



Renaissance Report

MARCH 5, 2018

March is Reading Month!



5	6	7	8	9
	Booknic 11:30 - 12:30	Author Laurie Keller visits!	No School	No School



Booknic

Tuesday, March 6th
11:30-12:30

Bring a book and join your child for lunch and reading!

Families can bring a lunch to share, or students can order a sack lunch from school at no cost.

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PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

Notes from Mrs. Bergman

Dates to Keep in Mind:

March 6th is the RPSA Booknic.



No School March 8th and 9th.

Please plan ahead.



**Spring pictures are scheduled for
March 13th.**



**Kindergarten Round-up
March 14th and 21st**



**Learning Celebration: March 14th
at 8:15am**



Spring Break: March 26-30

Renaissance Public School Academy

invites you to
swim into our school
for Kindergarten Roundup!



Wednesday, March 14th OR
Wednesday March 21st 5:30-7:00 PM

We are looking for all little guppies who will
be five on or before September 1, 2018

What to expect:

- Informational meeting for adult family members
- Student activities while adults meet the teachers
- Tour the school
- Learn what makes Renaissance unique

Call (989) 773-9889 to sign up for an evening 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, art,
physical
education,
technology, and
library on a
weekly basis

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

- PEAK program
available until
6PM each school
day

- Free breakfast
and hot lunch for
all students

Parent Club News:



The Spring Carnival will be held April 20th! Anyone interested in helping the Carnival Committee can contact Sarah Whitman at siwhitman31@gmail.com.

Remember to please turn in your Box Tops. Please remember to add your first and last name



March is Reading Month

We're going to be Reading 'Til We Drop!!

Renaissance Public School Academy is gearing up to celebrate Reading Month! During the month of March the entire school will participate in encouraging and celebrating each other as readers. Along with the themed days on our calendar, there will be a March Reading Madness Tournament of Books, classes will have special days with their Reading Buddies, and guest readers will be visiting throughout the month. We welcome any guest who wants to share a love of reading with our students!

We are thrilled that we will be bringing acclaimed author and illustrator, Laurie Keller, to visit Renaissance on March 7th!! Keller has written many hilarious picture books such as *We Are Growing*, *Scrambled States of America*, and *Do Unto Otters*, as well as a wonderful series of chapter books starring Arnie the Doughnut. Keller will hold assemblies with every grade during her visit where she will share inspiring writing and drawing activities. Information was sent home last week so that families could order Laurie Keller's books for your Renaissance students.

All month, we will be working to increase our reading stamina during Drop Everything And Read time, or DEAR time. When DEAR time is announced, students will grab their books and read for a designated period of time. Each classroom will set a goal that they will try to reach during our Read 'Til We Drop Read-A-Thon at the end of the month. If the class reaches their goal, they will earn rewards from our Scholastic Book Fair after Spring Break! We'll be working hard all month to make sure we reach our goals!



Renaissance Reading Month: March 2018

RAMS Read!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5	6 Booknic 11:30 - 12:30	7 Author Laurie Keller visits!	8 No School	9 No School	10
11	12 Favorite Book Character Day	13	14 Learning Celebration 8:15 - 9:15	15	16 All Pro Dads	17
18	19	20 Read 'Til We Drop Read-A-Thon	21	22	23 Pajama & Flashlight Friday!	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
S P R I N G B R E A K						



Here are some details for the remaining themed days throughout the month:

***Booknic:** This Title I sponsored event is always a favorite at RPSA! Families are encouraged to come to school for a picnic lunch inside the school and read with your student from 11:30-12:30.

***Favorite Book Character Day:** Dress as a favorite book character. Bring in a copy of your favorite book, if you have it!

***Pajama & Flashlight Friday:** We'll wrap up Reading Month with some reading in our pajamas. Students may also bring a small flashlight and we'll encourage independent reading when we turn off the lights!



Don't forget to order your Laurie Keller Books!



Laurie Keller Author Visit
Wednesday, March 7th
Book Orders

We are SO excited to bring author Laurie Keller to Renaissance PSA! The students have had a great time reading her books and getting ready for her to come to the school. If you would like to buy any of her books, please return this form along with cash or a check, and she will autograph the books for your child!

Student name _____ Classroom _____

Title	Price	Quantity
We Are Growing	\$5	
Do Unto Otters	\$5	
Scrambled States of America	\$5	
Scrambled States of America Talent Show	\$5	
Arnie the Doughnut (picture book)	\$5	
Bowling Alley Bandit (Arnie chapter book #1)	\$4	
Invasion of the UFOnuts (Arnie chapter #2)	\$4	
Spinny Icky Showdown (Arnie chapter #3)	\$4	
Total:		

All books are paperbacks, except **We Are Growing**, which is a hardcover.

Please return this form, along with cash or check made out to RPSA, by Tuesday, March 6th.

You're Invited to our Learning Celebration!

Wednesday, March 14th, 2018
8:15-9:15 a.m.

Coffee & Donuts at 7:45 a.m. in the Open Space with Mrs. Bergman



Parents are invited to explore classrooms that showcase student work that will include projects, papers, and other activities that students have completed during the second trimester at Renaissance. Students have worked diligently in the areas of social studies, science, math, writing, and reading. Please sign-in when you arrive and venture to classrooms of your choosing. Be sure to ask our students questions about their projects. They will enjoy sharing the "how" and "why" of their projects. Happy wandering!

Student Locations:

- Kindergarten will be presenting in their classrooms.
- Voyager Itty Bitty City will be in the classrooms with the bank in the cafeteria.
- Islanders will be presenting in their classrooms.
- Trailblazer Amazing Race will be in the gym.
- Middle School will be presenting in their classrooms.



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 is now open! 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"

We are still in need of one volunteer assistant coach. Training and lesson materials are provided. Please check out <http://www.gotrcentralmichigan.org/> to learn more about the programs and to volunteer.



ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT!
Athletics Fundraiser

MARCH 19
5:00 to 6:00

School Cafeteria

Proceeds help pay for athletic scholarships



Purchase your entry-card(s) today in the office for \$5!
For one hour, it is all-you-can-eat pizza for only \$5!
You **must** have your entry-card to get into the event and...
Only 150 cards are being sold! Get your card(s) today!

Thanks for supporting our athletes!

Kindergarten News



Literacy

-it word family
No NEW Sight words

Math

Numbers to 100!
Skip counting by 10

Writing

Writing small moments stories

Social Studies: Needs and Wants

Science:
Weather

Reminders & Events

*BOOKNIC/PICNIC TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 11:30-12:30
JOIN US, IF YOU CAN
NO SCHOOL, MARCH 8 & 9



Reading- We will begin to work on text connections and retelling

Math-we will be working on solving real world math problems.....and towards the end of the month we will begin our unit on measurement:)

Coming up at the end of the month and into next.....

A science unit on states of matter and grammar practice!!!!

March Newsletter



Itty Bitty City.....

The students continue to work hard on our Social Studies project (AKA Itty Bitty City) preparing for the learning celebration on March 14th. During the learning celebration each classroom will have a store "open" where your child will be working. We invite you to bring some of the items in the chart to trade in for Itty Bitty City Money, so you can purchase items the students have created.

The items brought in will be given back to our families in need. We, as the teachers, greatly appreciate the support! The students are very excited about this project and have worked hard.

Trade for 1 itty bitty dollar	Trade for 2 itty bitty dollars
chapstick	bar of soap
comb/brush	clorox wipes
nail clippers	deodorant
3 trial size items: shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste, etc.	Full size: shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste, etc.
toothbrush	dish soap
toothpaste	kids socks

Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders

March 5th - March 9th



This Week's Learning

Literacy: We will begin using ThinkCERCA to improve our reading and argumentative writing skills.

Math: Math classes will continue working with decimals this week. We will cover a range of concepts from money to time.

Writing: Students will be putting their finishing touches on their Informational Books to get them ready to show at the Learning Celebration.

Social Studies: We will continue working on our Michigan History Presentations.

Staying Up To Date

The Booknic is Tuesday, March 6th, from 11:30 to 12:30. Please come in and enjoy lunch with your student while reading with them!

Spring Picture Day is Tuesday, March 13.

Our next Learning Celebration is scheduled for Wednesday, March 14.

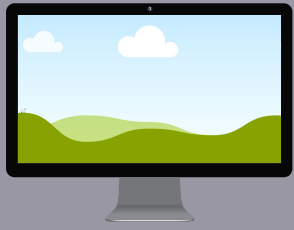
Important Dates

March 6th - Booknic

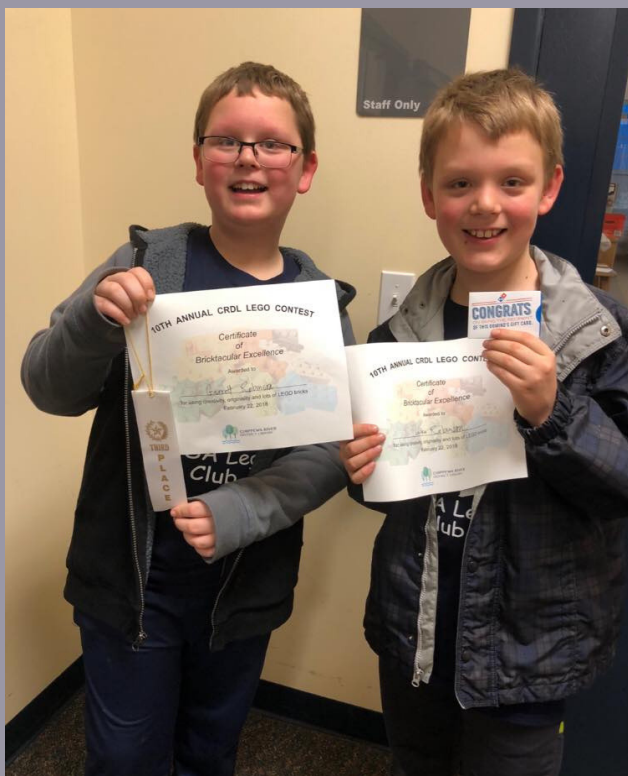
March 7th - Author Visit

March 8th & 9th - NO SCHOOL
due to Professional Development

Specials & Enhancements



Congratulations to the creators of the Friendly Farm, which took 2nd Place!



Mrs. Papenfus organized a group of students to compete in the team portion of the Chippewa District River Library's Lego Competition that was held on February 22nd. Two of our seven teams took home two of the three prizes!

Third place went to the builders of The Eiffel Tower!



Rams Athletics

Girls Basketball:

March 5: Our Rams “A” Team will travel to Trinity to take on the Panthers. Game time is 5:30pm, and this is an “A” trip only.

March 7: The game scheduled for this day has been canceled due to scheduling conflicts.

March 8: Our “A” and “B” Teams will travel to Heritage Christian. The first game is scheduled to start at 5:30pm. We do not have school on this day due to teacher development in Grand Rapids; therefore, Assistant Coach Papenfus will take both teams to Cadillac and back that evening. The bus will depart at 4PM.

Reminder to ALL basketball families: A transportation waiver must be signed in advance by Mrs. Bergman. These should be not be expected to be signed on game days and oftentimes will not be signed on game days. Please do this in advance.



March 17: MMSL League Tournament Information:

TOURNAMENT START TIMES AT BOTH VENUES: 10:00AM (1st games start)

“A” TOURNAMENT WILL BE PLAYED AT: RPSA gymnasium

“B” TOURNAMENT WILL BE PLAYED AT: Morey Courts

WATER ONLY on the courts (nothing else is allowed).

Tournament brackets will be posted at both sites on the day of the event.

Schedule at BOTH events will follow as closely to the following as possible:

Game 1 - 10:00

Break for Awards at the Renaissance Gym 10:45ish

Game 2 - 11:45

Championship - 1:00

ENTRANCE FEES

The entrance fee at both sites will be as follows – Please inform your families.

- \$3 adults
- \$2 children
- \$8 maximum charge for family

A table will be set up outside the gymnasium at Renaissance for the “A” tournament. Guests will receive a “Rams” stamp upon paying.

A table will be set up at the entrance of Morey Courts for the “B” tournament. Guests will receive a “Rams” stamp upon entering and will not have to re-pay if they leave and re-enter.

Guests may enter either tournament (A or B), as long as they have their “Rams” stamp.

Payment only needs to be made at one site – please let your families know in advance.

Proceeds will go to the MMSL League

CONCESSION STAND(S)

Morey Courts will also be operating a concession stand. The sale of concessions at Morey Courts will stay at Morey Courts. We are not allowed to operate concessions in their facility.

The Morey Courts facility will have a wide variety of food and beverage items for guest convenience. No outside food or beverage is allowed to be brought into the Morey Courts facility.

Student-Athlete Scholarship Fundraiser:

Stop by the office and purchase your All-You-Can-Eat entrance card today! March 19 is quickly approaching! Do not miss this opportunity to support Renaissance Student-Athletes!

Entrance cards can be purchased at the Renaissance office for \$5. You cannot get into the event without a card. We hope to see you there...Go Rams!