



Renaissance Report

MAY 1, 2019

Week of National Charter School Week and Teacher Appreciation Week May 6-10th , 2019				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Color Day Wear your teams color. PreSchool-Black Kinder - Black Voyager - Red Islander- White Trailblazer-Blue MS- Gray	College Day Root for your favorite college team by wearing their gear!	Superhero Day Dress as your favorite superhero. No mask, weapons, or accessories!	Dress your Best! Pull out your fanciest outfit.	RAMS Day Wear your RPSA Rams Gear.

***Please see the following note about Rams Gear!**

Do you have extra Rams Gear?

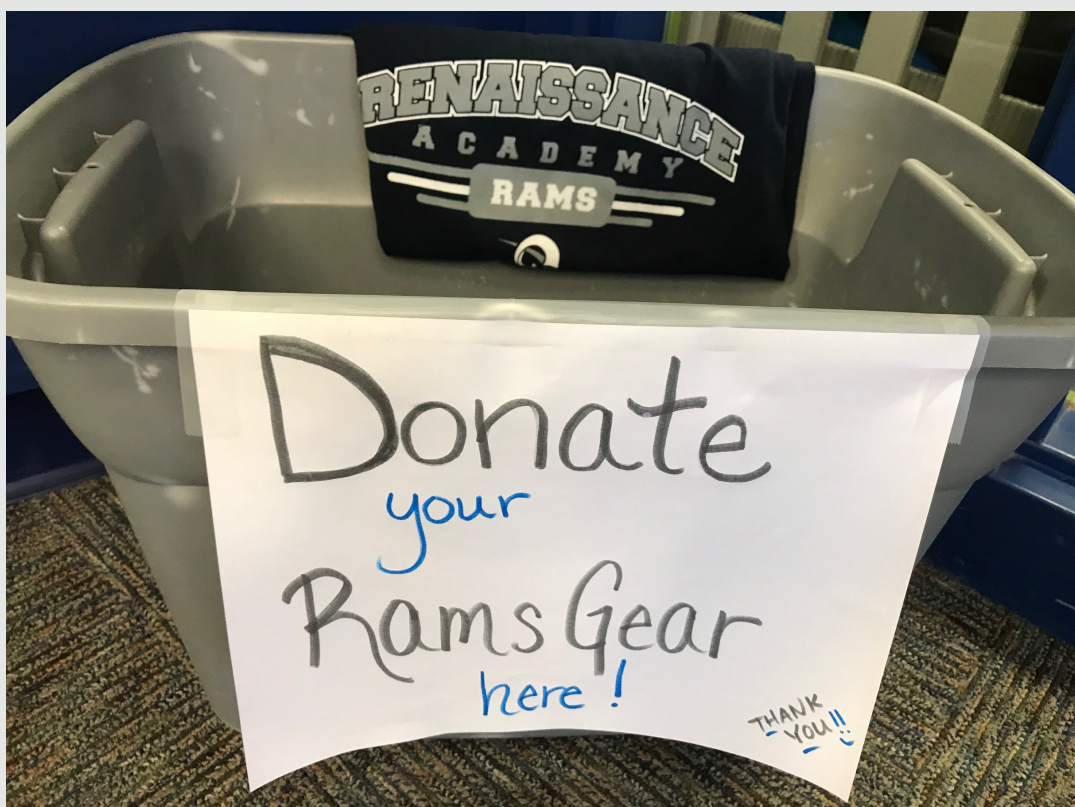
Next Friday is Rams Day at school, and we are hoping we can help each other out.

Those of us who need to unload some Rams Gear: there will be a grey tote by the office. Toss in those Rams tees and sweatshirts that you don't need anymore! Over the weekend we will wash, fold, and sort all that gets collected.

Those who need Rams Gear: Starting Monday, we will sell all items for 50¢ a piece, first come first served, until we run out.

This will help some of us clean out our dressers, and help some of us get geared up for Rams Day next Friday!

Please let Mrs. Papenfus know if you have any questions.





RENAISSANCE ACADEMY RAMSCAMP

RPSA is excited to offer a Summer Enrichment Program option to our families again during summer 2019. Programming will include academic skill review, Science and STEM activities, field trips, play, and a lot of FUN!

- ★ 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 (Think Like a Scientist)
 - July 29 – August 8th (Innovation & STEM)
- ★ 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
- ★ **Scholarships available – requests due no later than May 8th**



2019-2020 School Year Calendar

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Books and Braids



Books and Braids is a program in which your son or daughter will read aloud to Mrs. Bartell while she styles his/her hair before school beginning at 7:45 (this is open to any RPSA student). This is a wonderful opportunity to practice fluency, expression and accuracy during reading. Students come in, choose a hairstyle, chat a little, then get to work reading aloud while their hair is braided/styled. At the end, their new style is revealed, and they leave to start their school day with a newfound confidence. Please see the parent letter and permission slip for more information.

Appointments started this week! Look for the following to come home with your child if he or she signs up!

Books and Braids

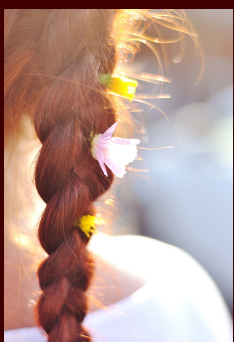
Dear Parents and Guardians,

Your child has signed up (the sign-up sheet is on Mrs. Bartells' door) for Books and Braids, a morning hair appointment in Mrs. Bartell's room. Your son or daughter will read aloud to me while I style his/her hair (this is open to any RPSA student). This is a wonderful opportunity to practice fluency, expression and accuracy during reading. *****Please come with clean hair.**

Each client will be provided with hair accessories and a comb (you child may bring a brush). We will also provide books and magazines. During the session, hair products may be used such as conditioner, hair spray, etc.

I ask that kids sign up for one appointment this year (since it is so late in the year) so every child has an opportunity. A reminder notice will be sent home with the date and time your child has signed up for. Please sign and return the attached permission slip before the appointment if he/she has permission to participate in this program. I look forward to building more confident readers one hairstyle at a time.

Mrs. Bartell



Donations of any of the following items would be greatly appreciated:

hair ties
spray conditioner
barrettes
hair gel
hair spray
smock
combs (disposable)
spray bottle

Books and Braids

Child's Name: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

_____ Yes, I give permission for my child to participate in Books and Braids

_____ No, I do not give permission for my child to participate in Books and Braids



Carnival Survey:

The PTO needs your opinion to help improve the carnival and raffle. We would appreciate your input on this short survey about the event.

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**Next PTO meeting is May 7 at 5:30.
All are welcome to attend**

Box Tops!

April Box Tops sheets went out last week.

Turn yours in to be entered in a \$10 gift card drawing. Every Box Top helps!! We've turned in over \$450 worth so far this year!

Morning WITH MOM

A stylized illustration of a grey coffee cup filled with dark brown liquid, positioned between the two 'M's of the word 'MOM'.

FRIDAY, MAY 10 | 7AM | CAFETERIA

~ A SPECIAL MORNING FOR KIDS & MOTHER-FIGURES ~

ENJOY A LIGHT BREAKFAST,
A FUN ACTIVITY, AND HELP YOUR
CHILD START THEIR DAY!

SPONSORED BY YOUR RPSA PTO

RPSA Youth Basketball Program



Dear RPSA Families,

We are excited to offer a youth basketball camp for Kindergarten, Voyager and Islander students. During practices, students will be learning the fundamentals of basketball. They will also be learning the importance of teamwork, perseverance, and sportsmanship.

Practices will start the week of May 13th and will last two weeks. Practices will be from 3:45pm - 4:45pm. Practices will be twice a week. Kindergarten and Voyager practices will be on Monday and Thursday. Islander practices will be Tuesday and Friday.

The cost for participating is \$20. This cost will include a t-shirt and a basketball for each player. Money is due before the first practice.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Moore, amoore@renaissancepsa.com or Mr. Neyer, dneyer@renaissancepsa.com.

If your student is interested in playing, please fill out the bottom portion and return it to the office or your student's teacher.



RPSA Youth Basketball Program 2019 Sign - Up

Student's Name: _____ Student's Teacher: _____

Student's T-Shirt size: (circle one)

Youth: S M L XL

Adult: S M L XL

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Phone(s): _____

_____ Yes, I am interested in coaching

****If interested in volunteer coaching, coaches will have to be concussion certified and complete an iCHAT form.**

Kindergarten News



Literacy

Sight words review::
*she, no, all said, good,
 make, play, he, no*
 Our Word Family:
 hop, top, mop, pop,
 stop

Math

We are adding simple
 sets of numbers to 10.
 We should be able to
 "count on" from any
 number, too!
 Still making patterns!

Writing

We are *writers*
 writing narratives. We
 are taking everyday
 experiences and
 writing about them.

Social Studies

We are starting a maps
 and globes unit in
 Social Studies.
 Vocab. Words: land,
 water, map, globe,
 streets, map key

REMINDERS & EVENTS

Next week is National Charter School Week! Check out Spirit Week (in celebration of Charter School Week) and find some special clothes to wear. You can find Spirit Week plans in this newsletter.

Please send a jacket of some kind to school yet. The weather is still unpredictable. Thank you!



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 continue to work on narratives and then moving into fables and folk lores. They will be comparing and contrasting the differences between two similar stories. We have some fun activities planned to go along with this unit.

In science, students will continue our new Earth 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,

Please keep an eye on the weather. This week it seems to be raining almost every day. We can hope the sun starts shining and the temperature warms up soon.

Thanks!

Upcoming Events:

Voyager Music Concert:

May 31st at 1pm

Voyager Field trips:

June 7 & 10: Forest Hill (two classes will go on the 7th & the other two will go on the 10th)

Voyager Learning Celebrations:

June 5 @ 1:00-1:55 p.m.

June 12: @ 1:30 -2:00 p.m.



Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders

May 1, 2019



This Week's Learning

Literacy: Islanders will start to choose which story type they want to recreate for themselves! They will work on making their own myth, legend, fairy tale, fable, folk tale, or tall tale.

Math: Students are continuing to learn and practice with geometry and polygons!

Writing: Islanders have begun brainstorming and completing activities that will help them when they start their personal narrative rough drafts.

Social Studies: Islanders have been hard at work learning about economics! This week, they get to apply incentives to their products. They will also begin to learn about inflation, and human and capital resources. All of this also allows them to practice a lot of math when they figure out their costs and profit!

Staying Up To Date

- Students have M-Step testing this week. They will finish up on Thursday with the reading test.
- Ask your Islander about how it is going with their Shark Tank products! These kids are doing GREAT work and learning some awesome real world concepts!

Important Dates

May 2nd - M-Step Reading

Week of May 13th - NWEA Testing

May 15th Park Visit - Islanders will be taking their first trip to local parks to kick off our last science unit! Information regarding this will go out closer to the 15th.



News and Events

OUR CURRENT PBL DRIVING QUESTION:

How can we design and build a traveling planetarium to meet the learning needs of our school community?

UPCOMING FIELD TRIP DATES

May 6 - CMU Museum of Natural History - Newly installed Space Exhibit!

Bontrager/Whitman 9:00-11:00

Nix/Bartell 11:00-1:00

June 11 - Fort Michilimackinac - Mackinaw City

Check Seesaw for details: a note was posted by your child's teacher.

TRAILBLAZER EXHIBITION OF LEARNING

A Night With the Stars

May 16th - 6:00-7:00



5th Grade
Testing Complete
6th Grade
Thursday, May 2:
ELA

nwea

Testing in math
and ELA will be
the week of May
13th



A Night With The Stars

Join us for a special Renaissance Public School Academy Planetarium Experience in the gymnasium, with several planetarium shows and 3D model planetarium designs!

Where?: 2979 S. Isabella Rd.
Renaissance Public School Academy Gymnasium

When?: May 16th
6:00pm-7:00pm,
Save The Date!

Study Lab Tuesday and Thursday

Math	English Language Arts			Science	Social Studies
<p>Mr. McCausey's classes will be testing on angles Friday or Monday.</p> <p>Mr. Buzard's math classes are finishing up on a volume project about designing perfume bottles and are moving on to a Scatter Plot Project.!</p> <p>In Resource Room Math, students are working to finish our unit on finding multiples of numbers. We will be moving on to basic Geometry recognizing advanced shapes and simple formulas</p>	<p>In Mrs. Liphard's classroom, Students are finishing up their poetry portfolios. They will be moving on to writing dialogues using picture prompts and writing narratives.</p> <p>Ms. Hunter's classes are turning in their poetry portfolios and preparing to create a class book of our best work. We will be moving into analyzing dialogue and soon, constructing narratives. We are also continuing our reading, where many students have set personal goals to read more or read new things!</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 are continuing to work on creating setting, mood, and a mystery situation/solution for an authentic mystery story.</p>			<p>The Science Classes are beginning work on a photosynthesis/cellular respiration activity</p>	<p>We are in groups and off and running on our World Religions Project!</p>
	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday
Major Assignments, Assessments and Events	Early release	Study Lab 8th Grade BBall Game			Study Lab



**We had a fantastic time
on our bowling field trip!
Please check out the
video of our trip by
visiting Renaissance
Public School Academy-
Mount Pleasant on
Facebook**



8th Grade Vs Families Basketball Game!

RPSA is having a "Senior Night" basketball game TOMORROW! Our 8th grade basketball players will be competing 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 or email Mrs. Papenfus at spapenfus@renaissancepsa.com 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!