



Renaissance Report

FEBRUARY 11, 2019



February 6, 2019

Dear RPSA Families,

Due to our school closure today, Wednesday, February 6, 2019 we will not be holding any parent/teacher conferences this evening. Our staff is committed to meeting with each family and sharing the growth of our students. Rather than attempt to reschedule another evening of conferences, we have made the commitment to schedule a face to face conference for 100% of our families at some point in the month of February. Teachers will work with families who have students in multiple classrooms to try to accommodate their needs.

Mother Nature has created significant challenges for us this winter. To be exact, as of today, we have had eleven weather related cancellations. We are allowed six cancellations per year based on Michigan law. A school may apply for three more days beyond the six if necessary. After the ninth cancellation day a school must make up any additional days or risk the loss of a portion of their funding for that year. This means a school must add a day for each day beyond nine that is missed.

Our original school calendar had five days built in for staff professional development. We have had two of those days so far this year on October 1 and January 21. At our School Board meeting on Monday, February 4 the Board voted to change the three remaining professional development days to student days. As a result Monday, February 18, Monday, April 1 and Monday, May 13 are now school days for all students. This change adds three student days to the 2018-19 school year which means we could have 12 school day cancellations without adding additional days to the end of the school year.

Winters in Michigan are long and spring weather in our area can mean ice and fog. I anticipate that we will have more cancellations and will need to look at other ways to ensure our students receive their required amount of school days this year. Schools across Michigan are in the same situation and solutions are being investigated. When there is more information to share I will pass it along to our school community. For now, please plan on your child attending school on February 18, April 1 and May 13. If you have made appointments or other commitments that cannot be changed for any of those days, please communicate that to your child's teacher and the office and we will work with your family.

In Partnership,
Mrs. Bergman

Now is the time to re-enroll for the 2019-2020 school year!

RE-ENROLLMENT FORM	
THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED BY FEBRUARY 18 TO GUARANTEE YOUR CHILD'S RETURN TO THE ACADEMY IN THE FALL OF 2019	
YES! My child/children <u>WILL</u> be returning:	
List each child	
1.	4.
2.	5.
3.	6.
Is the student's parent or guardian currently on active duty for any branch of the military?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes If so, which branch: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____	
Name: _____ Grade for Fall 2019: _____	
Name: _____ Grade for Fall 2019: _____	
DECLINING: My child/children <u>WILL NOT</u> be returning:	
1.	4.
2.	5.
3.	6.
Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____	
Reason for Decline: _____	

*Please see Ms. Tina or Ms. Brandy if you need a new form. Forms are due February 18th!



All Pro Dad Breakfast!

Join us this Friday for muffins and
bagels at 7am in the cafeteria!

Riverwood After School Club



Up to 1.5 hours of bowling with shoes,
Instruction & snack provided

5th- 8th Grades \$10 per visit

(online option available)

Tuesdays and/or Thursdays 3:30pm-5:15pm

(parent pickup available until 5:45pm)

ICTC Transportation provided from Renaissance to Riverwood



<http://www.riverwoodresort.com/-2019-youth-initiative>

PTO NEWS:

The next PTO meeting will be held
Thursday, February 14th, 5:30-6:30.

*due to snow day scheduling changes, this is
in lieu of our previously scheduled meeting
on February 12.

Please look for February Box Top submission
sheets in your student's backpacks!

Save the Date!

Valentine's Service Night-support our community.
February 19, 5:30-7pm at the school

*More details to follow!

Preschool News

What a week!

I said that a couple weeks ago too, but this weather has been silly lately!
This week was a ton of fun with our dance debut with Mrs. Anderson. We couldn't be
more proud of our students, and we thank Mrs. Anderson for the great job she did in
putting all of this together! What a blessing she is! Thank you all for attending.

-Mrs. Simon and Mrs. Binns

REMINDERS:

WE WILL RESCHEDULE OUR FAMILY
GAME NIGHT.
MORE INFO TO COME SOON.





Kindergarten News



Literacy

Sight words:

find this

We are doing activities with the -an word family: can, pan, fan, etc.

Math

The teen numbers may be challenging, but we've "got this". Numbers 10 to 20! Finishing up this week!

Writing

Spaghetti noodle spaces between letters and meatball spaces between words. Sentences begin with capital letters.

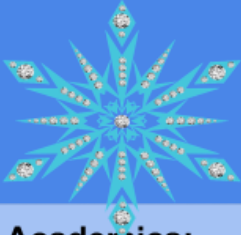
Social Studies

What are our NEEDS and WANTS? Are they the same or different?

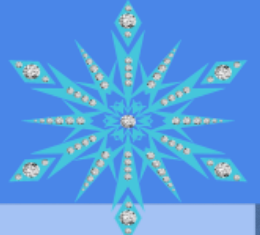
REMINDERS & EVENTS

You may bring little Valentine cards for your friends on Thursday. Just have your child sign their name. No need to address them.

There is a sign up sheet outside our classroom doors for our snack that day!



Voyager Newsletter



Academics:

In math, our students will be working on graphing. Students will learn how to recognize and create different graphs they may see in the world.

In reading, our students will be working on informational text; they will be taking notice of the different text features and the importance of these features.

In science, students will be working on our Light and Sound unit. Students will be completing a light and sound project for our next Learning Celebration.

In writing, our students will continue working on their information writing for this trimester. Students are researching an animal of their choice using pebbles.

Parents,

Welcome back! Here is to the hopes for a full week of school and nicer winter weather. Please continue to remember to send all winter clothing with your child each day: hat, gloves, snow pants, and boots are a necessity for your child to have fun in the snow. Also, if you can, please supply your child with a snack or two per day for snack time.

Thanks for your support!

Upcoming Events:

Monday, February 11: NWEA testing begins

Friday, February 22: Field trip to Snow Snake to go tubing



Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders

February 11, 2019 - February 15, 2019



This Week's Learning

Literacy: Islanders have been analyzing the different types of text structure for informational texts (compare & contrast, problem & solution, sequence, etc.)

Math: Our week was full of learning how to add and subtract fractions as well as looking at place value for decimals.

Writing: Islanders have continued to work on their rough drafts for their informational novels.

Social Studies: This week we started our Michigan Beyond Statehood unit for social studies. The students read about major events in Michigan's history, such as the invention of the Model T and the building of the Mackinac Bridge.

Staying Up To Date

- Due to the snow day on Wednesday, our field trip to watch the play about Harriet Tubman will not be rescheduled.
- Please check SeeSaw for details about rescheduling conferences this week as well as details about the Valentine's Day party.
- **Winter NWEA Testing begins this week**
Please make sure your children are getting plenty of sleep and bring their glasses to school.

Important Dates

Feb 11-15 - Winter NWEA Testing week
Feb 14 - Valentine's Day
Feb 18 - Now a full day of school for students
Mar 8 - End of second trimester
Mar 15 - CMU Med Students come into visit
Mar 21 - Impression 5 field trip
Mar 23-31 - Spring Break

Trailblazers:

February 4, 2019

Dear Trailblazer Families,

We are excited to be sharing with you information regarding our upcoming Project Based Learning unit, as well as an exciting field experience and culminating event. During the next 7 weeks, the RPSA Trailblazers will be planning a Renaissance Water Day, inspired by the United Nations World Water Day being held on March 22, 2019. This cross curricular unit will incorporate Literacy, Science, and Social Studies standards. It will also engage the students in building their collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity skills. We are anticipating so much growth and learning in the coming weeks!

To launch this project for our students, we have the opportunity to visit the **Soaring Eagle Waterpark on Wednesday, February 13, 2019**. The students will be taken on a behind the scenes tour of the facility. Our tour will be led by one of the waterpark staff who is an expert on the recycling and reuse system they have in place. Students will get to see what happens to the water in the park and what conservation efforts are in place to recycle and reuse as much as possible. Students will also have the chance to play in the water park during our visit!

The culminating event for this unit will take place on March 20, 2019. Our learning will focus on Earth's water systems, use and conservation of these resources, distribution of this resource around the world, and issues facing citizens in Michigan related to this important resource. Throughout the unit, students will be planning an awareness event to teach our community about water concerns, and what efforts are already in place in our state regarding water use and conservation. As always with our PBL units, the students will be taking complete ownership of this event. At this time, we can say it will take place on March 20th in an event room at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. Other details will come later, after the students have made their decisions.

This unit is going to be a big undertaking and adventure for our students. We are excited to see how they decide to coordinate the event and how their passions drive the project. We would love support from you at home as well! If you know of a project, group, or event in our area that may interest the students as they coordinate this event please share with your child's teacher via SeeSaw. They will be looking for local organizations and groups to set up informational booths. Anyone with an interest in raising awareness, conservation, recycling, or just water appreciation may be welcomed by our students. We would love your help guiding them towards the resources already available across our state!

The waterpark field trip, as well as the culminating event, will take some financial commitment to our students. We are asking for donations of \$5 to \$15 for the waterpark field trip. All donations will be matched by RPSA to go towards the cost of the Renaissance Water Day event. Please note, 100% of our students will have the opportunity to attend this field experience, any donations which can be made towards making that happen are greatly appreciated but not required for student attendance.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher. Details regarding the waterpark field trip can be found on the back of this letter. Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,
The Trailblazer Teaching Team



Soaring Eagle Waterpark Field Trip

When: Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Time: 9:45am to 12:45pm

Donations: \$5 - \$15 donations are appreciated, but not required

Important Details:

- Students will be at school to eat at our usual lunch time
- Students should come to school with bathing suits under their clothing
- Students must bring a change of clothes for after swimming (water resistant bag recommended for wet clothing after the park)
- Waterpark staff, lifeguards, and your student's teachers will be supervising for safety

Study Lab Tuesday and Thursday Schedule a Conference with Your Advisory Teacher

Math	English Language Arts			Science	Social Studies	
<p>Mr. McCausey's classes have begun their new unit: Statistics & Probability. Inequalities Assessment results will be shared via SeeSaw with families.</p> <p>Mr. Buzard's math classes are continuing calculating slope and writing equations for lines in slope-intercept form.</p> <p>In Resource Room, students are continuing to work on converting fractions to decimals in tenths and hundredths form and comparing decimals on a number line</p>	<p>This week students will continue their exploration of argumentative writing. Students will write the claim and introduction to their paper. We are also continuing our study of root words.</p> <p>Ms. Hunter is conferencing with her students about their reading as well as continuing our read aloud.</p> <p>In Resource room, we are using various reading strategies to help us comprehend the informational pieces we are reading. In Resource Room Writing class, students are beginning a Poetry unit.</p>			<p>The Science Classes continue work with Genetics - examining Gregor Mendel's work with pea plants. Further they are exploring the Punnett Square; focusing on genotype and phenotype.</p>	<p>We are closing out our exploration of major empires and will soon be starting our new projects creating time-travel brochures!</p> <p>Thank you to Dr. Cathy Willermet for taking the time to come speak with all of our students last week about empires!</p>	
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Major Assignment, Assessments and Events	NWEA Testing	<p>NWEA Testing</p> <p>Study Lab</p> <p><u>No Student Council</u></p>	Early Release	<p>NWEA Testing</p> <p>Study Lab</p> <p><u>No Student Council</u></p>		

Athletics

Girls Basketball:

Monday, February 11, the "B" team will be at home to play the Saints of St. Michael. The game is scheduled to begin at 5:30pm. Come on out and support our Lady Rams!

Monday, February 11, the "A" team will be in Midland to play Calvary Baptist. The game is scheduled to begin at 5:00pm. Make the trip to Midland and support the team!

Wednesday, February 13, the "A" team will travel to Big Rapids to play the Colts of St. Mary. The game is scheduled to begin at 6:30pm. I am sure the ladies would love your support.

Thursday, February 14, the "B" team will be home to host the Patriots of Heritage Christian. This game is scheduled to begin at 5:30pm. We would love to see you there.

Thursday, February 14, the "A" team will be on the road again - this time to Gladwin. Our ladies will take on Skeels Christian at their place. The game is scheduled to begin at 5:30pm.

Schedule Changes:

Please make note of the schedule changes that have happened. These changes were made to accommodate the recent weather and other hiccups in scheduling and gym availability (not necessarily ours). I appreciate all of the support and patience, as all of the schools do the best that they can to be flexible. You can find the changes on the schedule by going online to our athletics website under girls basketball (download schedule).

Uniforms:

All boys basketball uniforms and cheer team uniforms are due to be returned. Please wash them and return them to Mr. McCausey as soon as possible.

Athletics Banquet:

On February 22, we will celebrate our boys basketball teams and their accomplishments. The banquet will take place in the school cafeteria from 5:30 to 7:00pm. Boys basketball players and their families are invited to attend.

Author Visit with Hena Khan!

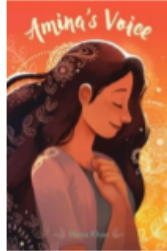
Tuesday, February 26th

We're so excited that award-winning author Hena Khan will be visiting our school to share her books and writing experience with our students.

CHAPTER BOOKS:

Amina's Voice

Zayd Saleem Series



PICTURE BOOKS:

Golden Domes and Silver

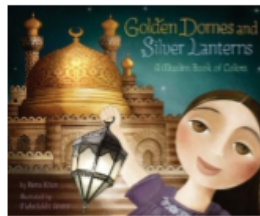
Lanterns

Crescent Moons &

Pointed Minarets

Under My Hijab

Night of the Moon



To receive signed copies of Hena Khan's books, please submit this form to the office with payment by **Friday, February 22nd**.

Child's name: _____ Teacher/Grade: _____

Title	Format	Price	Sign to
Amina's Voice	Paperback	\$8.00	
Power Forward (Book 1)	Paperback	\$7.00	
On Point (Book 2)	Paperback	\$7.00	
Bounce Back (Book 3)	Paperback	\$7.00	
Golden Domes & Silver Lanterns	Paperback	\$7.00	
Crescent Moons & Pointed Minarets	Hardcover	\$18.00	
Under My Hijab	Hardcover	\$18.00	
Night of the Moon	Hardcover	\$17.00	

TOTAL \$ _____

Additional order forms are available from Mrs. Doyle or can be found at the communication center across from the office.

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March 22, 2019

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School Name:

Nombre de escuela

Renaissance Public School Academy

Yearbook Anuario

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SCHOOL MEMORIES**

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- All color pages that vibrantly capture your memories throughout the school year

El anuario incluye:

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- Todas las páginas a color, que captan de manera vibrante tus recuerdos durante el año escolar

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