



Renaissance Report

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PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

A note from Mrs. Bergman



Central Michigan District Health Department

Promoting Healthy Families, Healthy Communities



Jennifer E. Morse, M.D.
Medical Director

Steve Hall, RS, MS
Health Officer

February 2, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Influenza is spreading quickly throughout Michigan. The number of young children presenting to emergency departments and hospitalized from the illness continues to rise and, as of January 13th, 30 children have died in the U.S. due to complications of the flu this season.

Influenza, also called "the flu," is a respiratory viral illness that can cause fever, cough, chills, headache, muscle aches, runny nose and sore throat. With true influenza, a fever is almost always present and the cough is often severe. The flu usually last 2 to 7 days. Influenza is not the same as the "stomach flu," which causes nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea that usually lasts 1 to 2 days.

Influenza spreads when an infected person coughs or sneezes, causing droplets containing the virus to spread in the air. Uninfected people can become infected by being in close contact with these droplets (within 6 feet) and breathing them in or by touching surfaces the droplets fell onto.

There are many things that can be done to keep our schools, homes, and communities "flu-free" and protect ourselves and our loved ones:

1. It's not too late to get vaccinated. Influenza vaccine is widely available through the local health department, area physicians and pharmacies. Everyone over the age of 6 months should get a flu shot.
2. As a general rule, children and adults should stay home when ill. We recommend that people sick with any influenza-like illness remain at home until they have been fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicines.
3. Teach your family how to lower their risk of getting and spreading the influenza virus by:
 - Washing their hands often with soap and running warm water for at least 20 seconds.
 - If not able to wash their hands, use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
 - Coughing or sneezing into their upper shirt sleeve or elbow—not onto their hands!
 - Avoid touching their eyes, nose or mouth. That's how germs enter the body.
4. Seek medical care immediately if your child experiences any of the following symptoms:
 - Illness lasting longer than a week or an illness that continues to get worse;
 - Fast breathing or trouble breathing;
 - Bluish skin color;
 - Not drinking enough fluids or not urinating;
 - Not waking up or not interacting with others as they normally do;
 - Being so irritable that the child does not want to be held;
 - Flu-like symptoms that improve but then return with fever and worse coughing, or;
 - Fever with a rash

Sincerely,

Jennifer Morse, MD
Medical Director
Central Michigan District Health Department

Please visit us at our website www.cmdhd.org

New Opportunities to Support our Students!

When: February 13-16, 2018
7:45-8 AM (Before school)



Where: RPSA Open Space

Why: All proceeds will go the Isabella County Soup Kitchen

I'm Loli and I am a Trailblazer student at Renaissance Public School Academy. I have been working on a Genius Hour project, researching ideas for helping our local soup kitchen. I would like to hold a bake sale, & the money would go to the soup kitchen for the stuff they need-like canned food and other non-perishable items.

Donations Needed: If you would like to donate any baked goods for the sale, please contact Mrs. Nix at mnix@renaissancepsa.com. Items desired include cupcakes, cookies, brownies, and small pies with an ingredient list attached.



ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT!
Athletics Fundraiser

MARCH 19
5:00 to 6:00

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!



Annual Parent Survey

Each year our school improvement team conducts a survey of parents, staff members, and students in 3-8 grades. The information gathered is used to plan school improvement initiatives for the coming school year and to understand current perceptions of our educational program. The survey contains approximately 30 questions and provides an opportunity for you to share additional comments. Please complete the survey found at the following link: <http://bit.ly/RPSA2018> Paper copies of the survey are available at the office. Please complete the survey this week, as it will close on February 16.

Re-enrollment 2018

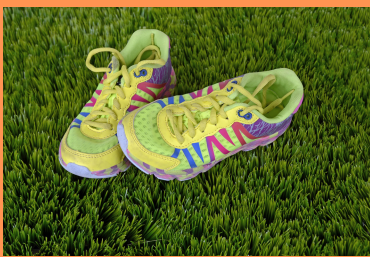
A re-enrollment form must be completed for students who intend to return to Renaissance Academy in the fall by February 16, 2018. This will reserve your seat for the next school year prior to the open enrollment application window available to the general public. The form can be completed online at <http://bit.ly/Re-Enrollment2018>. You can find the form on the “Apply” page of the Renaissance website. Paper copies of the form are available and will be distributed with students. Additional copies can be picked up at the school office or from teachers during Parent-Teacher conferences.





Battle of the Books

Three teams composed of 23 fourth and fifth grade students represented Renaissance at the regional Battle of the Books competition in Midland. They worked hard and showed their dedication to supporting their teammates. The competition was strong. Our Renaissance teams did not advance to the second round, but they improved their performance over last year. We are proud of their effort and are glad to have the opportunity to explore and share a wide-range of good books. Thank you to all those who supported our students in this event.



Girls on the Run

The spring session of Girls on the Run begins March 12 and is open to girls in third, fourth, and fifth grades. Registration is now open! Fee scholarship applications are available on a first come, first served basis and are available now. You will receive a code to use when completing the registration form in February. Visit <http://www.gotrcentralmichigan.org/>. Click "Register Now" and then select "Spring Scholarship Application"

We are still in need of one volunteer assistant coach. Training and lesson materials are provided. Please check out <http://www.gotrcentralmichigan.org/> to learn more about the programs and to volunteer.

Parent Club News:

SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Renaissance Public School Academy. Come in to the Chipotle at 1720 S. Mission St. in Mt Pleasant on **Tuesday, February 20th** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to Renaissance Public School Academy.



Online orders will not be included in the fundraiser total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in-restaurant. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.

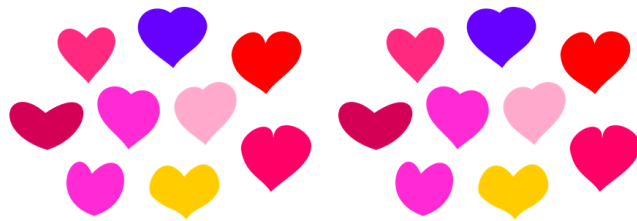
Did someone say Chipotle!?

We hope to see many of our families join us at Chipotle on February 20th. *

Side note: There is a girl's home basketball game scheduled for 5:30 that night. Maybe we can all grab an easy dinner and then come out and support the girl's team!

*Per Chipotle, flyers cannot be passed out at the event. If flyers are distributed (either in the parking lot or restaurant) the fundraiser is cancelled.

Renaissance Family Sock Hop



Students in grades K-6 are invited to the Renaissance Family Sock Hop on Friday, February 16, from 6~7:30, in the school gym.

Come enjoy a fun family night of dancing with friends.

Admission = donation for the food pantry

- ~Light refreshments will be available~
- ~Must attend with a parent/guardian~
- ~Socks only in the gym~

Sponsored by the RPSA Parent Club

Kindergarten News



Literacy

*middle sounds
-ed word family
*author, illustrator
*Sight words:
will be

Math

2d and 3D
(flat and solid
shapes)
Reviewing Teen
Numbers

Writing

Writing small
moments
stories

Social Studies:
Needs and Wants

Science:
Weather

REMINDERS & EVENTS

YOU MAY BRING IN YOUR VALENTINE CARDS WEDNESDAY.
24 FOR MRS. B.'S CLASS & 23 FOR MR. WILSON'S CLASS
PLEASE JUST SIGN YOUR NAME



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Academics:

In math, our students will continue to work on telling and writing time to the hour, half hour and to the nearest five minutes using a.m. and p.m.

In reading, our students will be working on comprehension strategies with both nonfiction and fiction text. We will be working on asking and answering questions like who, what, where, why, as well as looking at how characters change over time.

In social studies, our students will continue to work on understanding these essential questions: How do people live together in a community? How do people's choices impact a community? These lessons will lead up to our Itty Bitty City learning celebration.

In writing, our students will be working on writing an informational book using text and graphic features.

Important Dates:

Tuesday, February 13: 100th Day of School

Friday, February 23: Snow Snake
(Snow tubing; waivers will need to be signed by parents)

Thursday, March 1: Bay City Planetarium

Parents,

On Wednesday, February 14 we will have a small Valentine's Party. Your child may bring in cards to hand out to their friends. There are a total of 25 students in your child's classroom.

Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders

February 12th-February 16th



This Week's Learning

Literacy: Islanders have become experts in comparing and contrasting various texts. They also have a strong understanding of how to analyze a first and secondhand account of text! We have also been discussing the theme of texts.

Math: We will continue to work at understanding place value when working with decimals and deepen our understanding of this concept.

Writing: Your students are starting to wrap up their informational books and can't wait to display them at the Learning Celebration.

Social Studies: We have started a new unit and are exploring Michigan history prior to statehood!

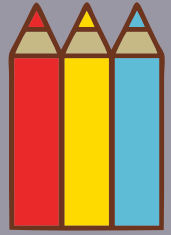
Staying Up To Date

- Mr.s Likavec will join us in February for a hands on enormous map activity which also incorporates math.
- Our next Learning Celebration is March 14th! We are so excited to show off all of our hard work across different subject areas.
- Islanders should be reading for twenty minutes a day at home.

Important Dates

- Mr. LaValley will visit us on the 19th to talk about the fur trade!

Specials & Enhancements



CMU Master Flute Class

By: Ruth Lehr

7th grade RPSA Student

On Thursday, February 8, my mom and I went to CMU and watched a professional master class there. The class was more like a concert, but that wasn't the point. Now, you may be wondering who in the world told us about this idea, since none of my family works at CMU. This idea actually came from the band instructor, Mr. Wiseman.

Like I said earlier, the class was more of a concert. The flutist, Maxim Rubtsov, and his pianist, Sergei Kvitko, played amazing music. They played a total of 9-10 songs, including one that most people have heard of, Flight of the Bumblebee.

Having the experience that I did, goes to show that the band of this school is amazing. Not only did that concert sound truly awesome, but it also was inspiring to watch and listen. I began to think that one day, I might, notice the might in there, become, even close to as good as they were. I also play piano, as well as flute, so they both inspired me to work toward that incredible goal.

All in all, I love band, and all that it does, and the many opportunities it gives me. Hopefully, there will be even more wonderful opportunities in the future, but for now, I am happy with it the way it is.

Rams Athletics

Girls Basketball:

Volunteers are still needed at home games. This was discussed at the Informational Meeting as well. Families from the "B" team are encouraged to volunteer for the "A" game...and vice versa. It would be terrific to see everyone get involved and participate.

Monday, February 12, Due to the closure of school and poor weather conditions, the game has been canceled. As soon as a reschedule date has been determined, it will be posted. Check back often for updates. Go Rams!

Wednesday, February 14, our A&B Teams will be at home to take on the St. Mary Colts. This is a make-up game from February 5. The action will begin at 5:30pm...with the second game to follow.

Girls Basketball pictures have arrived. They are in Mr. McCausey's classroom, and you are more than welcome to pick them up before or after school. Pictures that have not been picked up will be delivered at the Spring Banquet, following the season.

Girls Basketball Fees:

As per athletic policy, all fees associated with girls basketball are due at this time. The handbook states that fees should be paid prior to participation in athletic contests. Please make sure you're getting those fees paid. Your prompt attention to this is appreciated.

Winter Athletics Banquet:

Attention Families, Coaches, and Players: The Winter Athletics Banquet, celebrating our three boys basketball teams has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 28, from 5:15pm to 6:45pm in the school cafeteria. Boys basketball players, and their families, are invited to attend, as we celebrate their spectacular seasons. Dinner will be provided and awards will be given.

Cheer Team:

The competition is scheduled to begin at 9:30am. The bus is scheduled to leave the school at 6:45am on the 25th of February. Please make sure you have turned in your release form to the coach. The entrance fee at the door for this event will be \$8 per person. Please be aware of this if you plan on making the trip to Brandon High School.

Boys Basketball:

Families, please get those uniforms washed and turned in to Mr. McCausey. A handful of uniforms are still out there. Thanks.



Go Rams!

