



Renaissance Report

DECEMBER 17, 2018

The Voyager, Islander, and Band concert will be held at 4:30 this Thursday, December 20th. Please see additional information below.

All Pro Dads this Friday at 7am! We will see you in the cafeteria for a special winter activity!

Winter Break: December 22-January 6th!



PTO NEWS:

Thank you to all of you who have supported the Renaissance PTO in ANY way this year!

See you in 2019!



Mr. Wiseman has the following information to pass along to families regarding the Winter Concert:

Voyager & Islander students are to be in their classrooms no later than 4:20. There will be a teacher or other adult in each classroom by that point to monitor and line up children.

Band students should not plan to go home after school on the 20th. They should all meet in the STEM Lab immediately after school. Ms. Danielson will be in the STEM Lab waiting for them.

The students involved in the concert do not need to wear anything color specific. However, we are calling this a "dress your best!" occasion. :) If they want to dress fancy & festive, that would be great!

We are all looking forward to this concert!

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Week of December 17th - 21st, 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spirit Week Began Today! 	Land of the Mismatch Clothes Wear your best mismatched outfit.	Deck The Halls Wear your happiest or ugliest sweater, shirt, or tie.	Holly Jolly Elf Gear Wear red and green.	Long Winter's Nap Day Wear your pajamas to school.

Preschool News

The Preschoolers visited the STEM Lab last week! They used the Green Screen, made shaving cream clouds rain, & inflated a balloon using vinegar and baking soda!

-Mrs. Simon and Mrs. Binns

**REMINDERS:
WINTER BREAK BEGINS ON FRIDAY!**

**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

Spirit Week:

Monday-Hat/Scarf Day

Tuesday-Mismatch Day

Wednesday-Holiday Sweater Day

Thursday-Red/Green Day

Friday-Pajama Day

*Winter Gear is needed for recess!

*Gingerbread Man Fun this week!

*Please READ over the Holidays!

*Color, draw pictures, craft, too!

*Play outside!

*See you Monday, January 7, 2019



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 taking notice 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 a writing "How to" 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:

Discovery Museum Field trip
December 19th
9:30 - 11:00

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 17 - December 21, 2018

This Week's Learning

Literacy: As we come to the last week before Winter Break, students are still focused on nonfiction text features, and text structures. This will also help them as they dig into their informational writing booklets when they return from break!

Math: Islanders are still learning about fractions, as well as always reviewing the basics of multiplication and division. When they return from Winter Break, students will begin to add and subtract fractions.

Writing: This week, Islanders will do a little work towards their informational books, but we will also do more creative writes to close out this fun filled week!

Science: This week, Islanders will be looking at simple machines to prepare them for our new driving question and creating their own Rube Goldberg! Students will create their blueprints for a design that helps them with an everyday task.

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 are continuing to collect certain items. Our classrooms will be collecting shoe boxes, straws, paper/plastic cups, and string! Thank you to those who have donated already!

Important Dates

December 20 - Islander Winter Music Concert 4:30-5:30pm (Please be in the classroom by 4:20)

December 21 - Classroom Snowflake Party

December 22 - Winter Break



Week at a Glance

December 17-21

We are in the home stretch before our break begins. With that, there are a few things to know and remember:

- First trimester report cards will be sent home with your student tomorrow.
- It is Winter Spirit Week this week!
- There will NOT be PEAK available on Wednesday.
- BAND students have a concert on Thursday at 4:30. Band students need to go directly to the STEM Lab after school.

Thank You - We are looking forward to a GREAT week!



Middle School Announcements

Happening Soon!





Athletics



Boys Basketball:

Monday, December 17, the Renaissance “B” team will travel to St. Michael in Remus to play the Saints. Action is set to begin at 5:30pm.

Monday, December 17, the Rams “A” team will travel to St. Peter in Big Rapids to play the Raiders. This game is set to begin at 6:30pm.

Wednesday, December 19, at 5:45pm, Our two Renaissance “A” teams will play each other one more time. The first time these two teams met on the court, the action was exciting and the gym was packed! We look for another terrific game, as we head into the holiday break. Let’s pack the gym again and support our two “A” teams!

Cheer Team:

Our Renaissance Cheer Team will be competing in the Alma College Spiritfest on January 26, 2019. The competition is set to begin at 10:00am, and our cheer team is looking fantastic! If you have not seen them in action, come on out to a home basketball event! They are doing some super routines and stunts. Go Rams!

Girls Basketball:

The girls basketball informational meeting has been scheduled for January 8th, 2019. It will be held in Mr. McCausey’s classroom at 5:15pm. Students in 5th through 8th grade are invited to attend, if they desire to play. Families of these students are also encouraged to attend to receive valuable policy information, meet the coaches, and have an opportunity to ask questions.

The schedule for the “A” team continues to change. Take a look on the website.

Scholarship Fundraiser:

Get your All-You-Can-Eat entry cards for \$5 at the front office or any home basketball event. You must have your card for entry into the event on January 15th. All proceeds help to fund athletic scholarships for our student-athletes. Get your card(s) before they are gone! Thank you Domino’s Pizza for sponsoring this event!



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!

Battle of the Books

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Permission forms for Battle of the Books have been shared. Please sign and return to indicate your child's commitment to participating on a Battle team. Once all permission forms have been returned we will form teams, identify book choices, and select team names. Fourth and fifth grade students are encouraged to read 3-5 of the battle books before the end of January. The books are available to check out from the school library. Battle practice for interested students is taking place during weekly library classes.

We 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.



Battle of the Books 2018-2019 Participant Commitment Form

Renaissance Academy fourth and fifth grade students will have the opportunity to participate in a Battle of the Books reading competition. Students will read at least 3 to 4 books from the official list of 20 books selected by the librarians at the Grace A. Dow Library in Midland. Multiple copies of each book are available at school for students to check out. Each team is composed of 6-8 students, and they will compete against teams from other schools in a series of written and oral battles. The highest scoring teams from each round will advance to the next round. We will arrange student transportation via school bus for each battle. Spectators are not allowed to view the written and oral battles and will wait in a designated area for the battle to be completed. School practice battles will take place during lunch time.

Event Schedule

1 st Written Battle	Tuesday, January 29 at 4:30 p.m.	Battle Location to be assigned
2 nd Written Battle	Tuesday, February 5 at 4:30 p.m.	Midland Northeast Middle School
Oral Battle Day	Saturday, February 16 (a.m. or p.m.)	Midland Grace A. Dow Library
Championship	Thursday, February 21 at 4:30 p.m.	Midland Library Auditorium

Fourth and fifth grade students must have parent permission to participate. Team members will be counting on each other to complete their assigned reading and be ready to participate.

My child _____ Grade: ☐ Fourth ☐ Fifth

T-Shirt Size: ☐ Youth Large ☐ Adult Small ☐ Adult Medium ☐ Adult Large ☐ Adult XL ☐ Adult XXL

Classroom Teacher: _____

has my permission to participate in the 2018-2019 Battle of the Books competition.

Parent Signature

Parent Name (Printed)

Date

_____ I would be willing to assist as a team captain or volunteer. Each team needs a different adult team captain. Captains and volunteers assist students by reading books, preparing practice questions, assisting with practice battles when possible, traveling to the battles, and offering encouragement.

Phone number

Email address