



# Renaissance Report

JANUARY 15, 2020

## **Looking Ahead:**

- February 3: No school: Teacher Professional Development
- February 14 & 17: No school-Mid-winter Break





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

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## **All Star Dads Breakfast • Friday, January 17** **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 lunch room. 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](mailto:wilso1dm@cmich.edu). Thank You! Please come even if you forget to RSVP!

\*If assistance with transportation is needed, please contact the school.

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## **Lost and Found:**

The Lost and Found is once again overflowing with lost gloves, shoes, sweatshirts, and more! Any unclaimed items will be donated at the end of this week.







# MORNING

*with Mom*

**Thursday, February 13 | 7am**  
**Renaissance Public School Academy**

~ A Special Morning For Kids & Mother-Figures ~

**Enjoy a light breakfast, a fun activity, and time together!**  
**Please RSVP through the link below and be**  
**entered into a drawing for a coffee gift card.**

<https://bit.ly/35BL8gV>

IF TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE EVENT IS NEEDED, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE.

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# **Foster Grandparents**

## **Share Today. Shape Tomorrow.**

# **Senior Companions**

## **Make Independence a Reality**

### **FOSTER GRANDPARENT AND SENIOR COMPANION** **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!**

The Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion Volunteer Programs tap the skills, talents and experience of people who are age 55 and over who are on a limited income to assist children and frail older adults in need. Foster Grandparents serve in elementary classrooms, day care centers and Head Start classrooms providing academic social and emotional support to help students reach their full potential. Senior Companions provide friendship and support to home bound older adults, residents in nursing homes who do not have family to visit as well as provide encouragement and guidance to individuals with disabilities. They are a connection to the community for their clients.

#### **Requirements:**

- Must be 55 years of age or older.
- Meet our income eligibility guidelines.
- Can commit to 15-20 hours of volunteer service per week
- Be in good health
- Pass the required Criminal Background checks

#### **Volunteer Benefits:**

- Non-taxable stipend of \$2.65 an hour (comes to \$212.00 per month)
- Transportation reimbursement
- A meal during each day of service.
- PTO and Holiday pay
- The satisfaction of helping others in need.

We need YOU! For more information, please contact Brandi Knivila, Jodi Onstott or Anne Acles at (989) 772-0748 or toll free at 1-800-878-0726. For further program information you can visit the Commission on Aging website at [www.isabellacounty.org/dept/coa](http://www.isabellacounty.org/dept/coa) or the Michigan Association of Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Programs at [www.mafgscp.org](http://www.mafgscp.org). We look forward to hearing from you.

**ISABELLA COUNTY**  
**COMMISSION ON AGING**



# Classroom News:



## Kindergarten News

### Literacy

It is a Sight Word review week:

**are, now, you, what, with, my, come, me**

We continue to "stretch out" words as we read and write.

### Math

We will continue to practice our numbers to 20 and add shapes: flat shapes and solid shapes

### Writing

We are practicing letters that fall below the line:

j, g, p, q, y

### Science

Our science lesson is about the 4 seasons. We will talk about each season, what we wear, and what we do during each season.

### \*Reminders & Events\*

\*Reminder - Snow pants, boots, a warm jacket, mittens/gloves, and a hat are needed for recess. Thank you for your cooperation.

\*Reminder that we enjoy a snack from home on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Thank you!

\*NO SCHOOL - Monday, February, 3 - Teacher PD

\*Mid-Winter Break - No School February 14-17



## Voyager Newsletter



### Academics:

In math, our students continue to work on Fact Families w/ missing addends. 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 will be learning about states of matter. Students will be able to recognize solids, liquids and gases they come in contact with daily. In the end, students will be able to explain and complete tasks showing how things can change from one state to another.

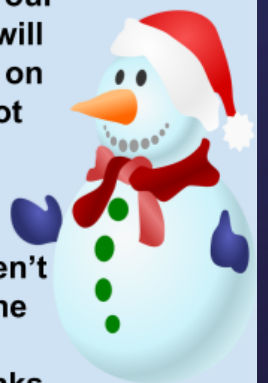
In writing, students will begin their informational writing. Students will focus on their choice of bird and write about its habitat, migration or adaptation pattern, diet, and other important facts about the bird.

### 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.

Friday, January 17th will begin our Personal Safety lessons. This will occur for 5 consecutive weeks on Fridays. The students learn a lot of great information on how to keep themselves safe and the students have fun learning during each lesson. If you haven't already, please take a look at the attachment that was sent on Seesaw last week, thanks.



# Classroom News

## Renaissance Islanders

January 15, 2020

3rd and 4th  
grade



### This Week's Learning

**Literacy:** Islanders will be focusing on finding the main idea of an informational text. Classrooms will also begin looking at autobiographies and stories written from a first person point of view.

**Math:** This week each classroom will review math concepts learned this school year to prepare for a project based assessment!

**Writing:** The Islander teachers decided to change some original plans and focus on writing a personal narrative instead! Students will begin looking at different examples of strong personal narratives.

**Social Studies:** Islanders are digging deep into Public Policy issues in Michigan, and looking into ways to solve these problems. We will also begin learning how our state government works.

### Ideas for Home

- It's time to get back into a great routine!
  - Read for 20-30 minutes a night. Switch it up and read to someone at home...or even a pet!
  - Rocket Math is in full force! Practice those subtraction, multiplication and division facts!
- Have you asked your Islander about their current Wonder Workshop topic? In our hallway we have their ideas posted.. Come check it out soon if you haven't seen it yet!

### Important Dates

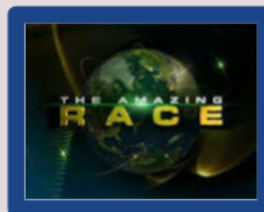
- All Star Dads Friday the 17th.
- No School on February 3rd.



# 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?



We will have our last in-class Amazing Race this week and have an event for parents on Tuesday February 11, at 6:00. A note will be sent through Seesaw to explain your role in this audience-participation event.

MATH	Fraction operations, expanding and factoring expressions, solving simple equations - ask your child which one they're working on.  Geometry will be starting soon!
PBL	World Geography - AMAZING RACE!
LITERACY	MAISA Unit on Informational reading
WRITING	Using ThinkCERCA to write about the geography of ancient Mesopotamia.



**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 January 16 - January 22

### Study Lab Tuesday and Thursday

Math	English/ Language Arts	Science	Social Studies
Mr. Buzard's math classes have assessed on number of solutions to equations and have moved on to two variable equations.  Mr. McCausey's classes are working on Algebraic Equations.  Resource math is working on objectives individualized for each student.	Students are continuing their work on argument essays. They should be finishing the research aspect and moving into the first draft of writing. Our focus will be on essay organization and thesis statements.  Resource writing is beginning our unit on narrative writing. Our end goal is to create graphic novels that will be displayed in the library	Electromagnetic Spectrum work begins: Light vs. Distance Intensity Lab soon.	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.  We can't wait to share our work with everyone!

	1/16 (Th)	1/17 (Fri)	1/20 (Mon)	1/21 Tue	1/22 (Wed)
Major Assignment, Assessments, and Events	Study Lab		Girls Basketball Tryouts 3:30 - 5:00	Study Lab	



# RAMS Athletics:



**ATHLETICS**  
**RAMS BASKETBALL**  
*Coming Up*

January 16, 2020  
Renaissance "B" at St. Michael (Remus)  
5:30 PM

January 18, 2020  
MMSL Tournament  
Boys Basketball All Teams  
Big Rapids High School  
21175 15 Mile Rd.  
Tournament Start Time - 1:00 PM



**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.



ATHLETICS

**Girls Basketball Pictures**  
**February 11, 2020**



**Student Athletes please change into your uniforms immediately following dismissal**

***Order Envelopes will be coming home soon!***

# Spotlight on Specials!

**The Spotlight on Specials will be a new feature of each week's Renaissance Report. We hope that you check out the newsletter each week to see what our students are learning in Library, Music, PE, Movement Lab, and STEAM!**



**Kindergarten students are programming our robot Dash using block coding, creativity, and collaboration!**

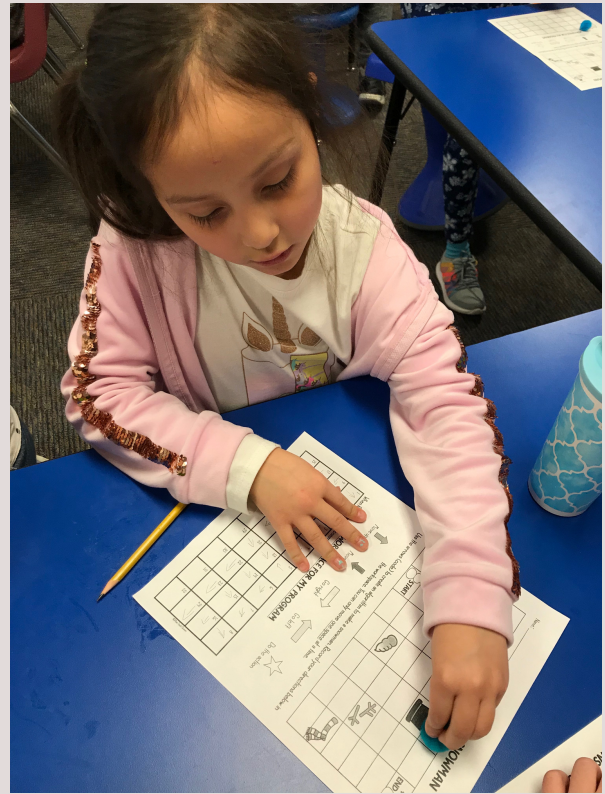
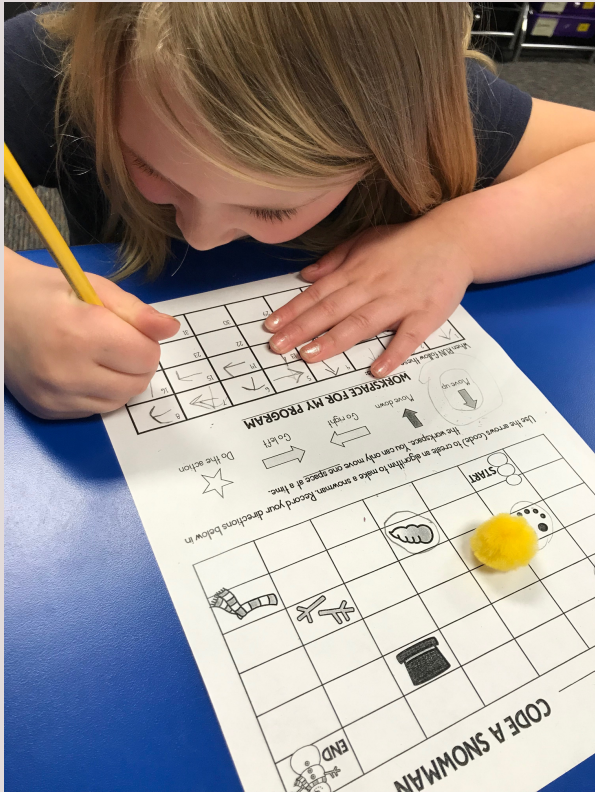


**In STEAM, all students (kindergarten through 8th grade) are working on coding/programming activities.**

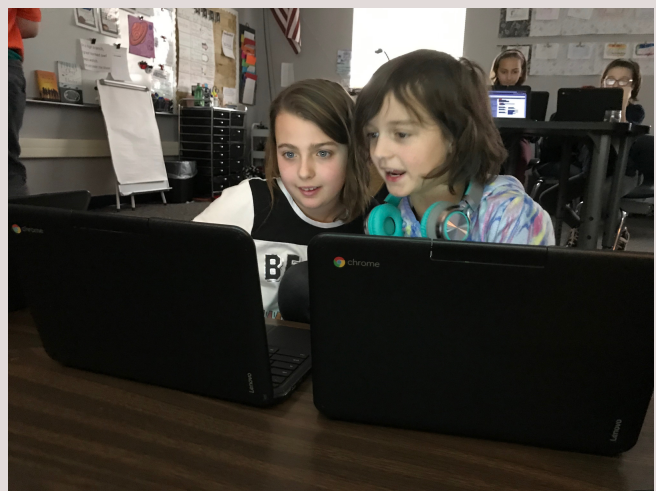
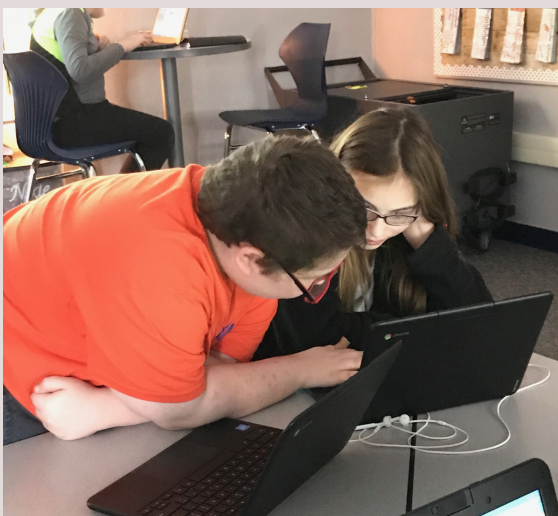
**Kindergarten learners are practicing coding with Dash. This is the fourth robot that they have had the experience of coding this school year.**



# Spotlight on Specials!



**In STEAM, Voyagers have been learning how to code using the website Code.org and Kodable. This week, they completed an "unplugged coding" activity. Each Voyager wrote an algorithm to demonstrate how to build a snowman step-by-step.**



**In STEAM, Islanders and Trailblazers are using the website Code.org to program mini-games for their classmates to play!**

**Our middle school learners are in the midst of a multi-faceted project that we look forward to sharing soon!**