



# Renaissance Report

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# PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

A note from Mrs. Bergman



## Central Michigan District Health Department

*Promoting Healthy Families, Healthy Communities*



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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 13<sup>th</sup>, 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

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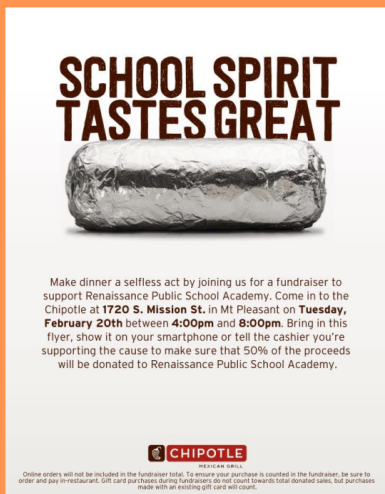
# Parent Club News:

**Parent Club would like to thank everyone who helped, supported, and attended Friday's Sock Hop!**



The Spring Carnival will be here before we know it! If anyone is interested in helping the Carnival Committee please contact Sarah Whitman at [siwhitman31@gmail.com](mailto:siwhitman31@gmail.com).

Remember to please turn in your Box Tops. Yellow sheets went home last week. These make it easy to organize your Box Tops!



**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.**

# **Our January Leaders!**



**Congratulations to our January  
Leaders of the Month!**

**These students demonstrate the  
7 Habits of Leadership!**





# 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.



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!

**Thanks for supporting our athletes!**

# March is Reading Month

## We're going to be Reading 'Til We Drop!!

Renaissance Public School Academy is gearing up to celebrate Reading Month! During the month of March the entire school will participate in encouraging and celebrating each other as readers. Along with the themed days on our calendar, there will be a March Reading Madness Tournament of Books, classes will have special days with their Reading Buddies, and guest readers will be visiting throughout the month. We welcome any guest who wants to share a love of reading with our students!

We are thrilled that we will be bringing acclaimed author and illustrator, Laurie Keller, to visit Renaissance this March! Keller has written many hilarious picture books such as *We Are Growing*, *Scrambled States of America*, and *Do Unto Otters*, as well as a wonderful series of chapter books starring Arnie the Doughnut. Keller will hold assemblies with every grade during her visit where she will share inspiring writing and drawing activities. Look for more information soon about how to order Laurie Keller's books for your Renaissance students.

All month, we will be working to increase our reading stamina during Drop Everything And Read time, or DEAR time. When DEAR time is announced, students will grab their books and read for a designated period of time. Each classroom will set a goal that they will try to reach during our Read 'Til We Drop Read-A-Thon at the end of the month. If the class reaches their goal, they will earn rewards from our Scholastic Book Fair after Spring Break! We'll be working hard all month to make sure we reach our goals!

Here are some details for other themed days throughout the month:

\*Read a Shirt and Read a Hat Days: Wear your shirts and hats with writing on them and we'll be reading each other all day!

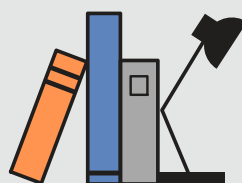
\*Work Out Your Mind--Read: Wear your favorite work-out clothes and give your brain some exercise while you read.

\*Vocabulary Day: Come dressed as your favorite vocabulary word! Dress as a CAT, or as ELEGANT, or as MONOCHROMATIC -- we can't wait to see what words come to life!

\*Booknic: This Title I sponsored event is always a favorite at RPSA! Families are encouraged to come to school for a picnic lunch inside the school and read with your students. Look for more information to come home soon with specific times and school lunch order forms.

\*Favorite Book Character Day: We want to celebrate all the best books by dressing up as our favorite book characters today. Be creative, and bring your favorite book along to share, if you have it!

\*Pajama & Flashlight Friday: We'll wrap up Reading Month with some reading in our pajamas. Students may also bring a small flashlight and we'll encourage independent reading when we turn off the lights!





Renaissance Reading Month: March 2018

# RAMS Read!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26 Read a Shirt Day	27 Read a Hat Day	28	1 Work out your mind - Read!! Wear work-out clothes	2 Vocabulary Day - dress up like a word!	3
4	5	6 Booknic 11:30 - 12:30	7 Author Laurie Keller visits!	8 <b>No School</b>	9 <b>No School</b>	10
11	12 Favorite Book Character Day	13	14 Learning Celebration 8:15 - 9:15	15	16 All Pro Dads	17
18	19	20 Read 'Til We Drop Read-A-Thon	21	22	23 Pajama & Flashlight Friday!	24
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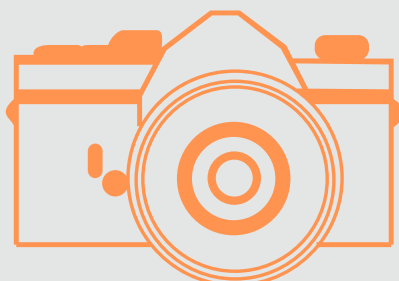


# Save the Date:

# Spring Pictures 2018

Spring pictures are just around the corner! Picture packets and more information will be coming home soon.

Picture Day: March 13, 2018



# Kindergarten News



## Literacy

\*opposites  
-en word family  
\*author, illustrator  
\*Sight words:  
go for

## 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\*

\*Please remember to bring winter clothes for our  
outside recess in the afternoon

\*Keep reading those books in your book bags!



# Voyager Newsletter



## Academics:

In math, our students will be learning how to read and create graphs.

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:

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

Thursday, March 1: Bay City  
Planetarium

## Parents:

Please ensure you send back the snow tubing waiver completed as soon as possible. Also, parents are welcome to meet us at Snow Snake to come tubing with us from 10 to noon.

Thank you,  
Voyager Teachers



# Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders

February 19th - February 23rd



## This Week's Learning

**Literacy:** Literacy classes will be using The Mitten magazine articles to learn about topics we will further discuss during social studies!

**Math:** Math classes will continue working with decimals this week. We will cover a range of concepts from money to time.

**Writing:** Informational writing continues this week and each student's goal will be to complete their books!

**Social Studies:** This week we will continue learning about Michigan history! We will be learning about events and people during the time prior to statehood.

## Staying Up To Date

Please take the Parent survey if you have not already:

<http://bit.ly/RPSA2018>

The Learning Celebration will be here before we know it. March 14th from 8:15-9:00..

## Important Dates

February 19th - Mr. LaValley will be talking about the fur trade!  
March 7th - Author Visit  
March 8th & 9th - NO SCHOOL due to Professional Development



# Week at a Glance

**February 19 - February 23**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Big Events and Happenings			<b>EARLY RELEASE 2:00</b>	<b>NIX and WHITMAN to IQ Hub Field Trip</b>	<b>BARTELL and SNYDER to IQ Hub Field Trip</b>

## Weekly Summaries

MATH	LITERACY	WRITING	SOCIAL STUDIES
Fractional Word Problems OR Geometry OR Measures of Central Tendency  Ask your child which topic they are working on.	Author's purpose	Working on our informational cause and effect essays as a part of our Science/Social Studies unit  These are due Friday	How do population characteristics impact human and physical conditions?

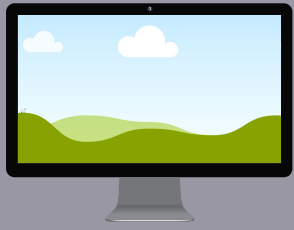
## Middle School Happenings February 19 - February 23

**Study Lab Tuesday and Thursday**

Math	English/ Language Arts	Science	Social Studies
Mr. Buzard's Math 1 is just beginning our unit on systems of equations. Mr. Buzard's Math 2 is finishing up our assessment on two-variable equations and we will be starting our work on finding the slope of lines.  Mr. McCausey's Math: Both classes are working on Probability.	Hubbell's ELA - We have completed introductions and body paragraphs in our Argument papers - we are going to revise and start the conclusion this week. We are finishing up root words.  Liphard's ELA- Student have completed their papers. They are peer editing their revisions. Students are working toward their <b>Book Talks</b> . They completed a Article of the Week last week and will discuss it further in class.	We are beginning our unit on Electromagnetic Radiation. Students will be taking notes and completing activities and experiments  Light Intensity Lab & Electromagnetic Spectrum  Electromagnetic Classwork Due this week.	We just finished up the Louisiana Purchase and the adventures of Lewis & Clark. The students had some great presentations. We are going into the War of 1812 this week.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Major Assignment, Assessments and Events		Home Basketball 5:30/6:30  Study lab in Liphard's Room		Study Lab Mrs. Hubbell's room  Home Basketball 5:30/6:30	

# Specials & Enhancements



**Mrs. Doyle is so excited to bring renowned author and illustrator, Laurie Keller, to RPSA on March 7th! Our library has many of her fun picture books such as We Are Growing, Scrambled States of America, Do Unto Otters, & Arnie the Doughnut. Mrs. Doyle has arranged for Laurie Keller to hold assemblies with every grade during her visit!**

**Be on the lookout for more information on how to order Laurie Keller's books for your Renaissance students.**

# Rams Athletics

## Girls Basketball:

We need volunteers for the following home games; specifically from 6:30 - 7:30:

February 20th

February 22nd

If you have not volunteered to work during an "A" game, your help is very much appreciated.

Remember, proceeds received from concessions sales helps pay for student-athlete scholarships. In order for us to continue the scholarship program, we need to be able to offer concessions at home games.

Tuesday, February 20, the Patriots from Heritage Christian will be at Renaissance for an "A" and "B" game. The first game is scheduled to begin at 5:30pm.

Thursday, February 22, the Spirits of St. Ann will be in town to play our "B" Team at 5:30pm. The "A" team will host the Colts from St. Mary shortly after the first game is finished.

## 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 Rams Cheer Team will travel to Brandon High School in Ortonville on Sunday, February 25th for the Spirit Shine Celebration state competition. The competition is scheduled to begin at 9:30am. The bus is scheduled to leave the school at 6:45am.

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. Cheer Team members are required to ride the bus to and from the event. Transportation waiver forms must be approved and signed in advance. Student-athletes will be responsible for anything that they bring with them. Food and drinks may be purchased at the event, and outside food and drink will not be allowed in. For more details, visit their website: [spiritshinecelebration.com](http://spiritshinecelebration.com)