



Wednesday, April 15, 2020

Dear RPSA Families,

We want to begin by expressing our sincere appreciation to all of our families who have worked so hard to support our efforts to transition to distance learning. We know this has been extremely challenging in so many ways, yet each of you continues to do all you can to stay connected and keep learning alive. Your hard work makes our jobs so much more meaningful.

In an effort to be as predictable as possible, our goal is to send a weekly update such as this each Wednesday. Look for it to come to you in a text message and through Seesaw. Our newsletters are also always listed on our school web page.

HERE IS WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU!

Please, please, please, check in with your child's teacher on Seesaw regularly. Check the FAMILY APP regularly and respond to your child's teacher messages as much as possible. We miss our regular check ins at drop off and pick up. Using Seesaw is the best way to communicate with your child's teacher. If Seesaw is a challenge, please let your child's teacher know and they will work with you to set up other means of REGULAR, WEEKLY COMMUNICATION.

TECHNOLOGY NEEDS TO SUPPORT LEARNING

Based on the feedback from the technology survey sent to families last week, we will be able to begin distribution of chromebooks to students next week. If you have not yet completed the survey, [access it at this link](#) or contact your child's classroom teacher to discuss your child's needs. Families can also reach out to Mr. Koster at jkoster@renaissancepsa.com with technology questions and requests.

By borrowing a school chromebook, we ask that you agree to the guidelines in the [Chromebook Home Use Agreement](#). Please review this document prior to picking up a chromebook and let us know if you have any questions.

Once we have all the necessary programs and upgrades completed, families will receive a notice with the dates and times for pick up at the school. Technology distribution will be done in

a drive by fashion with supplies being brought to your car to ensure social distancing. Look for details the week of April 20.

We are also developing projects and learning opportunities that are not technology dependent for those families who do not have reliable internet. If your child cannot access Seesaw, does not have wifi or does not have reliable internet service, we will provide accommodations and alternate projects. Those will be fully available the week of April 27.

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORTS FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

We recognize that there are countless challenges and stress for our students and their families. Our number one goal while our school building is closed is to keep learning alive through connections and constant communication.

You and your children's first line of communication is through Seesaw with the classroom teacher. Our school staff has set up procedures for supporting families who reach out to a teacher for assistance. In other words, if you ask a teacher for help, that teacher knows who to contact on our staff to help find solutions for your concerns.

However, we also realize that some situations require more immediate attention or are more personal in nature. In cases where your child needs immediate assistance or the matter is confidential, we have set up a new 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.

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. DOYLE WANTS YOU READING!

Everyone who knows and loves Mrs. Doyle knows she is obsessed with books. She has put together an amazing website for resources full of books online, famous authors reading their own work and cool places to explore new learning. You can find her site [HERE](#) and linked at the top of the Academics page of our [school website](#).



NUTRITION SUPPORTS

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.

MRS. BERGMAN MISSES YOU!

Mrs. Bergman will be holding virtual office hours three times a week. By using the links below anyone in the RPSA community can call in and chat with Mrs. Bergman during these times. Ask a question, share a story or just say hello. All you need to do is click the link below during those office hours. When you do you will be placed in a virtual waiting room until Mrs. Bergman let's you into the chat/video. If you can't call in, you can always send an email to lbergman@renaissancepsa.com, and she will get back to you.

12:00-1:00 Mondays Zoom Meeting Office Hours with Mrs. Bergman

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

Meeting ID: 776 0738 1651

Password: 0qJbzM

3:00-4:00 Wednesdays Zoom Meeting Office Hours with Mrs. Bergman

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

Meeting ID: 713 1351 0581

Password: 6ynQ1y

9:00-10:00 Fridays Zoom Meeting Office Hours with Mrs. Bergman

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71911059932?pwd=d1Y0cDJoOWVxcWZPazlTUHU5WGZvUT09>

Meeting ID: 719 1105 9932

Password: 6t3W73

Stay positive! Stay connected! Stay healthy!

The Renaissance Staff