



September 11, 2017 Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SEP. 10	11 Cross Country Meet in St. Johns	12	13 8:00 AM Trailblazer Parent Meeting about Camp Hartley 2PM Early Release	14	15 Constitution Day	16
17	18 Picture Day Book Fair Week	19	20 2PM Early Release Trailblazers at Camp Hartley	21 5:30 PM Girls' B Team Volleyball at St. Peter's, Big Rapids Trailblazers at Camp Hartley	22 Trailblazers at Camp Hartley	23 Cross Country Meet in Evert
24	25	26	27 2PM Early Release Cross Country in Bath	28 5:30 & 6:30 PM Girls' Volleyball at St. Ann's, Cadillac	29	30 Cross Country Meet at Chippewa Hills
OCTOBER 1	2	3	4	5	6	7

EMERGENCY CARDS

Please turn in any missing emergency cards and beginning of the year forms to the school office. It is important that we have current and accurate information to serve our students best. Thank you for your cooperation.

RAMS ATHLETICS

The Rams Cross-Country team begins its season Monday, September 11, in St. Johns. Good luck Rams runners!

The Rams Volleyball team begins tryouts/practices this week! Join the team! Get that physical turned in, and get on the court! Practices are 3:30pm - 5pm everyday this week, with the exception of Wednesday. No practice on Wednesday.

Volunteers are needed to work the concessions stand at home volleyball events. A sign-up sheet is outside the gym door. Any and all are welcome to come and be a part of the Rams athletics experience! If you do not want to work at the concessions stand, perhaps you would like to be a line judge? If so, you can indicate so on the sign-up sheet or just let Mr. McCausey know.

SPECIALS & ENHANCEMENTS

Howdy RAMS,

This is your Specials Team speaking! We are thrilled to start a new year that will be exciting, enriching, enthusiastic, engaging, effective, excellent, educational, eeeeeeeetc.

Starting the ball rolling, we have Mr. McConnell, our Physical Education teacher, who will offer students a well-rounded opportunity to develop their bodies and minds. This will help our students gain skills that will propel them for success in both the physical and academic aspects of education and life.

Mr. Wiseman proudly conducts the musicality of our school. This year is off to a BIG start with almost 50% of the 5th graders enrolled in band this year.

Leading our technology at RPSA is Mrs. Papenfus. She is moving through every inch of our school in her decked out tech cart, where she engages students with Chromebooks, Ipads, robots, apps, games...the sky's the limit...or the wifi connection.

Mrs. Doyle is so happy to offer wonderful books that get each and every Renaissance student excited about reading. Mystery, Fantasy, Sci-Fi, Biography, Fairy Tales -- we have all the books!

In the art corner, we have Miss Zardus, a new addition to the Renaissance staff. She is beyond excited to provide her students with the canvas to make this year a masterpiece.

We all are looking forward to a bright and colorful year!

Mr. McConnell, Miss Zardus, Mr. Wiseman, Mrs. Papenfus, and Mrs. Doyle

BOOK FAIR 2017

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming! All next week, September 18-22, the Book Fair will be open before and after school. Students will get a chance to look over the book fair during school. Take a look to find some special books for your family to read at home! And if you'd like to help with setting up, cleaning up, or checking out, please contact Mrs. Doyle at the school. Any help would be appreciated!

Kindergarten News

Welcome to Kindergarten!
We are going to have a GREAT year together!



Reminders

- ★ Please remember TO BRING an extra pair of SHOES FOR GYM! YOU CAN STORE THEM IN YOUR LOCKER!
- ★ **DONT FORGET TO PACK a SNACK!** WE WILL BE HAVING SNACK every afternoon!

Teacher Contact Information: If you need to get ahold of us there are many ways to do so!

- ★ The **agenda** is a great way to communicate and send notes to each other! Please check the agenda every night!
- ★ **Pick-Up** is another time when we can pass along quick messages!
- ★ **Email** - Mrs. B - rbiedenbender@renaissancepsa.com Mrs. L - clazarov@renaissancepsa.com

Voyager Newsletter

NWEA TESTING

- *This week begins NWEA testing
- *Please make sure to be on time
- *Help your child by making sure they get a good amount of rest

This year Voyagers are meeting the Next Gen Standards for STEM. The activities included in the link below are COMPLETELY optional, but it is our hope that your family can choose to participate. This will help reinforce content knowledge in a fun, family-friendly way. Thanks so much for supporting our learning.
nextgenscience.org

Just a reminder

*Your child has time to eat one snack each day. Please be sure to provide one for each day.

*Also, please return ALL paperwork ASAP!

Academics

- | We are starting our life science unit on animal adaptations this week.
- | In math we are working on place value and counting number.
- | Practice counting with your child to increase their number sense.
- | In reading we will be studying the author Laura Neumeroff.

Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders



September 11th - September 15th

This Week's Learning

Literacy: We will continue to learn about our students as readers as we introduce new genres, learn about story elements and text features. We will also be working on our reading stamina now that we are Islanders!

Math: Place Value, Rounding, and Regrouping!

Writing: We will continue to get to know our Islanders as writers and begin our persuasive writing unit.

Science: We are beginning our 2nd week of our Food Web and Invasive Species unit! We will continue to simulate the movement in food webs with class activities and learn new vocabulary that will help kick off the research process next week! The students are also preparing for their first Wonder Workshop presentation for their peers! They will be presenting for 10 minutes and teach us something they know about well to get used to the process!

Staying Up To Date

Thank you so much for your classroom supplies! They will help us out so much!

We will be learning about the 7 Habits of Leadership for Kids all year and incorporating it school-wide! Look to our newsletters for more information!

Have you signed up for Class Dojo yet? If not, you're missing out on some great photos from the classroom!

Important Dates

All Week-NVWA testing in the morning!

Sept. 12th- Nemeth and Lindsay classes to CMU
Sept. 14th- Koster and Guillen classes to CMU

Sept. 26th-Nemeth and Lindsay classes to Forest Hill
Sept. 28th- Koster and Guillen classes to Forest Hill



Trailblazer - Week at a Glance

September 11-15

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Major Assignment & Assessments	NWEA Testing	NWEA Testing	NWEA Testing if needed	NWEA Testing if needed	NWEA Testing if needed
School Events/ Activities	Cross Country meet at St. Johns		8 a.m. Hartley Parent Meeting <i>Early Release</i>		Constitution Day Observed

Weekly Summaries

MATH	LITERACY	WRITING	SCIENCE
NWEA Testing early in the week.	NWEA Testing DRAs start next week Working toward answering the question: "In what ways can independent reading be used to emphasize interactions between readers and texts?"	Starting Argumentative Writing with an argumentative paragraph.	Continuing with History of the Earth unit

CAMP HARTLEY NEXT WEEK WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY!! THERE IS A PARENT MEETING ON WEDNESDAY @ 8:00 AM. It is not mandatory to attend, but please bring your questions if you have any.

Picture day is coming next week - Monday, 9/18.

Please sign up for SeeSaw. If you have not received an instruction sheet, you will very soon.



Middle School - Week at a Glance September 11-15

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Major Assignment & Assessments	NWEA Testing	NWEA Testing	NWEA Testing if needed	NWEA Testing if needed	NWEA Testing if needed
School Events/ Activities	Cross Country meet at St. Johns Volleyball Practice Begins 3:30-5	Volleyball Practice 3:30-5	<i>Early Release</i>	Volleyball Practice 3:30-5	Constitution Day Observed Volleyball Practice 3:30-5

Weekly Summaries

MATH	LITERACY	WRITING	SCIENCE
Mr. McCausey: <u>Unit 1:</u> Operations with positive & negative integers.			Mr. McCausey: <u>Unit 1:</u> Atomic Structures ~ The students completed their first formative assessment last week.

Picture day is coming next week - Monday, 9/18.