



Renaissance Report

APRIL 10, 2019

Please Read!



Monday, April 1, 2019

Dear Renaissance Families,

As you are all aware we have had 17 weather related school cancellations already this school year. The state of Michigan allows schools six days for weather related cancellations. In addition we have been granted three more forgiveness days by the state. Our School Board took action this winter to change three of our professional development days into student school days. In all we have been able to account for 12 of our 17 days. As a result we must still make up five more student days this school year. Assuming we do not have any other weather related closures and that the legislature does not take any further action statewide we have adjusted our end of year calendar as follows:

- Friday, April 19th will now be a full student day. This adjusts our total make up days to four.
- Our last day of school will be Thursday, June 20. We will add the remaining four make up days Monday, June 17 through Thursday, June 20.
- If the legislature acts to forgive additional days we will move the last day up accordingly. If we have additional weather cancellations we will need to move the last day to Friday, June 21 and into the week of June 24 if necessary.

We realize this winter created tremendous challenges for families. We also realize it will continue to present challenges as families work to make summer plans. If adjustments are necessary throughout the spring we will update families as soon as possible.

We have also begun planning the 2019-20 school year calendar. It will be discussed at the School Board meeting this evening, Monday, April 1. The proposal for next school year has the first day of school on Monday, August 26th and concludes the school year the second week of June, 2020. A full calendar will be shared with families once it is adopted by the School Board. Look for that to come home through SeeSaw, Facebook and on our school website.

Our staff is already planning an array of enriching learning activities to ensure every school day until the end of the school year is valuable and exciting. Attendance through the end of the school year is essential to ensure we capture a full year of learning and growth for every child.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me via email at lbergman@renaissancepsa.com or by calling the school at 989-773-9889.

In Partnership,

Mrs. Bergman

2019-2020

Official Calendar

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First & Last Day

PD Days: No School for Students

No School for Students and Staff

M, Tu, Th, F Daily Schedule:
8:00 a.m. - 3:25 p.m.

Wednesday Early Release:
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

381 Total Instructional Days
1289 Clock hours (1098 minimum)

Please contact Mrs. Bergman with any questions. She can be reached by telephone at 989-773-9889 or by email at lbergman@renaissancepsa.com

CARNIVAL 2019

FRIDAY, APRIL 12 | 5:30-7:30PM
RENAISSANCE PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY

Volunteer for the RPSA Spring 2019 Carnival!
What will I do? Volunteering will include: helping with pre-event set-up, helping with basic kids games, handing out prizes, and/or helping with post-event clean up

Where is it? Renaissance Public School Academy, 2797 S. Isabella Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

When is it? Friday, April 12, 2019

Volunteers needed for the following times:

Shift 1: 5:00pm-6:30pm

Shift 2: 6:30pm-8:00pm

Both: 5:00pm-8:00pm (Dinner provided for volunteers who stay for both shifts!)

Who Can I Contact?: Jessica Harman, Text/Call (989) 400-2585, email jessica.harman@cmich.edu or sign-up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D49ABAE29ABFA7-carnival>

Join the fun!



ANNOUNCEMENT

The Carnival is this Friday! Students can purchase punch cards to play the games, jump on inflatables, and more!

Individual Pass - \$7

Family Pass - \$25

Passes will available to purchase Friday morning and at the door Friday night.

An iRide bus is going to be available during the carnival Friday evening!

EVERYONE WHO RIDES THE SHUTTLE WILL BE ENTERED TO WIN A \$20 ROBAIRE'S GIFT CERTIFICATE!

The shuttle is scheduled to run every 15 minutes between the Baptist Church parking lot (1802 E High St.) and the school from 5:15pm-7:45pm. We cannot park on the lawn (even if the snow melts) so please plan accordingly. The more families that ride the shuttle, the less congested the parking lot becomes.

We very much appreciate everyone's help with this!

CARNIVAL 2019

Friday, April 12 | 5:30-7:30pm
Renaissance Public School Academy

Individual Pass - \$7

Family Pass - \$25

Join us for a night of carnival games, food and fun!

Proceeds benefit the RPSA Parent Teacher Organization.

All students must be accompanied by an adult.

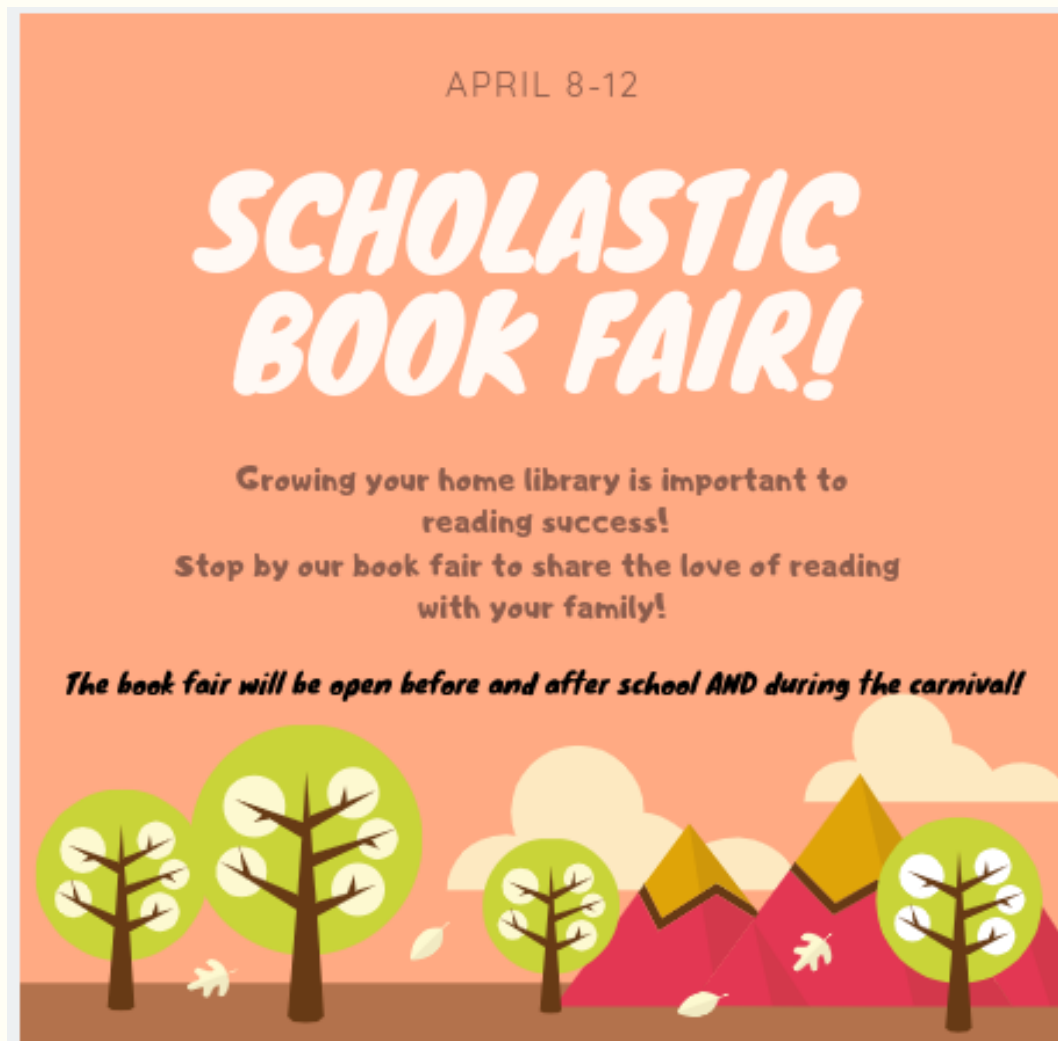
LARGE RAFFLE DRAWING

Get your last minute raffle tickets at the door
for a chance to win some great prizes!

*Catch the iRide shuttle from First Baptist Church (1802 E. High St.) and be entered to win a **\$20 Robaire's gift certificate!** The shuttle will run from 5:15-7:45pm.*

FOOD
GAMES
FUN

Spring Book Fair!



Cashiers are still needed! You can sign up to volunteer to help by using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084aa4a829a4f94-spring>

Renaissance RAMS Camp

RPSA is excited to offer a Summer RAMS Camp to our students currently in Kindergarten through 5th grade. The summer of 2019 is shorter than the past few years, therefore we have a smaller window to offer RAMS Camp. However, we are still excited to pack those four weeks with a ton of fun and learning!

Quick Camp Facts

- *Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 3:00pm \$30.00 weekly or \$10.00 per day
- *Full 4 Week Summer Camp \$120.00
- *Camp will run in two, 2 week sessions
 - July 8-18th
 - July 29 - August 8th
- *Child Care hours have been extended this year!
 - Morning child care (M-Th) 7:30-9:00am \$3.00 per day
 - Afternoon child care (M-Th) 3:00-5:30pm \$5.00 per day
- *Breakfast, Lunch, and Snack provided daily
- *All Campers receive a RAMS Camp t-shirt*
- *Weekly Field Trips (including one extended day trip)

Registering For Camp

To hold a spot in RAMS Camp, you must complete the following form and return it to school. Full payment or a deposit of your first two weeks' payment is due upon receipt. Payment for all before and after child care is due at least one week in advance. Students will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

If you have any question, please contact Mrs. Nix at
mnix@renaissancepsa.com.

Renaissance RAMS Camp

RAMS Camp Registration Form

Full Payment or a deposit of your first two weeks' payment is due to hold your child's spot at RAMS Camp. Please complete the form and return to school with payment no later than June 7, 2019.

Please complete one form per student

Student: _____

Current grade level: _____

Day/Time	Price		Total
Full RAMS Camp (9:00-3:00, M-Th all 4 weeks)	\$30.00 week/\$120 summer	Monday - Thursday	\$120.00 paid in full _____ \$60.00 first two week deposit _____
RAMS Camp & Child Care (7:30-5:30, Monday-Thursday, All 4 weeks)	\$62.00 per week/\$248 full summer	Monday - Thursday	\$248.00 paid in full _____ \$124.00 first two week deposit _____
Daily RAMS Camp (9:00-3:00 M-Th)	\$10.00 per day	Circle Days M T W Th	List Dates (if not attending weekly)
Before Camp Child Care	\$3.00 per day	Circle Days M T W Th	
After Camp Child Care	\$5.00 per day	Circle Days M T W Th	
Total Due for Daily RAMS Camp and Child Care			
All students attending RAMS Camp will receive a camp shirt. Please indicate shirt size for your child.			YS YM YL YXL AS AM AL AXL

*Scholarships are available to help cover both tuition and transportation. Inquire with Mrs. Bergman or Mrs. Nix.

Summer Camp at CMU!

Summer Camps at CMU are now open! These camps offer amazing opportunities to the students in our community!

You can register by clicking on the Summer 2019 image below:.



Summer 2019

Coming Soon Reproductive Health for 4th - 8th Grade

- All parents have the opportunity to review materials on April 18th **from 7:30-8:00 a.m. in the literacy room.**
- The materials will also be available in the front office from April 19th until April 24th.
- The curriculum for 4th-6th grade is called **Puberty the Wonder Years**. This is the same program we have used the last few years and is used in the surrounding school district.
- The curriculum for 7th-8th grade is the same curriculum we have used in previous years.
- Reproductive Health will be taught on the following dates:
5th and 6th grade students - the week of April 28th
4th grade students - the week of May 5th
7th and 8th grade students - the week of May 12th

If you have any questions please contact Sarah Anderson.

Rams Night Out at Texas Roadhouse!

Join us at Texas Roadhouse
as we support RPSA!

Texas Roadhouse offers this event to multiple schools in the community. The school with the most customers wins free entrees for the teaching staff. :)

This is a PTO
sponsored event.



Preschool News

Monday was a fun day! It was the 1st day WITHOUT our snowsuits and we got to wear our rain suits! It was great to see the kids rolling down the hills...a lot! Some of our focus this week has been identifying beginning sounds of words and reading some words and putting those words into a sentence. Our sentence was "I go to the ____." Our students came up with a list of words to complete that sentence of places to go-park, festival, pet store, zoo, rain forest, waterpark, shopping store, slide park, field trip, museum, ice cream store, and school. They were so excited about reading the sentence on their own and then as a group.

-Mrs. Simon and Mrs. Binns

REMINDER:
carnival IS ON FRIDAY!
APRIL 12 FROM 530-730PM



Kindergarten News



Literacy

Sight words:
said good

We are doing
activities with the -ip
word family:
hip, sip, lip, zip, ship

Math

We are comparing sets
of things using
vocabulary words:
more, less, fewer

Writing

We are *writers*
writing our own
pattern books. We will
continue to write and
illustrate our books.

Science

We will be continuing a
unit on plant life.
Planting seeds will
begin! Vocabulary
words: seeds, soil, dirt,
seedling, roots, stem.

REMINDERS & EVENTS

Mark your calendars for this Friday, April 12, 5:30-7:30,
School Carnival-here at school.

It is also Scholastic Book Fair Week! You may make any
purchases before or after school OR at the Carnival.

Happy Spring!



Voyager Newsletter

Academics:

In math, our students will continue
reviewing missing addends. Also, students
will be reviewing subtraction w/ and w/o
regrouping.

In reading, our students will be working on
narratives and then moving into fables and
folk lores. They will be comparing and
contrasting the differences between two
identical stories. We have some fun
activities planned to go along with this unit.

In science, students will continue our new
Physical Science unit with our focus on
land changes. We have the following
planned: field trips and hands on activities
that will take our students outside.

In writing, our students will continue
learning about personal narratives.
Students will write about a time they
experienced in their life.

Parents,

Just when we thought winter was over... Thursday
is calling for some snow. Please ensure your child
brings the proper attire to wear outside, so your
child can enjoy playing outside. Thanks for your
help ensuring your child is dressed warm.

Thanks!



Upcoming Events:

April 8-12: Book Fair

Thursday, April 11th: Lego Club

April 12: Carnival 5:30-7:30

Friday, April 19th: NOW a school day

April 25: RAMS Night Out at Texas Roadhouse
(PTO event)

Friday, April 26th: All Pro Dads (Chris Cakes)

Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders

April 10, 2019



This Week's Learning

Literacy: Islanders are actively engaged in our Myth and Legend unit! This week, they are learning about a new type of folk tale each day and observing elements of these! We will talk about their unit project next week.

Math: Students are reviewing and applying their knowledge of area and perimeter. Some of us will be diving into geometry soon!

Writing: Islanders are finalizing their wax museum speeches and practicing with peers to get ready for next week!

Social Studies: This week, students are in teams, and have begun building their prototypes. They will research about prices and profit this week as well for their "Shark Tank" project.

Staying Up To Date

LEARNING CELEBRATION for ISLANDERS WILL BE APRIL 16 at 6:00PM.

- ALL students must arrive by 5:45.
- Your student will be sharing/presenting their living wax museum project. Informational books and Rube Goldberg projects will also be shared at this time.
- For more details see the letter that was sent to all Islander parents last Monday through Seesaw.

Important Dates

April 12th & 15th: Dress Rehearsal!! Please make sure your student is bringing in their costumes.

April 16th at 6PM - ISLANDER LEARNING CELEBRATION and Living Wax Museum

April 19th - This is now a school day for students!!

Renaissance Academy Islanders Present

A Michigan History Living Wax Museum

Our 3rd and 4th grade students
would like to share what they have
learned in this creative and
culminating event!

Please join us and meet some of
the most influential figures in
Michigan's history reenacted by our
very own students!

Help these figures come ALIVE with
a small donation (any amount) to
help fund our future community
service project this school year!

April 16th
6:00-7:00 pm
Renaissance
Academy



News and Events

April 10

MATH	All groups will continue exploring volume and surface area.
PBL	Project Launch on Thursday!!
LITERACY	A Long Walk to Water - Making connections between the actual events and fictional retelling
WRITING	Informational writing with research.



Delta College Planetarium

Thursday 4/11
9:30-12:30

We will be back before lunch. All normal lunch options are available.



REMINDER: If your child has/had a fever or has thrown up within the last 24 hours before school starts, they should remain at home to recover and prevent the spread of illnesses.

We are also going to visit the Space! exhibit at the Midland Center for the Arts.



Whitman/Nix April 24, 9:30-1:00

Bartell/Snyder(Bontrager) May 1, 9:30-1:00

EACH CLASS IS LOOKING FOR 2 CHAPERONES. PLEASE CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER BY THE END OF THE WEEK IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP.

Middle School Happenings

April 10 - April 16

Study Lab Tuesday and Thursday

Math	English Language Arts				Science	Social Studies
<p>Mr. McCausey's classes are working on Scale Factor, and they will begin geometric construction soon.</p> <p>Mr. Buzard's math classes are currently working on a writing assignment involving Pythagorean Theorem</p> <p>In Resource Room, students are working on word problems to solve one-step equations.</p>	<p>In Mrs. Liphard's classroom, students are going to delve into analyzing dialogue with a short story titled Charles. They have been introduced to their Poetry Portfolio Unit and have begun working on their independent pieces.</p> <p>Ms. Hunter's classes are doing creative writing warm ups, sharing stories, and making connections to our learning. We have also begun learning about different styles and elements of poetry, analyzing dialogue, and continuing independent reading with reading conferences.</p> <p>In Resource room, we are using various reading strategies to help us comprehend the informational pieces we are reading.</p> <p>In Resource Room Writing class, students will be working on a mystery writing unit that addresses the grammar and mechanics practice we have been working on all year.</p>				<p>The Science Classes are wrapping up work on their genetics projects. We are looking forward to sharing our learning with everyone on April 16 - from 6 to 7pm in the gymnasium.</p>	<p>We have begun our study of world religions!</p> <p>We will be focusing our time on Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism.</p> <p>Students have been completing review questions on each religion.</p>
	Wednesday (10)	Thursday (11)	Friday (12)	Monday (15)	Tuesday (16)	
Major Assignments, Assessments and Events	Early release	8th Grade Mackinac Field Trip Parent Meeting Study Lab	8th Grade Field Trip- March to College	Talent Show Practice 3:30-4:30	Study Lab Talent Show Practice 3:30-4:30 Genetics Showcase 6-7PM	



Central Michigan University
"March to College"
for Eighth Grade Students
4/12/19



Join US!

April 16

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Renaissance Gymnasium

...for a special presentation from
our middle school students about...

GENETICS

We look forward to sharing our
learning with you, and it is our
goal to do our part, raising
awareness throughout our
community...

Will YOU help?

Athletics

Uniforms:

Please wash and return your uniforms to Mr. McCausey as soon as possible. At this time, ALL uniforms from all sports at Renaissance should be turned in. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Scholarship Fulfillment:

This year, as all of our student-athlete families know, we introduced a new policy for scholarship athletes. Those families that received a scholarship for their student-athlete were required to volunteer at a home athletic event to fulfill the scholarship. Those families that did not fulfill their obligation will be required to pay the remainder of the athletics fee balance. Those notices will be sent home after spring break.

Any unpaid balances will result in the student-athlete not being able to participate in future athletics opportunities at Renaissance until the balance is paid in full.

Save the Date: May 2nd @5:30PM: 8th grade Basketball players vs Family/Friends. Please join us as we cheer on our players!



8th Grade Vs Families Basketball Game!

RPSA is having a "Senior Night" basketball game on May 2nd! Our 8th grade basketball players will have the opportunity to compete against their family and friends!

Everyone is invited to what should prove to be a fun event for the entire school family!

There will be concessions and a 3 point Contest during halftime! Tip-off at 5:30PM

Admission costs:

\$2 per student

\$3 per adult

(or a max of \$10 for a family)

Please contact Dennis Egan at 313-580-8181 or Mrs. Papenfus at spapenfus@renaissancepsa.com if you want to be a student or parent/guardian player!

Click on the following link to check out the promotional video created by one of our 8th grade basketball players:

8th Grade Vs Families Basketball Game!