



# Renaissance Report

JANUARY 8, 2020

## Welcome Back!

We have missed our  
students, and we are  
happy to be back  
together!



**Happy New Year!**





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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.

### **Looking Ahead:**

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





# ***PTO News***



**Save the Date:**

**February 13: Muffins with Mom:  
Calling all mothers, step-moms,  
grandmothers, aunts, mentors , etc!**

**Join your special Renaissance student  
for a time of bonding and yummy  
muffins at 7am in the cafeteria!**

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## THANK YOU

for your submissions that support our school!

Happy New Year!

Congratulations to our December winner:  
Darren in Mrs.Snyder's class!

\*Please continue to submit your Box Tops in the box in our lobby for a chance to win a gift card. You can leave them in an envelope, baggie, or taped to paper. Remember to include your child's name and classroom to win!

\*\*Just snap a picture of your account for scanned submissions and email to [renaissanceramspto@gmail.com](mailto:renaissanceramspto@gmail.com) with students name.

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



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YOUR RECEIPT

# **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

Our sight words this week are:

**are now**

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

### Math

We will be working on the teen numbers.

We will count, recognize out of order, and count objects to 20.

### Writing

Letters are small, tall, or fall. This week we will practice the letters that fall.

### 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, 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



## 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 will be learning about states of matter. Students will be able to recognize solids, liquids and gases they come in contact daily. In the end, students will be able to explain and complete tasks showing how things can change from one matter to another.

In writing, students will begin their informational writing about their chosen bird. Students will focus on their choice of bird and write about their habitat, migration or adaptation pattern, what they eat 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.

### Welcome back!

We are excited to see all of the smiling faces. The students have shared with us a lot of great moments they had while on break. Students and staff have enjoyed hearing the many different stories that have been shared these past couple of days.



# Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders

January 8, 2020  
Happy New Year!!!

3rd and 4th  
grade



## This Week's Learning

**Literacy:** This week we will dive back into informational text and text features. We will also begin focusing on different spelling rules this month.

**Math:** Islanders will be working on fractions in a variety of ways! They will be adding and subtracting, comparing, finding equivalent fractions, and some may even start converting fractions to decimals!

**Writing:** Soon, students will begin to think about their informational books and the topic they want to develop. In the meantime as we get back into routine, we will focus on writing conventions and punctuation.

**Social Studies:** This week we will begin to learn about our state government. Students will also finish their Michigan brochures and begin learning about different public policy issues within our state.

## Ideas for Home

- We hope you enjoyed your break! Here are some things to help you get back into 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!
- Did you know that each Islander participates in the Classroom Book a Day Challenge? Every day, our classes commit to taking the time to listen to a picture book read by their teacher. Ask your Islander what they read today!

## Important Dates

- Have you had a chance to watch the RAMS play some basketball? Check out the calendar on our website for game dates and times! This Thursday our two boy teams play at home starting at 5:30!
- 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?

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 reading
WRITING	Informational

The week of February 10th Trailblazer Students will be holding an **AMAZING RACE!**

Details to come soon!

We hope you had a great break! It has been great to see all of the students back in the classroom!



**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 9 - January 15

### Study Lab Tuesday and Thursday Happy New Year!

Math	English/ Language Arts	Science	Social Studies
Mr. Buzard's math classes are finishing their work on number of solutions to algebraic equations. Students will assess at the end of this week.  Mr. McCauley's classes are starting Equations.  Resource math is working on objectives individualized for each student.	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.  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!

	1/9 (Th)	1/10 (Fri)	1/13 (Mon)	1/14 Tue	1/15 (Wed)
Major Assignment, Assessments, and Events	Study Lab  Renaissance A/B home vs. St. Mary 5:30/6:30 Rams "A" @ St. Ann 6:30		Rams "A" @ St. Mary 6:30 PM  Renaissance "A/B" home vs. Trinity 5:30/6:30	Study Lab  Girls Basketball Informational Meeting 5:15 - 6:15 McCauley's Classroom	



# RAMS Athletics:



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

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
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January 13, 2020 Renaissance "A/B" Vs. Trinity 5:30/6:30 PM	January 13, 2020 Rams "A" @ St. Mary (Big Rapids) Approx. 6:30 PM
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## 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.

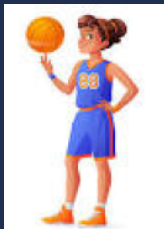




## ATHLETICS

### **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.**

