



Renaissance Report

SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

We Need Your Help!

You are invited to join us on Friday Sept 21th for our very first community playground build! It starts at 9am and goes until we are done. We will need at least 15 volunteers to make this happen.

To RSVP please contact Joel Papenfus at jpapenfus@renaissancepsa.com or call 989-773-9889



*If we get rain this week and the area floods, we will need to postpone.

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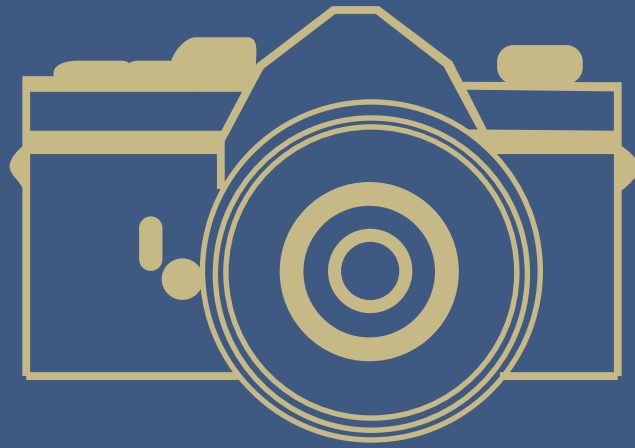
Parking Lot Safety

- 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!

Parent Club

Today starts our 3rd week of RAMS cards sales! Please return your money from sales for contest eligibility . Have unsold cards? Return those to the school and we can check them out to others. Thanks for your great work! We will have a volunteer to collect cards and money and possibly sign out more cards before and after school most days this week (so far no one Tuesday and Thursday mornings).

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



inspiring girls
TO BE JOYFUL, HEALTHY AND CONFIDENT!

We are excited to announce that Girls on the Run will be offered to girls in 3rd-5th grade this fall! Practices will begin Tuesday, September 25.

To register, please click on the following link and search for Renaissance. Days and times will be found there:

www.gotrcentralmichigan.org

For questions about Girls on the Run of Central Michigan, contact GOTR:

M-F from 9:00am-4:00pm

Phone: 989-330-4085

Sam Jones, Executive Director:

director@gotrcentralmichigan.org

We're looking forward to another amazing GOTR season with RPSA!

*** November 18: 5K Celebration at Alma College at 1 PM.**



Girls on the Run is for **EVERY** girl.



Girls on the Run is an afterschool program like no other! Twice per week for 10 weeks, girls will have fun, make friends, increase their physical activity levels and learn important life skills. Trained and caring coaches lead 3 - 5 grade girls through interactive lessons and running activities. The season ends with a noncompetitive 5K event.

Why it Matters

IT'S FUN. IT'S EFFECTIVE.

Participating in Girls on the Run transforms girls' lives by helping them increase their self-confidence, develop healthy relationships, and feel good about themselves, inside and out.



Girls who were the least active at the start of the program increased their physical activity by more than **40%***



97% of participants said they learned critical skills to manage emotions, resolve conflict, help others or make intentional decisions*

*Results based on a 2016 independent study conducted by Positive Youth Development expert Maureen R. Weiss, Ph.D.

Registration Opens: Now-September 24

Program Start: Tuesday, September 25

Program Location: Renaissance PSA

Program Fee: \$150

Program Fee Scholarships are available!

Schedule: Tuesdays and Thursdays 4-5:30 PM

info@gotrcentralmichigan.org | 989-330-4085

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER TODAY AT WWW.GOTRCENTRALMICHIGAN.ORG

Preschool News

We had a really fun first week of school!
We've had so much fun exploring our new classroom and checking out areas like the easel with watercolors, the house area, and the playdough table. During small groups we explored with the tangrams, which are small shaped pieces you put them together to make different pictures. The children created turtles, flowers, horses, and more! We have more fun areas and things to explore next week! Hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs. Simon and Mrs. Binns

PLEASE remember TO SIGN YOUR
CHILD IN AND OUT DAILY WITH TIME
and your SIGNATURE. THANKS!
SCHOOL PICTURES SEPTEMBER 20TH



Kindergarten News



Literacy

*The "Zoo Animals"
are helping us learn
the letter sounds!
*Sight Word: I
*We are reading a lot
of books!

Math

Numbers are all
around us!
*Counting to 5 and
higher
*Writing numbers to 5

Writing

Letters are made
of Big and Little
Curves and Big
and Little Lines

Social Studies

UNIT

How can I show
that I care for
others?

Reminders & Events

Picture Day, THURSDAY, SEPT. 20

Remember to bring your SMILE

THANKS for sending a snack MON., TUES., THURS., and Friday





Voyager Newsletter



What a wonderful second week of school we had this last week! Our Voyagers have shown some great leadership skills. We will continue to work on procedures and expectations, so students will understand fully of what is expected in the classroom and all other places in our school.

We want to thank all of you who have signed up for Seesaw already. Our Voyager Team has almost 100% of our families connected to Seesaw. If you are having difficulties signing in please let your child's teacher know, so they may be able to help you get on. Your child will be sharing all their great work that they complete daily and you won't want to miss all the great work completed in the classroom.

STEM with Mrs. P:

Ask your child about what they did in STEM. They have some amazing things to share on what they built in the STEM Lab. Many smiling faces were seen while planning, creating and replanning of a water slide protocol. Testing them was the best; so MUCH FUN!!!!



Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders

September 17th-21st



This Week's Learning

Literacy: Ask your Islander about the Mentor Sentences we have been working on and the different read-alouds!

Math: Place value and rounding are in the plans for this week!

Writing: The Islanders will begin their first writing unit this week! We will be learning how to write persuasive letters!

Science: The students will be wrapping up and presenting their mini-project ideas early in the week. By the end of the week, teams will be researching weather and climate patterns from different countries all over the world! Students are also using this Wednesday to prepare for their first informal Wonder Workshop presentation. This is over a topic they know very well.

Staying Up To Date

- Please sign up for SeeSaw if you haven't already!
- Make sure all of your important paperwork is turned into the office!
- Students are more than welcome to log into ST Math at home! The link is on our RPSA homepage!

Important Dates

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



Week at a Glance

Sep. 17- Sep. 21



Please make sure you are checking your Seesaw account for important information and notices on a daily basis.



PARENT MEETING:
9/20 @ 8:00am.

Hartley's Director will be here to answer any questions you have regarding your child's experience at camp.

All forms for camp must be completed and returned to RPSA as soon as possible. Camp dates are October 3-5.

MATH	-Place values with decimals -Adding and Subtracting Integers -Ask your child which topic they are working on.
PBL	Social Studies - European Explorers of North America
READING	Inspirational people and practicing annotating text

IMPORTANT DATES:

9/20 - PICTURE DAY

9/20 - CAMP HARTLEY PARENT MTG. - 8:00

9/24 - Ziibiwing Center - Snyder/Bartell

9/25 - Ziibiwing Center - Nix/Whitman

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!



Middle School Happenings September 17th-21th

Math	English Language Arts	Science	Social Studies
<p>Mr. McCausey's Math students are working on Operations with Positive & Negative Numbers.</p> <p>Mr. Buzard's math classes are continuing our work on estimating the value of irrational numbers and ordering them with rational numbers on a number line.</p>	<p>In ELA, students are reading their Independent Reading Books.</p> <p>In Writing, students will be introduced to the Informational Paper directions and rubric. They will begin brainstorming a topic and researching this week.</p>	<p>Students will continue their exploration into Eukaryotic and Prokaryotic cells. They took a quiz on comparing the two; retakes are this week. They will also be moving forward with Plant and Animal Cells.</p>	<p>In social studies, we are exploring paleolithic and neolithic ways of life. We are exploring stone age tools, fossils, and artifacts.</p> <p>Students have begun brainstorming ideas for our Museum Night project!</p>

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Major Assignment, Assessments and Events	Volleyball vs. St. Peter 5:30 & 6:30		Early Release		Cross-Country @ Evart TOMORROW 9/22/18!

Special Community Event:

The Academy of Performing Arts (Alma) is presenting a 50 minute performance: Dance for Schools: Emoji Motion on Tuesday, September 18th. 7pm-8pm

One of our own talented middle schoolers, Daria, will be performing! Let's go support her and all the other young performers involved!

Thanks to the Gratiot Country Community Foundation and Alma College for the grant to make this FREE to all who wish to attend this public show !



Cross-Country:

The Renaissance Rams are off to a great start this season, with many setting personal best times each time on the course! We are very proud of them and their early accomplishments.

Upcoming Meet: September 22 at the Springhill Camps in Evert for the Evert Wildcat Invitational. The middle school portion of the meet begins at 11:30am. We hope to see you there supporting our Running Rams.

Volleyball:

The Lady Rams Volleyball teams kick off their season today at home against St. Peter. The action begins at 5:30. Come on out and support our volleyball teams. I am sure they would appreciate your support!

The Rams "B" division team will be in action again on Thursday, September 20, at home to face the Spirits of St. Ann. Game time is set for 5:30pm.

At each home volleyball match, we need two line judges. Volunteers for this are welcome. If you want to be a part of the action, or just enjoy helping out - see Mr. McCausey on game day.

Fall Athletics Pictures:

September 20, immediately following the end of the school day, Guys and Dolls will be here. The cross-country team and both volleyball teams should change into their uniforms for pictures. The volleyball teams will have their pictures taken first, as they have a game that day. Order forms were sent home last Friday.

Game Day Volunteers & Scholarship Athletes:

The volunteer sign-up sheets are posted outside the gym. We would love for those sheets to be full, so that we can offer concessions on game days. Families of scholarship athletes can fulfill their volunteer requirement during any athletic season. The booster program appreciates your support and help, so that they may continue to provide scholarships to athletes.

Specials and Enhancements



STEM Lab!

The students are enjoying the new STEM Lab experience! Voyager through Middle School students have been intentionally using the Engineering Design Process to think through and carry out plans for a fun and safe Water Slide. These Water Slide and Theme Park Engineers have been using all materials available to them to create their unique structure...and we are getting low on materials! If you have any cardboard, plastic containers (yogurt, butter, etc), or masking tape laying around at home, feel free to bring it & drop it off at the STEM Lab! Thanks!

