



Wednesday, April 22, 2020

Dear RPSA Families,

As we enter our sixth week of distance learning, we want you to know that this time apart is not getting any easier. We miss seeing you, hugging you and sharing our school building with each of you. At the same time, some amazing transformations have taken place and learning continues for us all, students, families and staff.

TECHNOLOGY DISTRIBUTION

This week any family who has requested technology can come to the school to pick it up. Here is [the letter](#) sent to all families on Monday, 4/20. Pick up continues today and tomorrow from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and from 9:00 a.m. until noon on Friday. Families who cannot come this week to pick up their chromebooks will be able to do so again next week during Inspiration Care Package pick up.

INSPIRATION CARE PACKAGES

Beginning next week we will be distributing care packages to all of our students. Unique packages of inspiring learning activities and project supplies are being assembled and will be available soon. In addition we will have basic learning supplies such as crayons, scissors, glue sticks, pencils, pencil sharpeners and more for anyone in need. Your child will NOT want to miss out on this surprise! Watch for more info early next week.

YOUR SPECIALS TEACHERS MISS YOU

The Specials Team consisting of Mr. McConnell, Mrs. Papenfus, Mrs. Bartell and Mr. Wiseman have created an ever growing [website](#) of music, PE, movement and STEM activities for students at all grade levels. You can also find it linked on the [academics page](#) of our website. Check it out weekly for updated activities or to try out an old favorite again and again.

THE RPSA DISTANCE LEARNING PLAN

As many of you may know, our school was required to write a plan to outline how learning will continue for all RPSA students. Our plan was approved by The Center for Charter Schools at Central Michigan University on Monday. You can review our school's plan [here](#) or on our school's webpage.

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

In cases where your child needs immediate assistance or the matter is confidential, we have set up a phone line specifically to meet those needs. You may contact Mrs. Anderson, our Dean of Students and School Social Worker, by leaving a detailed message at 989-492-8328. Mrs. Anderson will return your call as soon as possible.

We have put together a [slide deck](#) of resources that families and students may find useful during our time of distance learning. It includes information about mental health, physical health, yoga and mindfulness, and suggestions for talking to children about the coronavirus. This resource, Specials team information, and the library resources mentioned in last week's newsletter are all linked on the [academics page](#) of our website for easy access.

We have placed two sealed totes outside the main entrance of the school. **Any family or community member** in need of non-perishable food support is welcome to come and take what is needed to ease the pressures of this crisis. The tubs are replenished on weekdays to support the food needs of our community.

2-1-1 is a free, easy-to-remember telephone number that connects people in need with people who can help - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. 211 is a statewide public service that is funded by United Way and can be used to assist with a wide variety of needs, including food scarcity, assistance with utilities, mental health services, and beyond. It's really a one stop service to help people get connected with agencies that can help them, regardless of what that need might be.

When you or someone you know is in need, just dial 211. Calling is the best way to get connected to agencies that can help. If an individual is uncomfortable calling 211, they can text their ZIP to TXT211. If calling or texting is an issue, there is a 24/7 live chat option as well: <https://www.211nemichigan.org/>.

Please continue to call the school phone at 989-773-9889 for all non-emergency, school related questions. Miss Tina will be available weekdays to answer the phone and get messages to the appropriate staff members.

MRS. BERGMAN'S WEEKLY OFFICE HOURS

Students, families and staff are all welcome to "Zoom In" and say hello during office hours. You can plan to stay as little or as long as you like. She would love to hear from you!

Wednesday, April 22 · 3:00 – 4:00pm

Weekly on Wednesday, until Jun 17, 2020

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71313510581?pwd=enAyYTU0dDdhQ0RKMnFtSnU0MGxSQT09>

Meeting ID: 713 1351 0581
Password: 6ynQ1y

Friday, April 24 · 9:00 – 10:00am

Weekly on Friday, until Jun 19, 2020

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71911059932?pwd=d1Y0cDJhOjVxcWZPazlTUHU5WGZvUT09>

Meeting ID: 719 1105 9932
Password: 6t3W73

Monday, April 27 · 12:00 – 1:00pm

Weekly on Monday, until Jun 15, 2020

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77607381651?pwd=NUtSdXk1bEtWUitUc1Y2TkdfNnVCUT09>

Meeting ID: 776 0738 1651
Password: 0qJbzM

We wish you health and happiness this week.

The Renaissance Staff