

Renaissance Report

FEBRUARY 12, 2020

It is time to re-enroll at Renaissance!

Re-enrollment forms have been sent home with all current Renaissance students.

The form must be returned by *February 18th* to guarantee your child's return to Renaissance in the fall of 2020.

Additional forms can be found outside the office.

<u>Just a Reminder:</u>

There will be no school February 14th and 17th

Snack and Treat Policy:

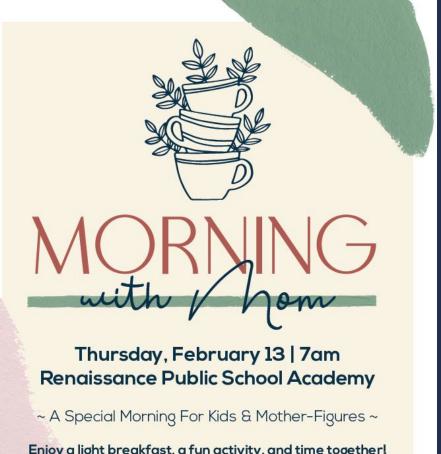
Snack and Treat Policy

We recognize the importance of healthy snacks along with the importance of celebrations on occasion, and certainly want to continue these traditions at Renaissance. However, to be good stewards of our school facility and to serve as role models for our students when making nutritional decisions and to be responsive to those children who have food allergies or other dietary restrictions, we have implemented the following policies with regards to snacks and birthday treats at school.

- · Treats with icing/frosting are not permitted. Cakes and cupcakes are not permitted at school.
- Any special treat such as for a birthday must be
 - Pre-arranged with the teacher prior to the day of the "celebration"
 - o Dropped off at the start of the school day
 - Individually packaged or separated before sending to school to assist teachers in passing them out to students.
 - Non-perishable We do not have the ability to refrigerate or freeze items.
 - To protect classrooms from interruptions, students will NOT be permitted to take treats around the building during the school day.
- Students may only bring water to drink during the school day.
 - Soda, coffee, smoothies, power drinks are not allowed in the school. Any such drinks brought to school must be disposed of before entering the building.
 - Students may bring a healthy drink in their lunch if a cold lunch is packed. It may only be drunk during lunch period.
- Classroom snacks must be dry.
 - Dry snacks include fresh fruits, vegetables, crackers, cereal, granola bars, etc.
 - Snacks not allowed include juice filled items such as fruit cups, puddings, etc.
- School breakfast is available for a charge to all students.
 - Breakfast may not be brought from home to be eaten at school.
 - Only school breakfast may be eaten at school.
 - Students may not bring fast food, donuts, bagels, etc. into the school be eaten before school begins.
 - Students not wishing to eat the school provided breakfast should plan to eat before they arrive at school.
- · A student must bring their cold lunch to school with them at the start of the school day.
 - Fast food and delivered food is not allowed.
 - A family may make <u>prior arrangements with the classroom teacher</u> for a special lunch with their child. This is for special occasions only.
- Classroom celebrations may deviate from this policy on occasion with prior approval.
- Students in classrooms with classmates who have food allergies will be required to follow additional required safety protocols to ensure the health and safety of all students.
- Students do not have access to a refrigerator or microwave during the school day.
- These guidelines apply for any groups using our building (outside the cafeteria) after school hours or for activities taking place after school (PTO events, PEAK, tutoring, etc.)

Michigan's Charter School organization created a featured video and article about Renaissance. Check it out by clicking on the image below!





Enjoy a light breakfast, a fun activity, and time together!
Please RSVP through the link below and be
entered into a drawing for a coffee gift card.

https://bit.ly/35BL8gV

IF TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE EVENT IS NEEDED, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE,

SPONSORED BY YOUR RPSA PTO



Hey Dad – What does your child really need for breakfast? **YOU!**

All Star Dads Breakfast • Friday, February 21 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. Thank You! Please come even if you forget to RSVP!

Classroom News:



Kindergarten News

Literacy

We are keeping these two sight words this week:

will be

As we read, we talk about what the author and illustrator do in the book.

Math

We continue to practice numbers to 100. We are writing them on a 100 chart, and recalling what number comes before and after.

Writing

We are writing in our journals and sharing information like authors do in books.

Social Studies

We continue our unit on Needs and Wants. We are sorting pictures and making a Needs and Wants poster.

Reminders & Events

You may send 25 Valentine Cards with your child tomorrow. Please just have your child sign their name. There is no need to address them. This is not required.

Please remember to send a snack for for the afternoon on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Mid-Winter Break - No school February 14-17



Voyager Newsletter **

Academics:

In math, our students continue to work on Fact Families w/ missing addends. Also, students continue to work with non-standard and standard measurement.

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 with daily. In the end, students will be able to explain and complete tasks showing how things can change from one state to another.

In writing, students will begin informational writing. Students will focus on their choice of bird and write about its habitat, migration or adaptation pattern, diet, 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.

A friendly reminder, students need to eat breakfast at home or eat the school provided breakfast. Please don't send them with breakfast from home-thank you!

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.

Dates to remember: Thursday, February 13, 2020 Muffins with Mom @ 7 a.m.

Friday, February 14 and Monday, February 17, 2020 No School - Mid-Winter Break



Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders

February 12, 2020





This Week's Learning

Literacy: Islanders this week learned about some non-fiction text features, such as problem/solution and cause/effect.

Math: Groups this week learned about adding and subtracting fractions, subtracting from whole numbers, and algebraic equations.

Writing: The Islanders this week started to create a rough draft of their personal narrative.

Social Studies: Islanders this week started creating their speeches for their Government Project! They will be running for a office position in Michigan's government.

Ideas for Home

- Ask your student how their campaign speech is coming!
- Several of our school library books have not been returned from the Islander students. Will you please help look for these at home?
- Valentine's Day is this week! Check SeeSaw to see updates for your class party.
- Check in with your children to see how many goals they have achieved this year.

Important Dates

- No School on February 14th and February 17th
- The Islanders are off to the capitol! Mr.
 Neyer and Mrs. Brandeberry will be going on
 Tuesday, February 18th. Mrs. Schwartz and
 Mrs. Lindsay will be going on Tuesday,
 February 25th. More details will be available
 via Seesaw!
- Learning Celebration is on March 4th



News and Events

OUR CURRENT PBL DRIVING QUESTION:

How can studying stories of immigration throughout history help us build empathy, respect, understanding, and compassion for others?

матн	Solving simple equations, measures of central tendency, measurement conversions within a system - ask your child which one they're working on.
PBL	World Geography - AMAZING RACE! And Immigration Studies - Humanities
LITERACY	Literature Circles
WRITING	Narrative Writing



Thank you to all of our Amazing Race participants! You helped make our students work meaningful.

REMINDER - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS ON February 14th and February 17th.

Middle School Happenings February 13 - February 19

Study Lab Tuesday and Thursday

Math		English	nglish/ Language Arts				Social Studies	
Mr. Buzard's math classes are finishing up their work on two variable equations and will be moving on to slope. Mr. McCausey's classes are working on Algebraic Equations - Inequalities Resource math is working on objectives individualized for each student.		Ms. Hunter's ELA classes are still working on debate and argument, and will soon start instruction on literary elements and analyzing fictional literature. Mrs. Liphard's group have completed the first draft of their argument papers and are peer editing. Resource writing is beginning our unit on being safe social media users and the lasting impact of a social media footprint.		Electromagnetic Spectrum work begins: Light Intensity vs. Distance Lab, and Electromagnetic Spectrum Laband Waves work continues.		We are finishing Chapter 6 and starting conversations about slavery in America.		
	2/13(Th)		2/14 (Fri)	2	17 (Mon)	2/18 Tue	e)	2/19 (Wed)
Major Assignment, Assessments, and Events		dy Lab	No School	,	No School	Study La	b	

RAMS Athletics:

ATHLETICS

UPCOMING GIRLS BASKETBALL



February 13, 2020
Girls "A" Basketball Vs. Heritage Christian
6:30 Start Time

February 13, 2020
Girls "B" Basketball at Skeels Christian (Gladwin)
5:00 Start Time



February 18, 2020
Girls "B" Basketball vs. MP Sacred Heart
5:00 Start Time



ATHLETICS

Scholarship Families:
Please remember to sign up on the volunteer sheets posted outside the gym.

Scholarships will become null and void and the full balance will become due for families that do not work at one home athletic event. Thank you.

~ Athletic Department



If you have questions, please contact Mr. McCausey.



ATHLETICS Cheer Team & Boys Basketball

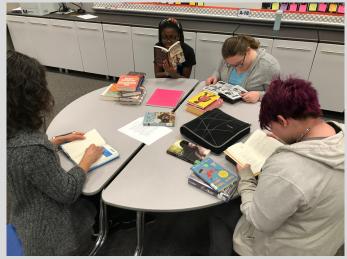
Please return your uniform to Mr. McCausey or drop it off in the office when you arrive. Some are still out there.
Uniforms not turned in will result in non-participation in athletics at Renaissance until we have it...or the purchase of a replacement. Thank you. ~ Athletic Department

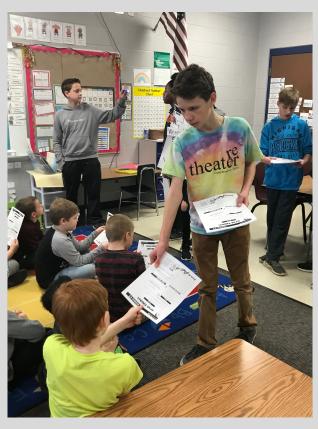
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Spotlight on Specials!

Wednesday Middle School Clubs







A middle school learner hands out school newspapers to a class of Voyagers

Middle School Clubs:

On Wednesdays, middle school learners are offered different club options. Some of their choices include a piano club, a book club, and a newspaper club.

