



# Renaissance Report

APRIL 3, 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](mailto:lbergman@renaissancepsa.com) or by calling the school at 989-773-9889.

In Partnership,

Mrs. Bergman

# Spring Carnival Raffle!

You have seen the raffle selling incentives-here are the raffle tickets - We have EIGHT prizes this year! We appreciate your support in selling these! We will be selling now through FRIDAY.

Thank you for your SUPPORT!

Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort | Isabella Bank | Krapohl Ford  
Mercantile Bank | General Agency  
Isabella Community Credit Union | Jay's Sporting Goods  
Members First Credit Union | Delfield a division of Welbilt

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Address: _____	<b>RENAISSANCE PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY SPRING CARNIVAL RAFFLE</b>	
	<p><b>1st Prize-</b> Soaring Eagle Prize Pack (One night stay, \$100 spa credit, \$100 dining credit) <b>2nd Prize-</b> Crystal Mountain Golf Package (18 holes for 4 at Betsie Valley) <b>3rd Prize-</b> \$400 Visa Gift Card   <b>4th Prize-</b> Apple iPad (Wi-Fi, 32GB) <b>5th Prize-</b> \$250 Visa Gift Card   <b>6th/7th Prizes-</b> \$100 Visa Gift Card <b>8th Prize-</b> \$100 Jay's Sporting Goods Gift Card</p> <hr/> <p><small>Drawing on April 12, 2019 7:30 pm</small></p> <p><small>Winners need not be present to win. Prizes must be picked up at RPSA 2797 S. Isabella Road, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 Lic. No. R47051</small></p> <p><small>\$5 each or \$20 for 5</small></p>	

## FAQ:

Q: Do I have to be present to win?

A: No. please do fill out all the stubs so the winners can be contacted.

Q: Do I have to pay upfront for tickets I'm signing out to sell?

A: No. Please sign out as many as you think you can sell and return the stubs, money, and any leftover tickets on Friday the 5th

**\*This Friday is the last day to sell!**  
**All ticket stubs, unsold tickets, and**  
**money should be returned by**  
**Friday after school!**

# Save the Date:

# Spring Carnival is April 12th!

RPSA Parent Teacher Organization

# CARNIVAL 2019

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

## Raffle Ticket Information

Buy raffle tickets and support your RPSA PTO!

1 Ticket = \$5  
1 Pack = \$20 (Five Tickets)

Drawing is April 12 at the carnival. Need not be present to win.

Tickets available before and after school in the lobby.

### RAFFLE INCENTIVES

**Sell 1 Ticket Packet (5 tickets)**  
- 1 entry into Seller Raffle

**Sell 2-3 Ticket Packets**  
- 2 entries into Seller Raffle  
- 1 FREE Carnival Game Ticket

**Sell 4+ Ticket Packets**  
- 3 entry tickets into Seller Raffle  
- 2 FREE Carnival Game Tickets

Seller's raffle will include: a minimum of ten \$10 gift cards and various items donated by local businesses.

Top overall seller will earn a \$50 Celebration Cinema gift certificate.

All tickets must be turned in by April 5 to qualify for the rewards program.

**QUESTIONS?**  
Email: [renaissanceramspto@gmail.com](mailto:renaissanceramspto@gmail.com)

### WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR?

We hope to streamline our spring fundraiser and make it easier for families to participate. This year, **we will have only ONE large raffle** at the Carnival.

### HOW ARE THE PROCEEDS USED?

With your support, we're proud to have accomplished the following this school year:

- Provided classroom supplies for teachers
- Served coffee & treats for teacher appreciation
- Hosted a Halloween Party
- Funded the All Pro Dad Program
- Provided funding for athletics
- Held first community service night

This spring we're excited to finish the landscaping around the new zipline, having a 'Morning with Mom' program, celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week, and ending the school year with our Field Day.

We only have until the end of this week to sell tickets!

# Our PTO Needs Your Help!



**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!)

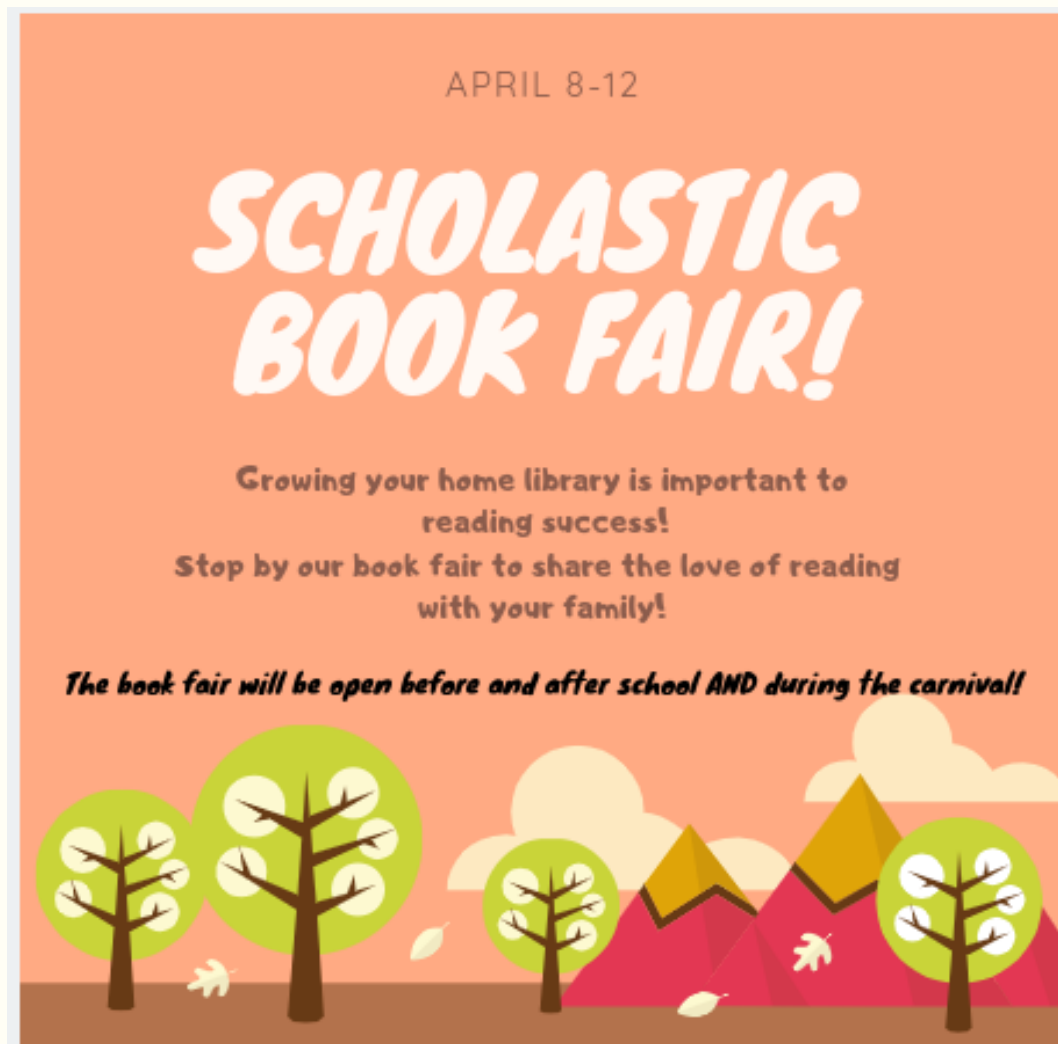
**Who Can I Contact?:** Jessica Harman, Text/Call (989) 400-2585, email [jessica.harman@cmich.edu](mailto:jessica.harman@cmich.edu) or sign-up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D49ABAE29ABFA7-carnival>



*Join the fun!*



# Spring Book Fair!



You can sign up to volunteer to help at the Book Fair 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](mailto: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 <b>M   T   W   Th</b>	List Dates (if not attending weekly)
Before Camp Child Care	\$3.00 per day	Circle Days <b>M   T   W   Th</b>	
After Camp Child Care	\$5.00 per day	Circle Days <b>M   T   W   Th</b>	
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

## 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.





STUDENT COUNCIL PRESENTS

# TALENT SHOW TRYOUTS

20  
19

AFTER SCHOOL IN  
MRS. LIPHARD'S  
ROOM; POD C

APRIL 2  
AND 4

YOU MUST HAVE A  
PERMISSION  
FORM TO TRYOUT.

3:30-4:30  
PM

PLEASE EMAIL ANY MUSIC YOU NEED PRIOR  
TO TRY-OUTS SO THAT MRS. LIPHARD CAN  
DOWNLOAD IT AHEAD OF TIME.

## Preschool News

Welcome back from Spring Break!! We've been hearing a lot about everyone's staycations. Sounds like everyone enjoyed their time together. This week, we got to go visit Mrs. P in the STEM lab. We got to be paleontologists and excavate dinosaurs out of ice with pipettes and warm water. That was FUN!! In class, we've also had a focus on being architects and making houses and cities out of cups and wooden blocks of all sizes. We made Renaissance city and explored our neighbors homes to see how they constructed them. Today, Grace, Mrs. Binns' daughter came to visit our class during her spring break from school. She made a class scavenger hunt with clues that we had to work together on to solve where the next clue was. The final clue led to a prize of TOOTSIE POPS!!

-Mrs. Simon and Mrs. Binns

### Reminders:

\*TOMORROW! APRIL 4TH 530-630 PM  
PRESCHOOL FAMILY GAME NIGHT



# Kindergarten News



## Literacy

Sight words::  
make, play

We are doing  
activities with the -et  
word family.

## Math

We are exploring  
numbers from 50-100  
and counting by 1's and  
10's to 100.

## Writing

We are writers  
writing our own  
pattern books. We will  
pick our topic and then  
write and illustrate  
them.

## Science

We will be continuing a  
unit on plant life. How  
do plants grow? Where  
do vegetables come  
from?

## \*REMINDERS & EVENTS\*

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

It is also the Scholastic Book Fair week next week. You may  
make purchases before or after school and at the carnival.

We are still in need of volunteers to work the carnival & Book Fair at those times.

*Happy Spring!*



# Voyager Newsletter

## Academics:

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

In reading, our students will be working on  
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 begin a 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 begin learning  
about personal narratives. Students will  
write about a time they experienced in their  
life.

Parents,

Welcome back! We have lots of fun activities  
planned for the remainder of the school year. The  
students will have a lot of fun! Please continue to  
watch the weather to ensure your child has the  
proper attire to wear during recess. Also, if you  
can, please supply your child with a snack or two  
per day for snack time.

Thanks for your support!



## Upcoming Events:

Look for RAMS Camp forms

Thursday, April 11th: Lego Club

Friday, April 19th: NOW a school day

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

**\*\*Field trips to be announced soon. Some field  
trips will have two classes on one day and the  
other two classes on another day. We will inform  
you what day your child's class will be going on  
their field trip as soon as we know this  
information.**

# Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders

April 3, 2019



## This Week's Learning

**Literacy:** Islanders are going to be diving into a new unit we are excited about! They will be reading about different myths, legends, and fairy tales.

**Math:** Students have been continuing to learn about area and perimeter and applying these skills to some mini PBL activities!

**Writing:** During our writing time for the next couple of weeks, students will be practicing their wax museum speeches to get ready for our Learning Celebration.

**Social Studies:** This week, students will be jumping into their next unit about Economics! They will have the chance to listen to some speakers and begin to brainstorm ideas for a "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 5 - Wax Museum Costume Design Sheet Due

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

April 19 - 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 3

### Field Trip!

**Delta College  
Planetarium**

**Thursday 4/11  
9:30-12:30**

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

#### MATH

All groups will be starting to work with surface area and volume as a part of our next PBL unit.

#### PBL

Wrapping up our PBL with Michigan water issues and beginning our new Space PBL

#### LITERACY

A Long Walk to Water - Making connections between the actual events and fictional retelling

#### WRITING

Informational writing with research.



**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.**

# Water Day Art:



Renaissance Academy's art installations at Water Day made quite the splash! Thank you to all who dropped off their used water bottles at the art room these past several weeks. And thank you to those who dove right in and helped in the process of creation. The first art installation we created out of the bottles was a giant chandelier that hung from the banisters at the event center. This 14ft netting had roughly 500 plastic water bottles that each student at Renaissance wrote or drew a wish they have for the water on one, then cut it into a spiral, and attached it to the netting. This art installation is a message to say plastic water bottles are causing harm to our water sources and environment. The Trailblazers made another art installation called Messages in a Bottle. Students were given the prompt: If the river had a message to say to humans, what would it say? Students responded to that prompt by creating a paintings, drawings, poems, that displayed what the river's message would be. We created a massive water bottle out of water bottles to hang the artwork inside. The purpose of this project is to encourage our community to reflect on what the river would say to them.



*Renaissance*  
World Water Day

March 20, 2019

## Middle School Happenings

April 3 - April 10

### Study Lab Tuesday and Thursday

Math	English Language Arts	Science	Social Studies
<p>Mr. McCausey's classes will be assessing on Probability this week and beginning Geometry soon.</p> <p>Mr. Buzard's math 1 is finishing up a project on systems of equations and will then be moving on to pythagorean theorem. Mr. Buzard's math 2 has moved on to pythagorean theorem. Next week, students will be taking the PSAT test, which both classes will do some review for, as well.</p> <p>In Resource Room, students are working on word problems to solve one -step equations.</p>	<p>In Mrs. Liphard's classroom students will be focusing on a Book Commercial using Seesaw as their form of communication or an in-class presentation of a Book Talk.</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 currently working on their Genetics Projects.</p> <p>Students should be completing their PSA's at this time.</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>

	Wednesday (3rd)	Thursday (4th)	Friday (5th)	Monday (8th)	Tuesday (9th)
Major Assignments, Assessments and Events	Early release	Study Lab			Study Lab  8th Grade PSAT Testing

Save the Date:

Learning Celebration: April 16th





# 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.

## Spring Athletics Banquet:

The Spring Athletics Banquet to honor and celebrate the achievements of our cheer team and “A/B” girls basketball teams will be held on Friday, April 5, from 5:30 to 7:00pm in the school cafeteria. All cheer team members, girls basketball players, and their families are invited to attend this event. Dinner will be provided and awards given.

## 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.



# **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!

Admission costs:

\$2 per student

\$3 per adult

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

Please contact Dennis Egan at 313-580-8181 if you want to be a parent/guardian player!

Click on the following link to check out the promotional video for the event:

**8th Grade Vs Families Basketball Game!**