



# Renaissance Report

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**Happy Early Release  
Wednesday!**

# PTO NEWS:

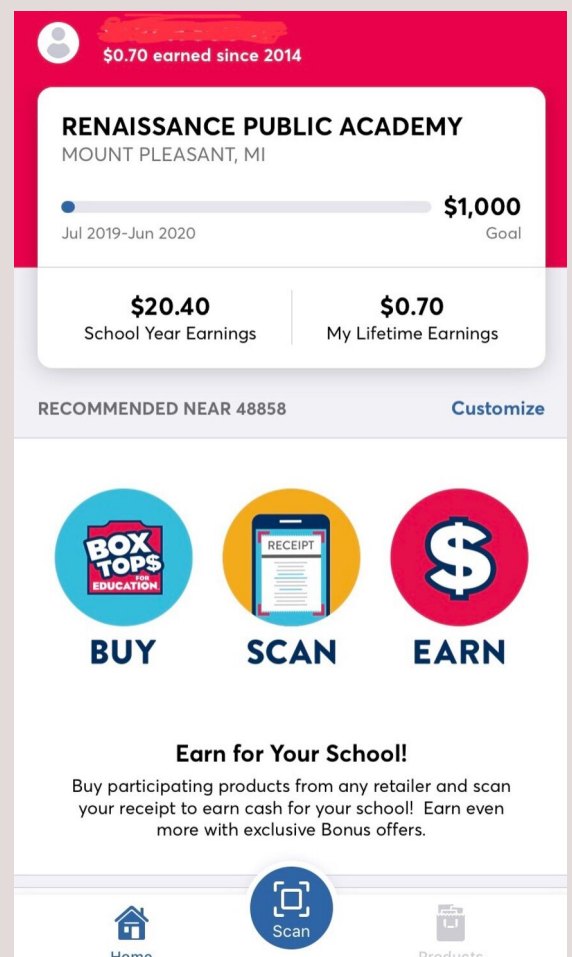
Thank you for participating in Rams Cards sales! The sales contest has ended. Results out soon!

The Box Tops program is going digital! Box Tops are a significant PTO revenue and they are transitioning to a digital platform. The app is easy to install and use- simply scan your store receipt in the app!!

**\*\*They will still be accepting the regular box tops as long as the date is good\*\***

Once again, we will run a monthly contest- turn in at least 10 Box Tops to the bin in the front lobby, or take a screen capture (see image), having earned at least \$1 and email to: [renaissanceramspto@gmail.com](mailto:renaissanceramspto@gmail.com).

Remember to add your student's name and teacher to your entries for a chance to win a \$10 Meijer gift card!





# Central Michigan District Health Department

*Promoting Healthy Families, Healthy Communities*



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September 23, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

A case of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) has recently been diagnosed in a horse in Montcalm County. This is the first case of EEE in a horse in Montcalm County since 2005 and the fifth since 1942. To date, no case of human EEE has ever been found in Montcalm County since this disease was first tracked in humans in 1980. No human or animal cases have been reported in Isabella County, Gratiot Counties, or any other surrounding counties. At this time, it is felt that the risk of EEE in humans in Gratiot County and Isabella County is VERY LOW and we do not feel it is necessary to reschedule or change outdoor sports schedules. However, avoiding mosquito bites is still, and always is, advised as they could still transmit this disease as well as other, such as West Nile Virus.

One way to avoid mosquito bites is to avoid outdoor activities occurring at or after dusk, when mosquitos are at their worse. There are many other ways to avoid mosquito bites including:

- Apply insect repellents that contain the active ingredient DEET, or other U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-approved product to exposed skin or clothing, and always follow the manufacturer's directions for use.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outdoors. Apply insect repellent to clothing to help prevent bites. Permethrin is a particularly effective repellent for clothing and equipment.
- Maintain window and door screening to help keep mosquitoes outside.
- Empty water from mosquito breeding sites around the home, such as buckets, unused kiddie pools, old tires or similar sites where mosquitoes may lay eggs.
- Area spraying is NOT generally effective this late in the year and in general is not recommended.

EEE is a disease maintained in birds, and spread between birds by mosquitos. Certain species of mosquitos can also spread it from birds to some mammals, such as horses, deer, and humans. It cannot be passed between mammals, such as from horse to humans. However, cases in horses are a sign there is EEE in the area.

EEE infection in humans is one of the most dangerous mosquito-borne diseases in the United States and there have now been 8 human cases confirmed in Michigan. People aged over 50 years and under 15 years are at increased risk for serious disease. Since 1980, there have been no more than 1 to 3 human cases identified in Michigan each year, primarily in southern and southwestern Michigan. For more information, go to [www.michigan.gov/eee](http://www.michigan.gov/eee) and [www.cdc.gov/eee](http://www.cdc.gov/eee).

Sincerely,

Jennifer Morse, MD, MPH, FAAFP  
Medical Director

*Please visit us at our website [www.cmdhd.org](http://www.cmdhd.org)*



# Lost and Found

WE ARE FIVE WEEKS  
INTO SCHOOL, AND THE  
LOST AND FOUND IS  
BEGINNING TO GROW!

Please visit the former cafeteria to see if you  
are missing anything!



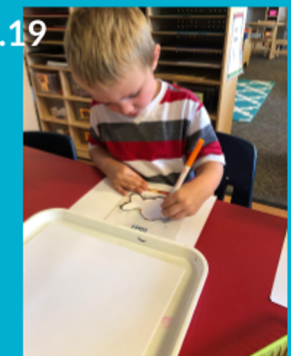
## Classroom News:

### Preschool NEWS

Another week is in the books. One thing we did this week was shell sorting. Kids had their own bucket of shells to explore. We had friends who sorted by size, color and shape. We also discovered that you can hear the ocean in some of the shells. Stencils were also a big hit this week. We were practicing our fine motor skills and our grip for holding pencils and markers while tracing.



Week  
of  
9.16.19







# Kindergarten News

## Literacy

We continue to focus on letter sounds using our Zoo Animals. Sight words: I, like, the

## Math

We are using vocabulary words: more and less. We will write and count with numbers: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

## Writing

We are practicing H and L in handwriting.

## Social Studies

We are spending more time with our stuffed animals who will help us learn to care for others.

## \*Reminders & Events\*

\*Please send a jacket or sweatshirt for our cool morning recess.



# Voyager Newsletter



## Academics:

In math, our students will continue to work on counting forward to 20 and backward. Also, they will be practicing place value to the thousands.

In reading, our students will continue to work on beginning, middle and end. Also, how does a character change over time and why.

In science, our students will continue to learn what is special about birds: What are a bird's external parts and why are they important? How and why birds adapt? And why do birds have different types of beaks?

In writing, our students will be writing a personal narrative. This writing will tie into a personal experience that they had and linked to one of our field trips.

Parents,

Please remember to send a healthy snack and water bottle with your child each day to ensure they have the energy to learn throughout the day. Water bottles can stay at school.

Also, please ensure your child arrives at school with enough time to be in their classroom by 8:00 a.m. Thanks in advance.

If you need to contact us, please use Seesaw and we will respond to you during non-instructional time throughout the day.

Here is to a great year!

## Anderson and Girls Field trip:

When: Monday, October 7th

Leave: 9:00am

Return: 1:00pm

Lunch: Eating there

-Please contact your child's teacher by Friday, September 20 to let them know if your child needs a school sack lunch. Thanks!

# Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders

September 25th



## This Week's Learning

**Literacy:** The Islanders will be using much of their Literacy time this week working on their NWEA tests. In the meantime, we will still be having wonderful discussions using our Classroom Book a Day, classroom read aloud, and conferences during our independent reading time!

**Math:** The Islanders are participating in LearnStorm on the website, Khan Academy. We are working as a large team to accomplish BIG goals! Students are also encouraged to work on these goals at home using this website!

**Writing:** The persuasive letters are looking great! Students have been learning about adding specific details, transitional words and phrases, and closing sentences.

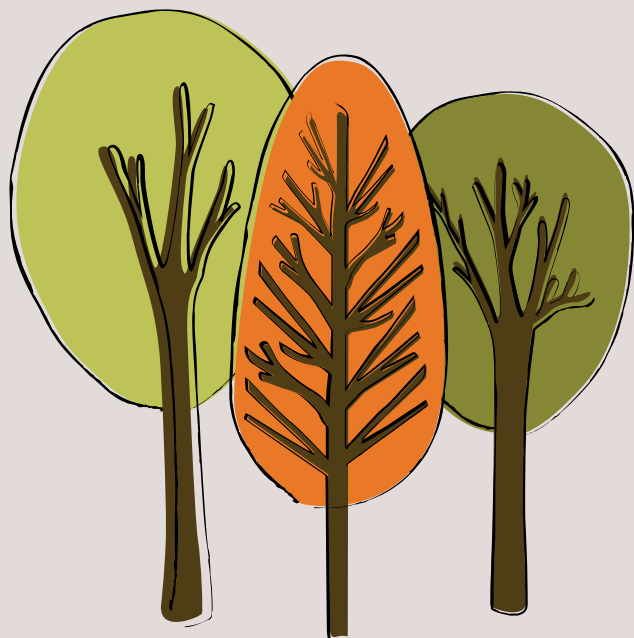
**Science:** This is an important week for our students. They will be visiting Bryant Farms for any last minute information they would like to add to their presentations. Next week we will be editing, revising, and practicing the presentations to wrap up our first unit!

## Ideas for Home

- Flashcards! Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division are all important!
- Have your child practice their Wonder Workshop presentation for you! The first round of (classroom) presentations will take place in two weeks!

## Important Dates

- Islanders will visit Bryant Farms in Shepherd on September 26th.
  - Please make sure your child dresses for the weather, outdoor activities (no sandals) and brings their cold lunch!



# TRAILBLAZERS TRIP TO HARTLEY

**Our Trailblazers had a great time of learning, fun, and growth over the course of 3 days at Hartley Education Center! We are looking forward to being back in the classroom this week, and applying all we learned!**

Middle School Happenings  
September 25 - October 1

**STUDY LAB WILL BEGIN IN OCTOBER**  
Every Tuesday & Thursday  
3:30 - 4:30

Math	English/ Language Arts		Science	Social Studies	
Mr. Buzard's math classes are learning about rational and irrational numbers and how to estimate the value of irrational roots.  Mr. McCausey's Math: Classes continue working on +/÷/× using PEMDAS.	In ELA, students have finished their Fractured Fairy Tales and are working on peer and self editing those first drafts. Some key focuses will be on the sensory details, dialogue, and structure of a narrative.		Classes will continue exploring physical properties of substances. Specifically, we will work with density.	Students will be completing their first ThinkCERCA of the year for U.S. History.	
	9/25	9/26	9/27	9/30	10/1
Major Assignment, Assessments and Events		V-ball @ St. Mary - 5:30/6:30  NWEA Testing (wrapping up)  Fire Drills		Volleyball vs. St. Peter 6:30	Assembly -Lion Hart



# RAMS Athletics:

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## ATHLETICS **RAMS VOLLEYBALL** *Coming Up*

September 26  
"A/B" Team  
@ St. Mary - Big Rapids  
5:30/6:30 PM

September 30  
"A" Team  
Vs. St. Peter  
6:30 PM



## ATHLETICS **RAMS CROSS COUNTRY** *Coming Up*

September 28  
2019 Shepherd Bluejay Invite  
Shepherd High School Course

*See schedule for event times*



## ATHLETICS

### **VOLUNTEERS & SCHOLARSHIP FULFILLMENT**

Volunteer sign-up sheets will be posted outside the gymnasium during each athletic season. Please feel free to sign up at your convenience...and fulfill your scholarship commitment. Thank you.

See Mr. McCausey or Mr. McConnell if you have questions.

## ATHLETICS

### **FALL BOYS BASKETBALL OPEN GYM SCHEDULE**

*PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE!*

September 26

October 10

October 17

(6 to 7:30 PM)



Boys that are considering boys basketball this year are encouraged to attend. There is no cost for these sessions. A completed physical is required.