



Renaissance Report

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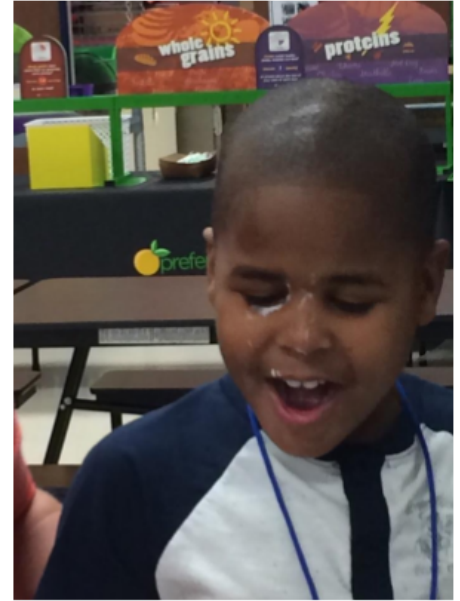
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PRINCIPAL'S PAGE



← Building Structures!



↑ Pie Face!

We have been having a lot of fun making new friends during Rams Squads! Mrs. Papenfus' squad (The P-Pod) had a Hungry Hungry Hippo tournament, Mrs. Anderson's squad (The Pink Rockstars) made shaving cream snowmen, Ms. Tina led her squad in a game of Pie Face, Mr. Buzard taught his squad the game Spot It...and so much more fun is happening on Wednesdays from 8:10-8:30!



↑ Who doesn't love Headbands?!



Mr. B's squad is playing Spot It!



Battle of the Books

Renaissance is proud to have three official teams representing our school at the Battle of the Books competition sponsored by the Grace A. Dow Library in Midland. The Book Masters, Pygmy Puff Book Worms, and Rams Discovery Readers will be among 46 teams from across Mid-Michigan displaying their love of good books. The first written battle for our teams will take place at Northeast Middle School in Midland on Tuesday, February 6 at 4:30 p.m. The competition is closed to spectators; parents, teachers, and coaches will be asked to wait in adjacent classrooms until the battle is complete. Students and coaches will travel via school bus to Midland. We will leave Renaissance at 3:15 p.m. and anticipate returning to school at approximately 6 p.m. All battle participants will need to be picked up from Renaissance at that time. We will learn the results of the first battle on Wednesday, February 7. The top scoring 23 teams will advance to the second written battle. The teams have been practicing their skills during lunch. Team practices will also take place Tuesday, January 30 and Thursday, February 1 from 8:10-8:30 a.m. in the art room. Please contact Henry Mayer at hmayer@renaissancepsa.com or (989) 773-9889 with any questions.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Spring Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for this week. Please visit the following link if you haven't already signed up

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080548ada72aa7f58-feb>

Special Trailblazer News:



When: February 12-16, 2018

Where: RPSA Open Space

Why: All proceeds will go to 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.





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. The survey 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.



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 you see this flyer come home in your child's Friday Folder last week? 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.



Thank you for turning in Box Tops! Please be sure to include first and last names when returning slips. We have also started the Aunt Millie's School Spirit Program. You can cut off the upc codes from bread labels and return them to school.



Are you willing to help out our athletics program by volunteering to work concessions for the girls basketball team? Please contact Mr. McConnell or Mr. McCausey if you are willing and able to help out. Thank you!



Preschool News



Trooper White came for a class visit. We all had so much fun and learned lots! We talked about gun safety and that no matter what we do not touch guns. We also talked about stranger danger and to yell as loud as we can "You're not my mom/dad" to call attention to the situation.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Payton K. and Mrs. Simon!

Happy Birthday!



Trooper White



visits preschool!

We are enjoying going outside and getting fresh air as often as we can, weather permitting! Please be sure and bring all of your child's snow gear daily and also check their extra clothing. A lot of our students do not have spare clothes and sometimes their clothes get wet through their snow gear. THANKS!

Fun Family activity:
Heart Hopscotch: Make large hearts and numbers 1-10 (on separate pieces of paper). Line them up like hopscotch board. Use a bean bag or small stuffed animal as your tosser. Be safe and have fun! Great indoor activity for the winter time.

Happy Valentine's Day!!

Kindergarten News



Literacy

*middle sounds
-ap word family
*author, illustrator
-*Sight words:
find this

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

*100TH DAY OF SCHOOL WILL BE MONDAY, FEB. 12
BRING IN YOUR 100 ITEMS IN A BAG/BAGGIE

*see you at P/T conferences !!



Voyager Newsletter

Academics:

In math, our students will be working 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:

Monday, February 12: 100th Day of School

Monday, February 12: Adelaide's Bistro & Ginko Tree Inn

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

Thursday, March 1: Bay City Planetarium

Parents,

Reminder that this week is Parent Teacher Conferences. We are excited to talk to you all about all the wonderful learning your child has done this year. Hope to see you all!

Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders

February 5th-February 9th



This Week's Learning

Literacy: Islanders have been comparing and contrasting various texts as well as analyzing first and secondhand accounts of text!

Math: We will continue to work hard at fractions and understand place value when working with decimals while reviewing math concepts already covered this year.

Writing: Your students are becoming experts on their chosen topics and continue to work on their informational texts.

Science: The students are now wrapping up their projects and have learned so much. Ask your Islander about the presentation they have been preparing with their group!

Staying Up To Date

- Make sure your child is still working hard on practicing multiplication and division!
- Our Battle of the Books team members will travel to Northeast Middle School in Midland on Tuesday for their first written competition!
- We look forward to meeting with families this week to discuss student progress!

Important Dates

- Take our parent survey at this link: <http://bit.ly/2s0crDt>
- The Parent Club is sponsoring a sock hop from 6-7:30, Friday, the 9th! See the office for more information.



Week at a Glance

February 5 - February 9

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Big Events and Happenings	P/T Conferences	P/T Conferences	EARLY RELEASE 2:00 P/T Conferences	P/T Conferences	P/T Conferences

Weekly Summaries

MATH	LITERACY	WRITING	SOCIAL STUDIES
<p>X and / Fractions OR Order of Operations OR Expressions and Equations OR Measures of Central Tendency</p> <p>Ask your child which topic they are working on.</p>	<p>Identifying text structures and summarizing informational text</p>	<p>Working on our informational cause and effect essays as a part of our Science/Social Studies unit</p>	<p>How do population characteristics impact human and physical conditions?</p>

CONFERENCES ARE THIS WEEK

Middle School Happenings February 5 - February 9

Study Lab Tuesday & Thursday

Make sure you have signed up for Parent/Teacher Conferences this week!

Math	English/ Language Arts	Science	Social Studies
<p>Mr. Buzard's Math 1 has finished our unit on slope-intercept form and will be starting our end of unit project. Mr. Buzard's Math 2 is finishing our work with two variable equations and will be assessing on the concepts next week.</p> <p>Mr. McCausey's Math: Math 1 is being assessed on Statistics. Math 2 is working on Probability.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Liphard's ELA- We are continuing our work with Argument Papers. They are completing their introductions and beginning to start their body paragraphs. In Reading they are working on Root Words.</p>	<p>We are beginning our unit on Electromagnetic Radiation. Students will be taking notes and completing activities and experiments</p>	<p>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.</p>

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Major Assignment, Assessments and Events		Study Lab Mr. McCausey's room	Study Lab with Native American Advocates	Study Lab Mrs. Hubbell's room	

Rams Athletics

Girls Basketball:

Attention Families: Please come on in and check the volunteer schedule that is posted outside of the gym. This was discussed at the informational meeting, and it would be fantastic if we could have volunteers for our concessions and ticket tables. "A" families sign up to work the first game, and "B" families sign up to work the second game. Working together, we can continue to build our athletics program and make it even better. If we do not have volunteers, concessions will not be offered, and the program will not improve.

General Athletics Information

What do our proceeds pay for?

The athletic department uses concessions and ticket proceeds to do many things, such as pay portions of the following:

Buy uniforms

Buy equipment (rims, balls, medical supplies)

Pay for officials

Pay tournament fees

Pay ½ of all scholarships

Transportation costs

Banquet food and awards

...and many other things.

We need your support, and we thank you for that support. Go Rams!

Cheer Team:

The cheer competition is quickly approaching! Members of the team need to stay sharp and continue preparing as the we get closer and closer. 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. Some of our experienced cheer team members have attended this competition in the past. They will be able to help answer some questions...and I will have more information coming soon as well (such as entrance fees at the door). Keep checking the athletics website for updates.

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.



Go Rams!





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 will open in February. 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”

Volunteer coaches and assistant coaches are also needed. Training and lesson materials are provided. Please check out

<http://www.gotrcentralmichigan.org/> to learn more about the programs and to volunteer.