



# Renaissance Report

FEBRUARY 26, 2020

## **School Improvement Survey**

**Each year, our school improvement team conducts a survey of parents, staff members, and third through eighth grade students. 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 25 questions and provides an opportunity for you to share additional comments.**

**Please complete the survey by February 27.**

**You can complete the survey by clicking on the following link.**

<http://bit.ly/RPSA2020>

**Thank you for your feedback.**

# Renaissance

## Public School Academy

### invites you to swim into our school for kindergarten Round-up!



Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>  
5:30-7:00 PM

We are looking for all little guppies who will be five on or before September 1, 2020

#### What to expect:

- Informational meeting for adult family members
- Student activities in kindergarten classrooms
- Meet the teachers
- Tour the school
- Learn what makes Renaissance unique

Call (989) 773-9889 to attend with your child.



\*Free transportation if needed to and from round up. Simply schedule while making your appointment.  
\*Childcare available for siblings during round up. Please register in advance when you call.



-K-8, tuition free  
Michigan public  
school academy

-Multi-age classes

-Focus on  
pursuing student  
passions

-Enrichment  
classes include  
music, physical  
education,  
movement,  
STEAM and library  
on a weekly basis

-Free before  
school supervision  
beginning daily at  
7:30 AM

-PEAK program  
available until  
6 PM each school  
day



## RPSA Apparel Sale

DEADLINE:  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Submit your order today!

If you missed the school apparel sale in the fall or wanted to order something more, we are offering a second opportunity to order this year. Order forms are available in the lobby and can be submitted with payment to the office by this Friday, February 28.

**All are invited to attend our next PTO meeting on Tuesday, March 3rd. We hope to see you at 5:30 PM!**



## THANK YOU

for your submissions that support our school!

Claire from Mrs. Assmann's class is our latest winner of a \$10 Meijer Gift Card!

Submit your Box Tops - every 10 is one entry

\*Please continue to submit your Box Tops in the box in our lobby for a chance to win a gift card. You can leave them in an envelope, baggie, or taped to paper. Remember to include your child's name and classroom to win!

\*\*Just snap a picture of your account for scanned submissions and email to [renaissanceramspto@gmail.com](mailto:renaissanceramspto@gmail.com) with students name.

\*For additional information visit: <https://www.boxtops4education.com/>



SEE THIS...  
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*Welcome to Girls on the Run!*

*Don't let this information*



*roll on by*



### What is Girls on the Run?

It is a team of girls that want to be happy, strong, and learn more about themselves. We have coaches to help us!

### When and Where does it start?

Registration for our Spring 2020 Season will be open from December 16, 2019 - March 2, 2020  
Our Spring 2020 season of Girls on the Run will be held March 2nd - May 14th. On May 14, 2020 we will be holding our Celebratory 5K at Shepherd High School @ 6 pm.

### What do we do?

We meet in small teams, 2 times a week, after school for 90 minutes. Our coaches come right to the school so we don't have to travel anywhere! Practice days & times will be decided by your coach.  
Coaches that are certified teach us new life skills through dynamic, interactive lessons and running games. We learn about building ourselves up as girls and understanding ourselves. We learn about confidence, being joyful, and healthy too. We workout together and have fun - we even get a snack at every practice!

### What else do we need to know?

- \$135.00 per girl (scholarships are possible online)
- We get new shoes, t-shirt, water bottle and GOTR program!
- We run a Celebration 5K at the end of the 10 weeks
- We make NEW friends and most importantly - we have FUN!

For more information visit : [www.gotrcentralmichigan.org](http://www.gotrcentralmichigan.org)

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Renaissance Reading Month: March 2020

# Pop Open a Good Book!



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 <b>Show Your School Spirit</b> Wear your favorite school gear  Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!	3  Find your favorite place at home to read!	4  Wordy Wednesday! Read a shirt day	5  Read to a stuffed animal or pet at home!	6 <b>Flashlight Friday</b> Curl up with a flashlight and enjoy a great book!
9  Decorate your locker with your favorite book!	10  Read to a family member at home!	11  Be a Reading "Jean-ius" Read in your Jeans!	12 Read a joke to your class day! 	13 <b>Hats Off to Reading!</b>  Wear your favorite hat.
16 Read your favorite book at school! Bring one from home if you want.	17 <b>Happy St. Patrick's Day!</b>   Wear as much green as you can.	18 <b>Sock it to me!</b>  Wear your crazy socks.	19 Have a teacher read you one of their favorite books!	20 <b>Be a Reading Rainbow!</b>  Wear as many colors as you can. (All-Star Dads)
23  Listen to someone read to you at home!	24 Make a fort at home and read in it!	25 <b>Cuddle Up With a Good Book!</b> Wear pajamas to school.	26 <b>Read a book to a friend!</b>  Kindergarten Musical and Learning Celebration beginning at 8:30 a.m.	27  <b>No School Spring Break Begins!</b>

**We are so excited to celebrate our love of reading! Check out our calendar of events and look for more info in next week's newsletter!**



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**mylifetouch.com**

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### Mark Your Calendar

Marcar el calendario

**Tuesday, March 10, 2020**  
**\ martes, 10 de marzo, 2020**

**Renaissance Public School Academy**

**Picture Day ID:**  
**LM889128G0**



Design and class posing may vary by school.  
La pose de la clase y el diseño pueden variar según la escuela.

Questions? Please contact Customer Service at 800-736-4753. ¿Preguntas? Comuníquese con el Servicio de Atención al Cliente, llamando al 800-736-4753.

### IMPORTANT:

**Payment for class pictures must be received by Picture Day!**

¡IMPORTANTE! El pago de las fotos de la clase debe recibirse para el Día de la Foto!

Pay with cash, check or money order payable to Lifetouch. Please include 1 payment per envelope. EXACT PAYMENT REQUIRED. When you pay by check, you authorize us to process the payment as a check, a debit card, or to use information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your checking account. A service fee may be charged on returned checks. Paga con efectivo, cheque o giro postal a la orden de Lifetouch. Se requiere el pago EXACTO. Cuando pagas con cheque, nos autorizas a procesar el pago como una transacción con cheque o a usar la información de tu cheque para realizar una transferencia electrónica de fondos de tu cuenta de cheques. Un cargo por servicio puede ser aplicado en caso de cheques devueltos.

### Class Picture Order Form

To order a class picture, please fill out this form and give to the photographer on Picture Day.

Para encargar una foto de la clase, completa este formulario en este sobre y entéguelo al fotógrafo el Día de la Foto.

Student's Name: Nombre del alumno/a

Teacher: Maestra/o

Grade: Grado

By completing and submitting this order form, you are agreeing to all of Lifetouch's terms and conditions located at <http://www.lifetouch.com/terms-conditions/> and/or our privacy policy located at <http://www.lifetouch.com/privacy/>.

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### Pay at mylifetouch.com

Paga en mylifetouch.com

**Picture Day ID:**  
**LM889128G0**

Enter Online Payment Code:

Ingresar el código de pago por internet

OR

### Send payment in this envelope

O envía el pago en este sobre

Price: Precio **\$12** Qty: Cantidad Subtotal: Subtotal

Add 6% tax. Agregar un 6% en concepto de impuesto a las ventas

Total Enclosed Total incluido \$



**Paper copies of  
this order form  
will be sent home  
with students...or  
use this  
information to  
order online!**

**And...it is time to order your Yearbook!**

Order your yearbook today

Encarga hoy tu anuario.

**ybpay.lifetouch.com**

Order Deadline:

**March 20, 2020**

Yearbook ID Code:

**13009820**

School Name:

**Renaissance Public School Academy**

**Yearbook**  
Anuarios

**\$12**



**Don't miss this year's school memories**  
No te pierdes los recuerdos escolares de este año

\*Yearbook design varies by school. El diseño del anuario varía según la escuela.  
El anuario tiene por diseño una temática específica. El diseño puede variar según la escuela. El anuario tiene por diseño una temática específica. El diseño puede variar según la escuela. El anuario tiene por diseño una temática específica. El diseño puede variar según la escuela.

### Yearbook Includes:

- Sturdy soft cover with protective coating
- All-color pages that vibrantly capture your memories throughout the school year
- Durable binding that keeps the yearbook intact through wear and tear

### El anuario incluye:

- Cubierta blanda resistente con revestimiento protector
- Todas las páginas a color que captan de manera vibrante los recuerdos durante el año escolar
- Encuadernación sólida y cabezal duradera, que mantiene el anuario intacto contra el desgaste natural

# Classroom News:



## Kindergarten News

### Literacy

Our two new sight words are:  
**go for**  
As we read stories, we are asking questions for depth of meaning.

### Math

We are starting some simple addition this week. We will use some different strategies for adding things together.

### Writing

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

### Social Studies

We continue our Needs and Wants Unit, talking about Goods and Services.

### \*Reminders & Events\*

Dates to remember:

Student Led Conferences are coming up March 16, 17, 18.

Watch for sign up on *Genius* soon.

March 26, Kindergarten "Moosical" 8:30 am

Spring Break - March 27-April 3

No school - April 10 and April 13



## 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 continue learning about states of matter. Students will be to explain their understanding of 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 be finishing their informational writing. Students are focusing on their choice of bird and writing 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:

March 12, 2020  
Kindergarten Round-up  
5:30-7:00

Week of March 14th  
Student Led Conferences  
Watch for sign-ups

Friday, March 27 - April 3, 2020  
Spring Break



# Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders

February 26, 2020

3rd and 4th  
grade



## This Week's Learning

**Literacy:** Islanders this week continued to dive into some non-fiction text structures.

**Math:** This week groups worked on adding/subtracting money, understanding decimals, and plotting coordinate planes.

**Writing:** The Islanders this week started to type their final draft of their personal narrative.

**Social Studies:** Islanders performed their speeches today! We are very proud of everyone for being brave and going in front of the classes. The Islanders will vote and narrow the candidates down to 12 by Friday.

## Ideas for Home

- Handwriting, punctuation, and spelling is encouraged to be practiced at home as well as school.
- Please always check SeeSaw on a weekly basis for important updates!
- Mrs. Brandeberry's and Mr. Neyer's field trip to the Capitol has been rescheduled for Monday, March 9th.

## Important Dates

- Learning Celebration is on March 4th from 12:30pm-1:45pm
- Mrs. Brandeberry's and Mr. Neyer's class will be going to Forest Hill on March 5th and Mrs. Lindsey's and Mrs. Schwartz's class on March 6th
- Student Led Conference week starts on March 16th
  - More details will be coming soon



# Michigan and Me

The Islanders have so much to share about what they have learned and love about Michigan!

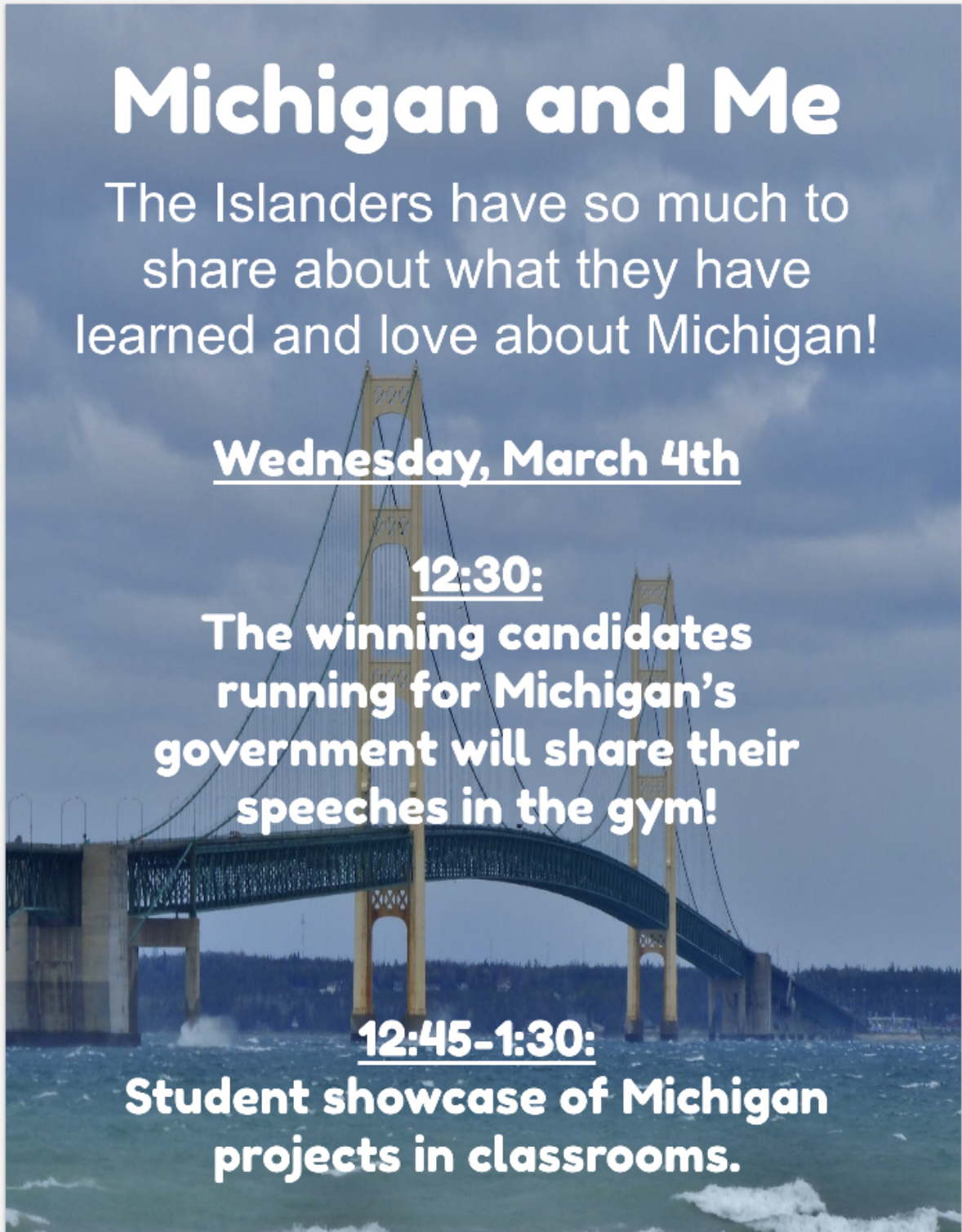
Wednesday, March 4th

12:30:

The winning candidates running for Michigan's government will share their speeches in the gym!

12:45-1:30:

Student showcase of Michigan projects in classrooms.





# 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?

<b>MATH</b>	Probability, measurement conversions within a system, Line plots, Ratios and rates, Percents- ask your child which one they're working on.
<b>PBL</b>	<p><b>Humanities - Immigration Studies</b> - D2.Geo.4.6-8. Explain how cultural patterns and economic decisions influence environments and the daily lives of people in both nearby and distant places.</p> <p>D2.Geo.11.9-12. Evaluate how economic globalization and the expanding use of scarce resources contribute to conflict and cooperation within and among countries.</p> <p>D2.Geo.12.9-12. Evaluate the consequences of human-made and natural catastrophes on global trade, politics, and human migration.</p>
<b>LITERACY</b>	Literature Circles
<b>WRITING</b>	Narrative Writing - Write a personal narrative about a moment when your life changed in an important way.

## Middle School Happenings February 27 - March 4

### Study Lab Tuesday and Thursday

Math	English/ Language Arts		Science	Social Studies	
<p>Mr. Buzard's math classes are continuing to work on slope and equations for lines in slope intercept form.</p> <p>Mr. McCausey's classes are beginning a new unit: Statistics &amp; Probability</p> <p>Resource math works on objectives tailored to each student.</p>	<p>Ms. Hunter's ELA classes are learning about methods of persuasion and the structure of an academic debate.</p> <p>Resource writing will be continuing our unit on social media and being safe online. We will focus on what is safe to share, what is not safe, and how what you post has a lasting impact.</p>		<p>Science classes should be finishing up Electromagnetic Spectrum work. They will be learning about Waves for the next few weeks, before beginning their next big project - Rube Goldberg!</p>	<p>Mr. Buzard's classes have finished Chapter 6 presentations and are moving on to Chapter 7 of our digital textbook. We will be writing an essay on Chapter 7.</p> <p>Ms. Hunter's class has finished reading chapter 6 in MI open book and are writing short essays on the questions to guide inquiry.</p>	
	2/27 (Th)	2/28 (Fri)	3/2 (Mon)	3/3 (Tue)	3/4 (Wed)
<b>Major Assignment, Assessments, and Events</b>	<p>Study Lab</p> <p>Girls Basketball A/B Vs. St. Mary 5:30/6:30</p>		<p>Girls Basketball A/B at St. Ann 5:30/6:30</p>	Study Lab	



## ATHLETICS

### Cheer Team

**The athletic department has many cheer uniforms still missing. If you have not turned in your uniform, please do so as soon as possible. A replacement fee will be charged for uniforms that do not get turned in. Thank you.**

**If you have questions, please contact Mr. McCausey.**

## ATHLETICS

## UPCOMING GIRLS BASKETBALL

**February 27, 2020**  
**Girls "A/B" Basketball Vs. St. Mary**  
**5:30/6:30 Start Time**

**March 2, 2020**  
**Girls "A/B" Basketball at St. Ann (Cadillac)**  
**5:30/6:30 Start Time**





## ATHLETICS Track & Field



**Informational Meeting - March 23rd - 5:15 PM**  
**Mr. McCausey's Classroom**

Interested boys and girls in grades 7 & 8 are encouraged to attend, along with their families. Important new program information will be given, details of the rollout, policies discussed, coaches introduced, and a Q&A session to wrap everything up. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. McCausey

## ATHLETICS BANQUET Cheer Team & Girls Basketball



**March 24**  
**5:30 - 7:00 PM**  
**School Cafeteria**



Cheer Team and A/B Girls Basketball players and their families are invited to attend. Celebrate with awards. Dinner is provided.



## ATHLETICS

### **Little Rams Basketball Camp: Year 2**

**Be on the lookout...soon...for upcoming information!**



# Spotlight on Specials!

## STEAM with Mrs. Papenfus



Kinder friends had fun exploring 3D shapes in STEAM!



Trailblazers began working with Snap Circuits in STEAM!