 to 5:00 PM

5th through 8th grade girls interested in playing should plan on attending. You must have a completed physical with you to tryout.

If the athletic department already has your physical on file, you are all set.



ATHLETICS *RAMS BASKETBALL* *Winter Banquet*

Boys Basketball Student Athletes and their families are invited to attend the Winter Athletics Banquet on January 31st in the school cafeteria from 5:30 to 7:00 PM.

We look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of our boys basketball players and coaches with stories and awards. Dinner will be provided.

