



# Renaissance Report

OCTOBER 29, 2018

## THIS FRIDAY!



JOIN US FOR A DANCE PARTY!

NOVEMBER 2ND, 2018 - 5:30-7:30PM

RENAISSANCE PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY

COSTUME CONTEST

PRE-K- 4TH AT 6PM

5TH-8TH AT 6:15PM

ACTIVITIES

FACE PAINTING & GAMES BEFORE &  
AFTER HAUNTED HALLWAY

HAUNTED HALLWAY (SCARY) RUNS FROM 6-6:50

REFRESHMENTS (FOR PURCHASE)

SPONSORED BY RENAISSANCE PTO & STUDENT COUNCIL



You can RSVP to this event on our school's Facebook page. You can still attend even if you don't RSVP. :)

# Renaissance PTO



## RAMS Cards Recap:

Thank you for a successful fall fundraiser!! Our Rams Cards sales show a current profit of \$6,300!! (For reference, our fall catalog fundraiser last year profited \$2,390.21) Together we sold just shy of 900 (out of 1,000) cards! Thanks to all of you for helping make it a success! We have a little over 100 cards left and hope to sell those at the Local 989 Santa's Workshop event on Saturday, December 1 from 9-3. In the meantime, they are for sale in the office or by emailing a request to [RenaissanceRamsPTO@gmail.com](mailto:RenaissanceRamsPTO@gmail.com)

October 30th!



## **Picture Retake Day**

**Picture Retakes are TOMORROW!**

**Families, just a reminder that the office does not open until 7:30.**

**This includes answering the phones. If you need to contact your child's teacher before 7:30am or after 4pm, please use the answering machine and someone will get the message to them. Thank you from the office staff.**

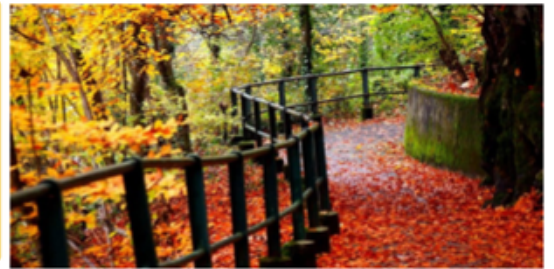


# Preschool News

What a week! We did everything from making slime to riding the new zipline to making "pizza" and working on identifying shapes, colors and blending colors. We worked on identifying some basic shapes and how many sides they have. This is something that can also be easily done as a fun game at home or in the car. Some examples are while cooking in the kitchen, have your child look in the cupboard and find items with circles or rectangles on them. You can even add in counting when putting items away from shopping or encourage them to help you unload the dishwasher and count the cups as they get put away.

-Mrs. Simon and Mrs. Binns

WE'VE BEEN GETTING A LITTLE DIRTY CLIMBING THE "MOUNTAINS" OF DIRT ON THE PLAYGROUND SO JUST A REMINDER TO SEND YOUR CHILD IN CLOTHES YOU DON'T MIND IF THEY GET DIRTY. ALSO, PLEASE REMEMBER TO REPLENISH THEIR EXTRA CLOTHES SUPPLY IN THEIR LOCKERS. THANK YOU!



# 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



## **Academics:**

In math, our students will continue to work on place value. They will also be working on comparing and ordering numbers, as well as addition and subtraction w/ and w/o regrouping.

In reading, our students will continue to work on fiction story structure: characters, setting, problem, solution and summary.

In social studies, our students will continue working on Core Democratic Values and how the 7 Habits of Great Leaders helps our community.

In writing, our students will continue writing a persuasive piece. This writing will tie into our social studies unit and how to ensure the greater good for all in our community.

## **Parents:**

Please remember to send your child with a cold lunch on Wednesday if you chose to not have the school make one for the field trip. Also, send your child in WARM clothing (hat, gloves, winter coat).

Thanks in advance!

## **Upcoming Events:**

Week of October 29 - November 2  
Scholastic Book Fair

October 31  
Voyager field trip to Chippewa Nature Center

November 2  
Dance Party 5:30-7:30

**\*\*This weekend clocks fall back an hour!**



# Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders

October 29, 2018 - November 2, 2018



## This Week's Learning

**Literacy:** Islanders have been focusing on author's purpose and reading books about our constitution.

**Math:** Our week was full of learning how to multiply multi-digit numbers as well as working in the STEM Lab.

**Writing:** Islanders have continued to revise and edit their final drafts for their persuasive letters.

**Social Studies:** This week we started our US Government unit. The students learned about the rights and responsibilities of citizens as well as the three branches of government.

## Staying Up To Date

- Students are NOT allowed to wear costumes on Halloween at school. However, they may wear costumes after school on Friday, November 2nd for our annual Monster Bash Party (check SeeSaw for more details).
- **Our field trip to the Hall of Justice is on Monday, Oct 29th** Please check SeeSaw for details on what your child should bring and the expectations.

## Important Dates

Oct 29 - Islander trip to the Hall of Justice in Lansing  
Oct 29-Nov 2 - Scholastic Book Fair week  
Oct 30 - Picture Retakes  
Oct 31 - CMU Med Students come into Mrs. Nemeth's & Mr. Neyer's classroom  
Nov 2 - Monster Bash Party  
Nov 7 - "Day of the Dead" Culture Event



## Week at a Glance

Oct. 29 - Nov. 2

### MATH

-Decimal operations  
-Division of fractions  
-Operations with + and -  
integers  
**ASK YOUR CHILD WHICH  
TOPIC THEY ARE  
WORKING ON. THEY'D  
LOVE TO FILL YOU IN!**

### PBL

Social Studies - Three  
Worlds Meet Project

### READING

Characters and  
Character Development  
using the novel, Wonder

### WRITING

Providing evidence to  
support your claim in a  
persuasive essay.

### IMPORTANT DATES:

10/29/18 - Pow Wow  
at the SCIT Tribal  
Gym - All four classes

11/2/18 - Mr. LeValley  
from the Isabella  
County Conservation  
District to meet with  
Mrs. Snyder's and  
Mrs. Nix's classes

11/5/18 - Mr. LeValley  
is here for Mrs.  
Bartell's and Mr.  
Whitman's classes

### COLD WEATHER IS ON ITS WAY!

We do have times during the day that all students are expected to go outside. Please make sure that your child is sent to school with enough outside clothing to keep them warm.



# Middle School Happenings

## October 29-November 2

**Study Lab Tuesday and Thursday until 4:30**

Math	English Language Arts	Science	Social Studies
<p>Mr. McCausey's math students are working on Expressions...Factoring will be the focus this week.</p> <p>Mr. Buzard's math classes are finishing up our unit on properties of exponents. We should be taking our assessment this week! Students needing any extra help or needing to retake their assessment on rational and irrational numbers can come to Homework lab on Tuesday and/or Thursday!</p> <p>In Resource Room, students are working on calculating equivalent fractions and learning to multiply fractions</p>	<p>In ELA students are exploring Theme. They will be reading stories to discuss theme and how a book's structure dictates a stories theme.</p> <p>Students should be moving onto their conclusions this week. They will be peer editing their body paragraphs to start finalizing their pieces.</p> <p>In Resource room, students are reading informational pieces.</p>	<p>Students have completed their microscope exploration. This week they will begin their body systems unit.</p>	<p>We have begun our exploration of four major river valley civilizations! We have covered Mesopotamia and will be finishing Egypt early this week.</p>

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Major Assignment, Assessments and Events		Study Lab Student Council	Early Release	Study Lab Student Council  Field Trip to CMU	Monster Mash Party

## Middle School Announcements

We enjoyed meeting with everyone for conferences over the past couple of weeks!

Thanks to all who donated canned foods or money to Hoops for Hunger! We will be on our field trip for the Hoops for Hunger basketball game at CMU on November 1st!

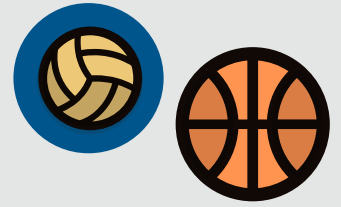
Unfortunately, our field trip to Temple Theater was cancelled. We are exploring additional options at this time.







# Athletics



## Cheer Team:

Tryouts for the Rams Cheer Team 5th - 8th grade are this week: Monday and Tuesday from 3:30 - 5:00pm. They will take place in the school cafeteria. Students participating in the tryouts must bring a copy of a current completed physical form with them. Volleyball and cross country athletes do NOT need to get another physical; we have it on file.

## Boys Basketball:

Practices begin this week! The coaches have reached out to their players and informed them when practices are for the first week. If you are not sure when your child has practice, please reach out to the coach via contact form on the website. I know that they will be happy to inform you when practices are. Both of the "A" teams will practice at Morey Courts. Our "B" team will practice in our Renaissance gymnasium (this first week may look a little different).

## Volleyball:

Our Rams Volleyball teams will wrap their season's up this week with the following schedule:

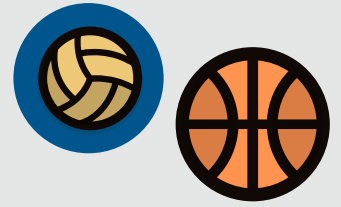
Monday, October 29, "B" team home against the Saints of St. Michael - 5:30pm

Thursday, November 1, "A/B" at St. Mary (Big Rapids) - 5:30/6:30pm

Saturday, November 3, MMSL League Tournament at FlexTech High School - 10:00am - information was sent home with players two weeks ago.



# Athletics



## MMSL Volleyball Tournament:

The league tournament will be hosted by Renaissance Academy, St. Michael, and Trinity Lutheran this Saturday, November 3, at FlexTech High School in Shepherd. The action is set to begin at 10:00am.

Brackets will be released as soon as the season ends and the seeds have been determined.

Volunteers at the tournament are needed for the following areas:

Concessions and Line Judge (when Renaissance is playing). Please reach out to Mr. McCausey ([dmccausey@renaissancepsa.com](mailto:dmccausey@renaissancepsa.com)) if you are interested in helping out. Scholarship Families - this would be a great way to fulfill your scholarship requirement.

## Volleyball at CMU November 2:

The volleyball teams and coaches have the opportunity to attend the CMU volleyball match vs. Ball State on November 2 - free of charge.

Transportation is not provided. Players can go to the Guest Pass Table at the McGuirk entrance - tell them your name - and they will give you your ticket. Family members will have to purchase a ticket for entry.

Transportation must be arranged by individual members. The match begins at 7:00pm

## Fall Athletics Banquet:

The annual fall athletics banquet will be held on November 20 in the school cafeteria. All cross-country members and volleyball members, along with their families, are invited to attend. Students that are not members of those teams should not attend. We will be celebrating the accomplishments of our cross-country runners and volleyball athletes on this occasion. The banquet will begin at 5:30 and end at approximately 7:00pm.

# Specials and Enhancements



## Volunteers Needed for Home Athletic Events:



Mr. McConnell needs your help!



He has posted a sign-up sheet right outside the first entrance into the gym. Please sign-up to help out at our "home" events!

## Scholastic Book Fair is Going on NOW!!

**Monday, October 29th through  
Friday, November 2nd**



The book fair offers a great opportunity to celebrate reading with your students! It will be open each day for 30 minutes before and after school, and at the Halloween party on Friday night.

Mrs. Doyle is looking for volunteers to help with cashiering each day and with packing up the fair. If you are interested, please click on the following link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084aa4a829a4f94-rpsa>