



Renaissance Report

MARCH 11, 2020

It is time for Student-led Conferences!

**To sign-up, simply click on the following link:
[SignUpGenius](#)**

***Once on the [SignUpGenius](#) site, be sure to find the appropriate teacher name among the tabs to sign up for a conference.**



March 4, 2020

Dear RPSA Families, I want to begin by thanking those who completed our annual school improvement survey. Your input is always welcome and this survey yielded some very impactful feedback. From that feedback we have compiled a list of common questions or suggestions and plan to address those ideas in upcoming newsletters.

The concerns over our lack of an art teacher this year was evident in the survey comments from families, staff and students. Upon reviewing the surveys, I instantly realized I needed to share our plans for art moving forward so everyone understands why we do not have an art teacher this year and our hopes to bring back art for future school years.

Last summer when our art teacher relocated, we did not have applicants who we believed were a good fit for our school community. The teacher shortage across our country and the even greater lack of teachers in the arts makes hiring a qualified candidate difficult. Instead we chose to add a different Specials class (Movement Lab) into our rotation to increase physical activity for our students. Special thanks to Mrs. Bartell for stepping into that position.

Just last week we resumed our search for an art teacher to begin working with our students in the fall. Our mission and vision as a school assumes that the arts are an integral part of a student's experience at Renaissance.

Thank you to those who completed the family survey. We will be extending the opportunity to complete the survey through March 13 and hope that all those who were not yet able to complete it will be able to offer input. Please use the following link to complete the family survey:

<http://bit.ly/RPSA2020>

In Partnership,
Mrs. Bergman

Renaissance Public School Academy invites you to swim into our school for kindergarten Round-up!

TOMORROW!

Thursday, March 12th
5:30-7:00 PM



We are looking for all little guppies who will
be five on or before September 1, 2020

What to expect:

- Informational meeting for adult family members
- Student activities in kindergarten classrooms
- Meet the teachers
- Tour the school
- Learn what makes Renaissance unique

Call (989) 773-9889 to attend with your child.

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schedule while making your appointment.

*Childcare available for siblings during round up. Please
register in advance when you call.



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exploration.

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STEAM and library
on a weekly basis

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school supervision
beginning daily at
7:30 AM

-PEAK program
available until
6 PM each school
day

Health Fair

Sunday, March 15, 2020
10 am - 2 pm

Renaissance Public School Academy

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Mount Pleasant, MI
48858**

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Classroom News:



Kindergarten News

Literacy

This week's Sight Words are:
make play

*March is Reading Month!
Check out the calendar in this newsletter.*

Math

We are continuing some simple addition this week. We will use some different strategies for adding things together.

Writing

We are writing in our journals and sharing information like authors do in books.

Science

We are beginning our Life Science Unit. Where do our vegetables come from? How do they grow? Do seeds look different? Can I grow a garden?

REMINDERS & EVENTS

Dates to remember:

Student Led Conferences are coming up March 16, 17, 18.

The Genius Link for signing up is in this newsletter.

March 26, Thursday, Kindergarten "Moosical" 8:30 am

Spring Break - March 27-April 3

No school - April 10 and April 13



Voyager Newsletter



Academics:

In math, our students continue to work on Fact Families w/ missing addends. Also, students continue to work with non-standard and standard measurement.

In reading, our students continue to work on answering who, what, when, where, and why. Also, students will be learning about text features and the importance in text.

In science, our students have begun learning about needs, wants, scarcity, goods and services. Throughout this project students will learn about what it takes to create a product and sell it to make a profit while creating Itty Bitty City. Please be watching for future info on this amazing project.

In writing, students are preparing to present their information to parents at their SLC. They are practicing presenting their bird info confidently. Students will soon begin understanding how to write an opinion and how to use information to support their opinion in their writing.

Parents,

Please ensure your child comes to school with their winter gear. Voyagers must have boots and snow pants when going outside for recess.

A friendly reminder, students need to eat breakfast at home or eat the school provided breakfast. Please don't send them with breakfast from home-thank you!

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

Dates to remember:

March 12, 2020

Kindergarten Round-up
5:30-7:00

Week of March 14th
Student Led Conferences
Watch for sign-ups

March 23 & 25, 2020
Voyager Field trip to
Texas Roadhouse
2 classes each day

March 27 - April 3, 2020

Spring Break
Enjoy your spring break and
we will see everyone back on
Monday, April 6, 2020.



Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders

March 11, 2020

3rd and 4th
grade



This Week's Learning

Literacy: Islanders are diving into reading great informational text about ecosystems to enhance their knowledge for our science unit.

Math: This week groups are continuing to focus on long division, and decimals. They will soon focus on telling time to the minute and elapsed time.

Writing: Islanders continue to work hard at taking their personal narratives through the writing process. We are excited to share these with you.

Science: Islanders kicked off the new unit with a fun and very informative field trip to Forest Hill. This week the focus is learning about different types of ecosystems.

Ideas for Home

- Please continue to have your child read for a minimum of 30 minutes each night.
- Please always check SeeSaw on a weekly basis for important updates!
- March Reading Month is off to a great start. Check out the special calendar for fun ways to read as a family at home.
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- Remember to sign up for your child's student led conference

Important Dates

- **Student Led Conference** week starts on March 16th.
- **March 27 - April 3, 2020 Spring Break**
Enjoy your spring break and we will see everyone back on Monday, April 6, 2020



News and Events

OUR CURRENT PBL DRIVING QUESTION:

How can studying stories of immigration throughout history help us build empathy, respect, understanding, and compassion for others?

Please sign up for a conference by the end of the week. The link is below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084aa4a829a4f94-welcome1>

MATH	Probability, measurement conversions within a system, Line plots, Ratios and rates, Percents- ask your child which one they're working on.
PBL	<p>Humanities - Immigration Studies - D2.Geo.4.6-8. Explain how cultural patterns and economic decisions influence environments and the daily lives of people in both nearby and distant places.</p> <p>D2.Geo.11.9-12. Evaluate how economic globalization and the expanding use of scarce resources contribute to conflict and cooperation within and among countries.</p> <p>D2.Geo.12.9-12. Evaluate the consequences of human-made and natural catastrophes on global trade, politics, and human migration.</p>
LITERACY	Literature Circles
WRITING	Narrative Writing - Write a personal narrative about a moment when your life changed in an important way. These will be turned into a podcast!



Remember: If your child is not feeling well, it is recommended that they stay home until they are 24 hour fever/vomit/diarrhea-free to lessen the spread of illnesses

Middle School Happenings March 12 - March 18

Study Lab Tuesday and Thursday

Math	English/ Language Arts	Science	Social Studies
<p>Mr. Buzard's math classes have just assessed on slope and writing equations for lines and will be moving on to systems of equations.</p> <p>Mr. McCausey's classes are working on Statistical Inferences.</p> <p>Resource math works on objectives tailored to each student.</p>	<p>Ms. Hunter's ELA classes are completing a ThinkCerca and wrapping up our unit on debate.</p> <p>Mrs. Liphard's class will continue their exploration into debate. They will finish with a final debate against Ms. Hunter's classroom. Let the researched and organized arguing begin!</p> <p>Resource writing will be continuing our unit on social media. We will be discussing how to balance time between social media and "actual life", how to stop the drama and what constitutes hate speech.</p>	<p>Science : Waves are wrapping up...and classes will begin taking a look at Rube Goldberg machines in preparation for the upcoming project unit.</p>	<p>Mr. Buzard's classes have wrapped up our Chapter 7 Essays. Students who still need to finish should plan to come to study lab.</p> <p>Ms. Hunter's classes are doing small group presentations to show their knowledge on chapter 7 content.</p>

	3/12 (Th)	3/13 (Fri)	3/16 (Mon)	3/17 (Tue)	3/18 (Wed)
Major Assignment, Assessments, and Events	Study Lab			Study Lab	

RAMS Athletics:



ATHLETICS

UPCOMING GIRLS BASKETBALL

**Girls "A/B" Basketball MMSL Tournament
March 14, 2020**

The tournament is set to begin at 10:00 AM

As soon as the brackets are set, it will be posted on the athletics website. Good luck Rams!



**Cadillac High School
400 Linden Street**

ATHLETICS

Basketball Pictures are in!

Pictures will be delivered at the banquet on the 24th. If you would like your pictures before that date, you may pick them up from Mr. McCausey. He has them in his classroom. If you would like them sent home with your child, please send Mr. McCausey an email or SeeSaw message. The athletic department is not responsible for damages to pictures once sent home with a child.



Mr. McCausey will not be available for picture pick up on the following dates: March 11, 12, and 13. The athletic department apologizes for any inconvenience.

ATHLETICS Track & Field



**Informational Meeting - March 23rd - 5:15 PM
Mr. McCausey's Classroom**

Interested boys and girls in grades 7 & 8 are encouraged to attend, along with their families. Important new program information will be given, details of the rollout, policies discussed, coaches introduced, and a Q&A session to wrap everything up. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. McCausey

ATHLETICS BANQUET Cheer Team & Girls Basketball



March 24
5:30 - 7:00 PM
School Cafeteria



Cheer Team and A/B Girls Basketball players and their families are invited to attend. Celebrate with awards. Dinner is provided.



ATHLETICS

Little Rams Basketball Camp: Year 2

Be on the lookout...soon...for upcoming information!
Details will be announced after spring break.



ATHLETICS

Our home event athletic schedule has come to a conclusion. Therefore, all unfulfilled scholarship obligations will become due in full. Notices will be sent out soon. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. McCausey.

Spotlight on Specials!








March is Reading Month!



Renaissance Reading Month: March 2020

Pop Open a Good Book!



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>2 Show Your School Spirit Wear your favorite school gear</p> <p>Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!</p>	<p>3 Find your favorite place at home to read!</p>	<p>4  Wordy Wednesday! Read a shirt day</p>	<p>5 Read to a stuffed animal or pet at home!</p>	<p>6 Flashlight Friday Curl up with a flashlight and enjoy a great book!</p>
<p>9 Decorate your locker with your favorite book!</p>	<p>10 Read to a family member at home!</p>	<p>11  Be a Reading "Jean-ius" Read in your Jeans!</p>	<p>12 Read a joke to your class day!</p> 	<p>13 Hats Off to Reading!  Wear your favorite hat.</p>
<p>16 Read your favorite book at school! Bring one from home if you want.</p>	<p>17 Happy St. Patrick's Day!  Wear as much green as you can.</p>	<p>18 Sock it to me! Wear your crazy socks.</p>	<p>19 Have a teacher read you one of their favorite books!</p>	<p>20 Be a Reading Rainbow!  Wear as many colors as you can. (All-Star Dads)</p>
<p>23  Listen to someone read to you at home!</p>	<p>24 Make a fort at home and read in it!</p>	<p>25 Cuddle Up With a Good Book! Wear pajamas to school.</p>	<p>26 Read a book to a friend! Kindergarten Musical and Learning Celebration beginning at 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p>27 No School Spring Break Begins!</p>

Hats off to Reading is this Friday!

