

Renaissance Report FEBRUARY 4, 2019

Welcome back to school!



If you haven't already done so, please sign up for a conference with your child's teacher by clicking on the following link:

Swinter Conference Sign-up

It's time to re-enroll for the 2019-2020 school year!

Information regarding re-enrollment for the 2019-20 school year will be sent home with your students today! Forms must be returned by 2/18/19 to guarantee your student a spot.

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

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DECLINING: My child/children WILL NOT be returning:

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Parent Signature: ____

Reason for Decline:

We are already looking forward to another great year at RPSA!

Leader of the Month



The Leader of the Month Breakfast has been rescheduled for Tuesday, February 5th. If your student was chosen as a Leader of the Month, we look forward to seeing you tomorrow morning at 7:40am!

Preschool & Kindergarten Learning Celebration



February 5, 2019: Our youngest Rams will have an opportunity to show off their learning! 2:15PM

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

PTO NEWS:

Save the Date!

Valentine's Service Night-support our community February 19, 5:30-7pm at the school *More details to follow!

Gratiot-Isabella Technical Education Center

OPEN HOUSE

Over 50 years of CTE education at work

Thursday, February 7, 2019 5:30-7:30 pm





All Mt. Pleasant labs will be open and operational

National Technical Honor Society Induction Ceremony at 7:45 pm

Gratiot-Isabella Technical Education Center 1155 S. Elizabeth St. Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48858 (989) 775-2210 www.GI-TEC.com

This is a great opportunity for our older Rams to check out Mount Pleasant High School's Tech Center!



Voyager Newsletter



Academics:

In math, our students will be working on shapes and fractions. Also, students will work on multi-step word problems.

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 pebblego.

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 4: Conference week

Monday, February 11: NWEA testing begins

Monday, February 18: No School for Students

Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders

February 4th-8th

This Week's Learning

Literacy: This week we will continue with our Social Studies unit on Michigan History! We will also be working on our Think CERCA individually and in small groups! Math: We will continue to work hard within our fraction unit as well as practicing story problem's using money. Ask your Islander about their Rocket Math progress! Writing: The students are making great progress in their non-fiction books! Science: Teams have started to show off their final projects! Social Studies: Islanders have started to dig into Michigan's history after statehood! We are diving into 12 significant events!

Staying Up To Date

- Ask your child about Rocket Math!
- Have you signed up for Parent Teacher Conferences this week?
- Check Seesaw for up-to-date announcements.

Important Dates

- Islanders will be attending a live performance on Harriet Tubman in Midland on February 6thl We will be back at the school by lunch.
- Next month we will be headed to Impression 5
 Science Museum in Lansing!

Trailblazer Water Day!



Your student should be bringing home information about their new Project Based Learning unit! Look for it today, and ask them about this exciting project!

Middle School Happenings:

^{The} MASQUERADE BALL



Date: 2/5/19 Time: 5:30-7:00 Location: Gymnasium

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO COME WEARING FORMAL ATTIRE.

Hide Your Identity with mask. Mask Will be Provided if needed; but be encouraged to bring your own.



<u>Dinner</u> <u>Includes:</u> Pizza Pop/Water Dessert

TICKETS

Dinner, Photo, Dance Entry~ \$10

Dance Entry~\$5

All middle school students are invited to join us for a fun evening at

The Masquerade Ball!

Athletics

Girls Basketball:

Wow, what a crazy week we just had! With all of the cancellations, the schedule has been shaken up a bit. You can find the updated girls basketball schedule on our website. Remember, the website is your friend!

Monday, February 4, our "A/B" games have been canceled. St. Mary did not have school today due to fog and slick road conditions. A make-up date will be announced as soon as possible.

Thursday, February 7, our "A" team will travel to the West Michigan Academy of Environmental Science (WMAES) for a game that is set to begin at 5:30pm. If you are going to make the trip, directions are posted on the website.

Boys Basketball - Winter Banquet:

The banquet will take place on February 22 in the school cafeteria from 5:30 to 7:00pm. Boys basketball players from our two "A" teams and "B" team are invited to attend, along with their families! We look forward to celebrating their achievements together!

Uniforms:

All boys basketball and cheer team uniforms must be washed and turned in as soon as possible. Thank you.

Volunteers Needed:

Remember, you can volunteer to work at any home athletic event by signing up outside the gymnasium, or by talking with Mr. McConnell. There is still time to fulfill those scholarship obligations.

Battle of the Books

The first written battle for the Battle of the Books competition has been rescheduled for Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. The bus will depart Renaissance at the end of the school day. Students will be back at Renaissance and ready for parents to pick up at approximately 6:15 p.m.

The first written battle location is at Northeast Middle School, 1305 E. Sugnet Rd. in Midland. Parents may drive separately to attend the battle if they choose; however, it is important to note that no spectators are allowed during the actual competition. All parents, teachers, and team coaches will be asked to wait in an adjacent classroom while the teams compete in the cafeteria. Results of the battle will be shared with the teams after the librarians have finished their scoring, usually the next day.

Due to the snow week, the subsequent rounds of the competition have been adjusted and condensed. There are 44 teams competing, and the top scoring 22 teams will advance to the second written battle. The second written battle will now be held on Saturday, February 16. I have contacted the Midland librarians to identify a specific time and will share this when I hear back from them. This year, the second written battle will take place in the Grace A. Dow Library Auditorium and will be open to spectators. The top two scoring teams from this round will advance to the championship competition on Thursday, February 21. The championship battle is also open to spectators. The round of oral battles has been cancelled for this year.

The school cancellations this week have added some extra challenges to scheduling the battles this year. I appreciate your flexibility and understanding as we work to make this an exciting experience for our students.

Please email me if you have any additional questions.

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