



# Renaissance Report

SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

## Parent Club

The first Parent Club meeting of the school year is  
Sept 10th (tonight!) at 5pm.

We hope to see you there!

Thank you to everyone who continues to sell  
RAMS Cards!

## Attention:

If your child needs/takes any sort of medication, a new  
form needs to be filled out before meds are administered.  
The forms are in the office. Thanks! Ms. Tina

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# Parking Lot Safety

- For the safety and well being of all our students and family members at Renaissance please remember the following expectations:
- Students must be dropped off in the right lane.
- Drop off may be anywhere between the two crosswalks.
- DO NOT allow students to exit the car before the first crosswalk.
- Students may not walk from a parked car to the school without an adult.
- Cross ONLY at the crosswalk.
- Drivers in the left, drive through lane must DRIVE SLOWLY.
- Drivers should not be on a cell phone while driving in our parking lot.
- Smoking is PROHIBITED on school grounds, including in vehicles.
- Do not drop off at Airway Oxygen



Families: Please click on the link to read the RPSA Handbook for more information:

<http://renaissancepsa.com/wp-content/uploads/RPSA-Student-Handbook-2018-19.pdf>



Picture Day is  
9/20/18!



## *Preschool News*

We're so excited to see you all!  
We are going to have a FUN YEAR!!  
-Mrs. Simon and Mrs. Binns

**PLEASE remember TO  
BRING IN extra CLOTHING  
and Leave IN THE TOP OF  
YOUR CHILD'S LOCKER.**



# Kindergarten News

## Literacy

\*Spending more time with the Zoo Animals and the sounds they make.

\*Poems that rhyme

## Math

Numbers are all around us! Can you find numbers in your house and on the way to school?

## Writing

We will practice writing the letters of the alphabet.

## Social Studies

### UNIT

How can I show that I care for others?

## \*REMINDERS & EVENTS\*

Please make sure that you have signed up for our SEESAW communication! We have just a few families left. It is important for us to share information back and forth. Thank you!



# Voyager Newsletter

## Families:

We have had a wonderful week learning procedures and expectations. Students have done very well at learning these processes. Please let them know again how proud we are of them for their great listening skills.

This week we will continue to work on procedures and expectations. Also, we will begin learning our math and reading stations procedures this week.

Please send any paperwork that still hasn't been returned to the school.

Thank you.

Voyager Teachers

## Reminders:

\*Please send in an extra pair of tennis shoes that will be used only for gym.

\*Picture day is September 20th.

\*Please check the weather daily to ensure your student has a sweatshirt or jacket that is appropriate for the weather.

\*Please send in snacks for your child; some parents choose to send in a full weeks worth, and this seems to work out great.



# Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders

September 10th-14th



## This Week's Learning

**Literacy:** This week the Islanders will begin working with recognizing the importance of text features!

**Math:** Ask your Islander about ST Math! We are also beginning our Place Value units!

**Writing:** Students will have a chance to tap into their creative sides this week with writing! We look forward to seeing the variety of work coming our way!

**Science:** Islanders will be working in small teams this week to create a prototype to prepare for hazardous weather in Michigan! We will be discussing weather and climate patterns as well as introducing students how to read weather maps!

## Staying Up To Date

- Please sign up for SeeSaw if you haven't already!
- Islander students may bring a snack to eat each day. Snack is not typically provided by the classroom.
- Don't forget a pair of Gym shoes for your child! These can be kept in their lockers.

## Important Dates

- Picture Day is on September 20th!
- Guests from CMU Meteorology Club will be visiting our classrooms on the 28th!



## Middle School Happenings September 10th-14th

Math		English Language Arts		Science	Social Studies
Mr. McCausey's Math students are working on Operations with Positive & Negative Numbers.  Mr. Buzard's math classes have begun working on identifying rational and irrational numbers. Over the coming weeks we will be estimating the value of irrational numbers and ordering them with rational numbers on a number line.		In ELA, students be exploring Genre and Theme in the next coming weeks. This week they will be reading a short article to work on their analysis skills.  In Writing, students will begin their pre-write for their informational paper. We want to get to know them as writers before we dive into our papers.		Our first unit begins with Cells. Last week students created a comic through Storyboard that on Cell Theory.  They will continue their exploration into cells comparing living and nonliving things, as well as Eukaryotic and Prokaryotic cells.	The students have begun learning about primary and secondary sources. This week we will be looking at early humans and why they began migrating. We will look at push and pull factors for migration and start to consider the benefits that early farmers had over hunter/gatherers.
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Major Assignment, Assessments and Events  Miss Hart is the new Mrs. Lazarov and would like to say "Hello!" to everyone.	Cross-Country @ St. Johns		Early Release	Quiz on Primary and Secondary Sources (SS)	Cross-Country @ Harrison TOMORROW!



# Athletics



## Girls Volleyball:

Tryout Sessions are complete. Thank you to everyone for your participation! We are looking forward to a wonderful season...that starts in just one week! Good luck, ladies! Get your paperwork completed and turned in to the coach. Fees are due prior to the first game.

## Cross-Country:

The Running Rams of Cross-Country have two meets this week!

Today, in St. Johns, at the St. Johns Middle School Meet.  
Saturday, in Harrison, at the Harrison Hornet Invite.  
Go and support our runners! They would love to see you there.

## Fall Sports Pictures:

Guys and Dolls will be here on September 20 to take pictures of our cross-country and volleyball teams. Make sure that you have your uniforms ready to go on that day...and your order form to order! Those order forms will be coming home soon!

## Bowling:

There is plenty of time to get signed up and registered for the Riverwood After School Club! We are excited about this opportunity for our 5th - 8th grade students. If you enjoy bowling, this might be the activity for you! Please see Mr. McCausey for details.

# Specials and Enhancements



## Perspectives Class

The Specials and Enhancements Team is excited to offer a new opportunity to the Voyagers, Islanders, & Trailblazers this year.

### Introducing: Perspectives!

What is Perspectives Class?

Each week, your students will have one 50 minute session at the end of the school day to create a project based on a prompt from the popular book, **The Creativity Project**. They will be with one of the 5 Specials teachers, as they respond to prompts from different perspectives each week. For example, if they are with Ms. Z., they will respond to the prompt from an artistic perspective. However, if they are with Mr. Wiseman, they will respond to that same prompt...from a musical perspective. We are excited to offer this new opportunity to our students.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact any member of the Specials Team: Mrs. Papenfus, Mrs. Doyle, Mr. McConnell, Ms. Zardus, and Mr. Wiseman

