



Join Us!

**Renaissance Public School Academy
Groundbreaking Ceremony**
East Side of School Building
Friday, June 14, 2019 11:30 a.m.

WHAT

- A 9,500 square foot addition of four classrooms, restrooms, and a Project Exploration Space the equivalent size of approximately four classrooms.
The addition is about the size of two of our existing pods.

WHY

- Our school has reached our authorized, maximum enrollment of 450 students for 2019-20.
- The current building is ideally built for 325 students in traditional classroom settings of desks in rows.
- Project Based Learning requires space for group work and the creation of projects of extended periods of time. We have run out of room to work together, create student driven learning and showcase that learning for others.

FAQ

- **Is RPSA adding more classrooms to increase enrollment?**
No. We have grown our enrollment and developed our vision for learning in an environment not suited for Project Based Learning. This new space allows us to realize our vision and mission in a true PBL environment.
- **Will RPSA be adding staff?**
No. We have all of our multi-age teams and support staff in place. This new space will mean staff will have more space to better guide student learning.
- **What about the parking lot?!?!**
The project will include an expansion of our existing parking lot by approximately 20 spaces. Though it does not solve all of our parking challenges, it is a step in the right direction.



Renaissance Public School Academy
Facility Expansion

COSTS

- Costs for the building structure estimated at \$1.2 million dollars are being paid for with a loan from IFF of \$1 million dollars and \$200,000 from the RPSA general fund budget/fund equity.
- \$65,000 grant to purchase furniture and equipment to support a Project Based Learning environment throughout the new and existing classrooms supported by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

TIMELINE

- 2017-18
Project visioning, financing secured and architectural designs created
- Spring, 2019
Initial project bidding and permits secured
- June, 2019
Groundbreaking
- July, 2019
Site preparation and construction begins
- Winter, 2020
Estimated construction completion
- Spring, 2020
Estimated internal finish work completed
- June, 2020
New construction ribbon cutting ceremony
- August, 2020
RPSA classrooms being utilized by students, staff and families



Field Day

June 14, 2019!

The Annual RPSA Field Day will be held on our last day of school!

We are so excited to celebrate the groundbreaking on our new addition! The groundbreaking will happen at 11:30, followed by an outdoor school-wide lunch! Pack a picnic or sack lunch and join your child for lunch on our last day!

Lunch will conclude at 12:15.

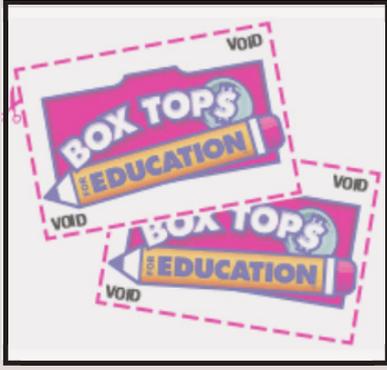
Field Day Event Times:

Kindergarten, Voyagers, Islanders: 9-11am

Trailblazer & Middle School: 12:30-2:30

There's still time to volunteer to help!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084a-a4a829a4f94-2019>



Renaissance PTO wants to remind you that every day is a good day to turn in Box Tops!

TOMORROW!

Spring Band Concert

- Who: All RPSA band students
- When: June 6 at 6 PM
- Where: Gymnasium
- Why: To celebrate another great year of RPSA band!



Band students need to arrive between 5:00 and 5:20. Please meet in the cafeteria.



Have you registered yet?!

Registration forms and price information available in the RPSA newsletter and at the front office.

Session 1: July 8th-18th

Think Like a Scientist!

All campers will have the chance to learn how to study and observe like a scientist! Camp will offer outdoor exploration, experiments, and hands on activities during these two weeks to engage our young scientists! Voyagers will complete a project in Entomology, Islanders will become Paleontologist, and Trailblazers will become museum curators with real exhibits from the Museum of Science and Natural History at CMU!

Field Trips include Museum of Science/4H Gardens at MSU and Impression 5 as well as grade level specific day trips!



Session 2: July 29th - August 8th

Innovation & STEM

Campers will be immersed in hands on learning as we explore ways to innovate, think creatively, and develop new solutions to existing problems. Voyagers will study biomimicry to learn the Science of flight from birds, Islanders will innovate new games and entertainment options from recycled materials, and Trailblazers will design and build boats - to actually fish from!

Field Trips include the Air Zoo in Kalamazoo, local trips for each grade level, and an end of camp celebration at a local park!





CONGRATS RENAISSANCE GRADUATES!

Kindergarten & Eighth Grade

Please celebrate with us!

YOU'RE INVITED TO TWO DIFFERENT
RENAISSANCE GRADUATIONS!

Kindergarten: Wednesday,
June 12th at 6PM

Eighth Grade: Thursday,
June 13th at 6PM

Preschool News

REMINDER:

**JUNE 6TH:
LAST DAY OF PRESCHOOL
AND CELEBRATION AT
[MCDONALD PARK!](#)**

Home visits to follow after June 6th.



Kindergarten News



Literacy

Sight words:

take off

Digraphs:

th, ch, sh

Syllables are parts of words.

Math

We are subtracting in Math. We will also have a short unit on measurement and weight.

Writing

We are writers writing animal reports. We have chosen our animal and started our research about our animal.

Science

Push and Pull is our science unit these two weeks. This happens all around us: Doors, wagons, rakes, balls, etc.

REMINDERS & EVENTS

***June 11, Trip to Mr. Wilson's house to visit his garden!**

***Kindergarten Graduation, June 12, 6:00 pm.**

Drop students off at 5:45 in classroom!

***Friday, June 14 Last Day of school and Field Day
Watch Seesaw for details!**



Voyager Newsletter

Academics:

In math, our students will be reviewing math skills that we have focused on throughout the school year.

In reading, our students will continue learning and reading fairy tales, fables, and folklores. They will continue to compare and contrast 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,

We are so proud of our students and their amazing work this year. Our Learning Celebrations have been a success all year due to our students being proactive, working as a team and putting effort into their work. Again, we are very proud of them and the awesome work they have done throughout the year. Thank you for giving us the privilege to be your child's teacher!

Thank you!



Upcoming Events:

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



RPSA Islander Learning Celebration

June 12th 10:30am-1:00pm
Island Park
West Pavilion near Timber
Town

The Islander students have worked hard to put together a solution for a need in our local Mt. Pleasant parks! Come celebrate with us and see the amazing work they have done!

10:30-11:00: Students showcase their learning to parents and community members
11:00-11:30: All Islander students present improved memorial site at Pickens Field
11:30-12:30: Come have lunch with your Islander!
12:30-1:00: Enjoy some play at the park!

Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders

June 5th



This Week's Learning

Literacy: The Islanders have been writing their own creative Folktales and will be sharing them with the Voyagers next week!

Math: We are wrapping up our end-of-year project as we have planned a trip to space! Make sure to ask your Islander about this fun project!

Writing: Personal Narratives are almost complete! We will be sharing these with you via Seesaw soon!

Science: Yesterday the Islanders revisited some of the parks we walked through on the 22nd and participated in some community service projects! In class, groups are putting together design solutions to those in charge of the parks in hopes of seeing their ideas put to work!

Staying Up To Date

- Keep checking Seesaw for our day-to-day announcements!
- Please return all school and classroom library books.
- We are starting to clean out lockers and rooms. Please send your child with their backpack each day this week and next to take things home!

Important Dates

- Wonder Workshop presentations are on the 6th!
- Islanders will be visiting the airport on Tuesday the 11th in the morning. We are asking for a donation of \$3 towards their bus fare.
- The Islanders will also be heading to Island Park for their Learning Celebration the morning of June 12th! Check Seesaw and Facebook for specific details!
- The last day of school is June 14th! We will be participating in Field Day that morning with a picnic lunch after. Please bring a cold lunch.



Field Experience at the Mt. Pleasant Municipal Airport June 11th

Our Islander and middle school learners are going to have the opportunity to take a tour of Mt. Pleasant's Municipal Airport. Students will explore the hanger and terminal, and get a chance to check out some airplanes up close.

To help cover the transportation costs, we are asking that each student contribute \$3 toward this field experience. If you are not able to cover the \$3 cost, then please let your child's teacher know.

We are looking forward to learning more about our local airport and aviation!



Middle School Happenings June 5, 2019

Study Lab Tuesday and Thursday

Math	English Language Arts			Science	Social Studies
<p>Mr. McCausey's classes will cover volume next.</p> <p>Mr. Buzard's math classes are still finishing up their work with transformations and are completing a dilation of a candy bar wrapper to scale the wrapper so that it is bigger by a scale factor of the student's choosing. Our dilations are looking awesome so far!</p> <p>In Resource Room Math, students are working on finding missing numbers in a pattern either one or two at a time.</p>	<p>In Mrs. Liphard's classroom, the students are working on writing fictional narratives. We are continuing to do mentor sentences, independent reading and a class read aloud.</p> <p>Ms. Hunter's classes are working with peers to give feedback on their stories and working on their final drafts which are to be submitted to Ms. Hunter on Friday. We are continuing to independent read and have been doing a read aloud with some awesome discussions!</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 moving on to life skills writing dealing with career interests and filling out cover letters and resumes.</p>			<p>Stranded and Biome activities have wrapped up, and the students should have all of those projects turned in at this point.</p>	<p>Students are finishing their assigned role team duties to complete our World Religions Mural and Website Project. We are moving on to our final bit of content for the year! Follow our new social media accounts for an inside look at the project: Twitter and instagram @rpsa_middle</p>
	Wednesday 6/5	Thursday 6/6	Friday 6/7	Monday 6/10	Tuesday 6/11
<p>Major Assignments, Assessments and Events</p>	Early release	Study Lab	Narrative papers due		Study Lab Visit to Mount Pleasant municipal airport

Eighth grade graduation: 6/13/19 at 6pm!

Athletic Announcement



Beginning next year, Renaissance Athletics will no longer be transporting its student-athletes via bus. Many factors went into this decision, and we are more excited than ever about the direction our athletics program is headed.

We could not be more pleased with the service we received these past six years from Shepherd Schools, and their transportation department. They have been absolutely wonderful for our student-athletes, and they have been very professional to work with. That being said, we wanted everyone to know that our decision has nothing to do with the drivers or buses that transported us.

As I have mentioned in recent newsletters, and in the athletics website, be on the lookout for new and exciting changes to our athletics program. This is the first announcement, and there will be more to come. Please understand that, as decisions are made, we will keep everyone informed of those changes. We are not trying to be mysterious; however, we do not want to announce decisions that have not been made.

Please understand that we believe every decision that is made is what is best for the program. What this decision DOES mean is that, moving forward, families will be in charge of transporting their children to and from athletic events.

Be on the lookout for future changes...they will be announced as they are made. Thank you for your patience, trust, and understanding. Go Rams!

Sincerely,

Mr. McCausey, RPSA Athletic Director