



## September 25, 2017 Newsletter

### UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
24	25	26 Islanders to Forest Hill- Nemeth and Lindsay	27 3:30 PM Cross Country in Bath	28 Islanders Forest Hill- Koster and Guillen  5:30 & 6:30 PM Girls' Volleyball at St. Ann's, Cadillac	29 Middle School Field Trip to Lansing Hall of Justice	30 11:00 AM Cross Country Meet at Chippewa Hills
OCTOBER 1	2 5:30 & 6:30 PM Girls' Volleyball at Home	3 7:30 - 8:00 AM Annual Title I Parent Meeting	4	5	6 4:00 PM Fowler Apples 2 Apples XC Invitational Uncle John's Cider Mill	7
8	9 5:30 PM Girls' B Team Volleyball at Home	10 Cross Country Beaverton Invite	11	12 5:30 PM Girls' A Team Volleyball at Home	13 Cross Country Mustang Invitational	14
15	16 5:30 & 6:30 PM Girls' Volleyball at Heritage, Cadillac	17	18 Parent-Teacher Conferences	19 5:30 & 6:30 PM Girls' Volleyball at Home	20 4:00 PM Cross Country Alma Scottie Classic	21
22	23	24 5:30 PM Girls' B Team Volleyball at St. Peter's, Big Rapids	25 6:00 - 7:00 PM Family Science Night	26 5:30 & 6:30 PM Girls' Volleyball at St. Mary's, Big Rapids	27 5:00 - 7:00 PM Halloween Party	28
29	30 5:30 PM Girls' A Team Volleyball at Trinity, Reed City	31	NOVEMBER 1	2 5:30 & 6:30 PM Girls' Volleyball at Home	3	4 League Volleyball Tournament at Big Rapids High School

## ATHLETIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations Rams Cross-Country on the great job you did at the Evert Wildcat Invitational on Saturday! We are so proud of you! You didn't let the incredible heat stop you from doing your best! Keep up the hard work; it is clearly paying off! Go Rams!

The cross-country team has two more meets this week:

Bath Middle School Invitational, September 27 @ 4:00

Warrior Invitational at Chippewa Hills, September 30 @ 11:00

~ Come and cheer on our Rams runners!

The volleyball team will open up its season this week!

@ St. Ann, Cadillac, September 28 @ 5:30(B)/6:30(A)

~ Attention volleyball families: Fees and Forms are now due. Student-athletes will not be able to participate in athletic contests until fees and forms have been submitted to Mr. McCausey or Coach Stariha

~ Volleyball Team Shirts: Get your order and payment submitted to the coach as soon as possible

Go Rams!

## 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.

## THE TITLE 1 TEAM

### **Annual Title 1 Fall Parent Meeting**

**October 3rd 7:30-8:00 in the cafeteria**

This meeting is for any Renaissance parent wanting to know more about our school, Title 1, and ways to get involved. Drop in anytime between 7:30-8:00am.

### **Family Science Night**

**Wednesday, October 25th 6:00-7:00pm**

Students from the Central Michigan University chapter of the Michigan Science Teachers Association will be here to provide fun science experiments for students and their families. All students and families are invited to attend this event!

## Specials and Enhancements at RPSA!

Library



A huge thank you to all who helped out and shopped the Scholastic Book Fair last week!

RPSA students have spent the first few weeks of school learning about Digital Citizenship and Responsibility.

# Kindergarten News



### Literacy

- Zoo Phonics Review
- Letter Identification
- Sound Identification
- Sighty Word: I and like
- Rhyming

### Math

- Numbers to 5
- Writing
- Recognizing
- Ordering

### Writing

Letters e, f, g, h

### Science & Social Studies

- Life Science
- Who am I?

## \*Reminders & Events\*

★ CMU VISITOR FROM THE STEM LAB WEDNESDAY

# Voyager Newsletter

- Our animal adaptations science unit is well underway! We are having so much fun! BIRDS!!!!
- BIRDS!!!! BIRDS!!!!!!!



- Keep reading 15-20 minutes every night!
- And remember that we are working hard at school. Enjoy your child when they get home at night. We love Voyagers!

## Writing

Your child is learning how to state their opinion in writing. They will learn to state their opinion, give reasons for it, and write a strong closing sentence.

## Math

Various students are working on adding and subtracting numbers to 10. Others are working on numbers to 1,000. We are getting in the swing of things with our station rotations! A lot is happening in our rooms during this time

# Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders



September 25th - September 29th

## This Week's Learning

**Literacy:** We will be using fictional and nonfiction texts to find the main idea and use specific examples from the text as supporting details.

**Math:** The Islanders will continue their Place Value unit as they work on estimation and rounding. Students will also start to look at multiplication this week!

**Writing:** Islanders are very excited to begin drafting their persuasive letters!

**Science:** Research has begun in our Food Webs and Invasive Species units! You may see your child bring home research materials to continue this project at home (by choice). There will be plenty to do with designing a food web and writing an informational report! Next week students will also be presenting in their first Wonder Workshop!

## Staying Up To Date

Our field trip this week requires a **cold lunch, snacks, good walking shoes, water bottles and sunscreen.** We will be outside all day on this trip to Forest Hill Nature Area. Please read the note that was sent home last week, or ask your child's teacher if you have additional questions.

Wonder Workshop presentations will be the first two Wednesdays in October. The students will be teaching us about something they know a lot about or know how to do very well.

## Important Dates

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

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



## *Trailblazer Week at a Glance September 25-29*



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Major Assignment & Assessments	Developmental Reading Assessments (DRA) are this week				
School Events/ Activities			<i>Early Release</i> 3:30 Cross Country @ Bath	5:30 Volleyball @ St. Ann in Cadillac	

### Weekly Summaries

MATH	LITERACY	WRITING	SCIENCE
Beginning groups and our first unit.	Working toward answering the question: "In what ways can independent reading be used to emphasize interactions between readers and texts?"	Continuing our argumentative writing. We will be emphasizing the use of various types of evidence.	Continuing with History of the Earth unit and our project research on regions of the world and how they are impacted by plate movements.

***Please sign up for See Saw, if you have not already done so. If you need another instruction sheet, check with your child's teacher; we would be happy to get you another one.***

# Middle School Happenings

## September 25-29

### Weekly Summaries

Math	English/ Language Arts	Science	Social Studies
7th Grade Math continues to work through the Number System Standards using our "flipped" classroom method. I would encourage the students to "keep working".	Writing information papers on how does the US government separate powers and what is the system of checks and balances?	Digging into the Periodic Table of Elements!	Starting the first Unit in We the People - looking closely at the beginning of our government and constitution.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Major Assignment, Assessments and Events	DRA Testing  Let advisory teacher know if you need a sack lunch or are bringing your own	DRA Testing		DRA testing	Field Trip to Hall of Justice

Hall of Justice Field Trip Permission forms are due today. Another copy is included on the next page.

**September 21, 2017**

On September 29, 2017 the middle school students and teachers will be heading to Lansing to go to the Michigan Supreme Court Hall of Justice. We will be leaving the school that day at 8:30 am and not returning to the school until about 2:45 pm. We are going to be learning about the Constitution in the learning center and getting a sneak peak at the Supreme court.

Students can pack a lunch or request a lunch from the school. They can also bring money for food court if they would like to purchase food while we are there.

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My son/daughter, \_\_\_\_\_, will be attending the Hall of Justice on September 29, 2017.

Yes                      No

My son/daughter, \_\_\_\_\_, will be need a school sack lunch on September 29, 2017.

Yes                      No

If you student does not have a blank permission trip form on file, please sign if you give permission on the bottom. These forms need to be returned on September 25, 2017 so we can get sack lunches ordered. Thank you!

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Parent Signature/ Date