



Renaissance Report

FEBRUARY 19, 2020

School Improvement Survey

Each year, our school improvement team conducts a survey of parents, staff members, and third through eighth grade students. The information gathered is used to plan school improvement initiatives for the coming school year and to understand current perceptions of our educational program. The survey contains approximately 25 questions and provides an opportunity for you to share additional comments.

Please complete the survey by February 27.

You can complete the survey by clicking on the following link.

<https://forms.gle/td5NXZJraxAjRn8Q9>

Thank you for your feedback.



Hey Dad – What does your child really need for breakfast? **YOU!**

All Star Dads Breakfast • Friday, February 21
Renaissance Lunch Room • 7:00am

Please join us for our monthly All Star Dads Breakfast. It's a one-hour monthly **FREE breakfast** (bagels, muffins, juice, milk, and coffee) held before school where dads (stepdads, grandpas, uncles, mentors, etc.) and their children meet with other dads and kids in the school lunch room. During this time, we discuss a wide range of character building topics, spend time together, and create memories for a lifetime. **It's fun, and it's free!**

While not required, a RSVP will help us better plan for food. To RSVP, please text Dru Wilson at 989-330-2212 or email at wilso1dm@cmich.edu. Thank You! Please come even if you forget to RSVP!



**RPSA
Apparel
Sale**

**DEADLINE:
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

Submit your order today!

If you missed the school apparel sale in the fall or wanted to order something more, we are offering a second opportunity to order this year. Order forms are available in the lobby and can be submitted with payment to the office by Friday, February 28.

Classroom News:



Kindergarten News

Literacy

We will review our Sight Words from our word wall this short week. As we read stories, we are asking questions for depth of meaning.

Math

We continue to practice numbers to 100. We are writing them on a 100 chart, and recalling what number comes **before** and **after**.

Writing

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

Social Studies

We continue our unit on Needs and Wants. We are sorting pictures and making a Needs and Wants poster.

REMINDERS & EVENTS

Please remember to send a snack for for the afternoon on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Thank you for continuing to send your snow gear to school. Outdoor recess is more fun when we can go out on the playground and be warm.



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 will continue learning about states of matter. Students will be to explain their understanding of solids, liquids and gases they come in contact with daily. In the end, students will be able to explain and complete tasks showing how things can change from one state to another.

In writing, students will be finishing their informational writing. Students are focusing on their choice of bird and writing about its habitat, migration or adaptation pattern, diet, and other important facts about the bird.

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

Friday, March 27 - April 3, 2020
Spring Break



Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders

February 19, 2020

3rd and 4th
grade



This Week's Learning

Literacy: Islanders this week continued to dive into some non-fiction text structures.

Math: Groups this week received feedback on their math assessment and had a chance to make changes based on their feedback.

Writing: The Islanders this week continued to work on their rough draft for their personal narrative.

Social Studies: Islanders this week worked on creating their speech and poster board for their Michigan government project. Also, Mrs. Brandeberry's and Mr. Neyer's class visited the capital yesterday!

Ideas for Home

- Ask your child how their campaign speech and poster board is coming!
- Please always check SeeSaw on a weekly basis for important updates!
- Wonder Workshop presentations are encouraged to be worked on at home as well as school.

Important Dates

- Mrs. Schwartz's and Mrs. Lindsay's class will be going to the capital on Tuesday, February 25th. More details will be available via Seesaw!
- Learning Celebration is on March 4th
- Student Led Conference week starts on March 16th
 - More details will be coming soon



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?

MATH	Solving simple equations, measures of central tendency, measurement conversions within a system, Ratios and rates- 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.

Middle School Happenings February 20 - February 26

Study Lab Tuesday and Thursday

Math	English/ Language Arts	Science	Social Studies
<p>Mr. Buzard's math classes are working on slope and equations for lines in slope intercept form.</p> <p>Mr. McCausey's classes are finishing up their Algebra Unit, and will be assessing soon.</p>	<p>Ms. Hunter's ELA classes are still working on debate and argument, and will soon start instruction on literary elements and analyzing fictional literature.</p>	<p>Science classes should be finishing up Electromagnetic Spectrum work. They will be learning about Waves for the next few weeks, before beginning their next big project - Rube Goldberg!</p>	<p>We are still finishing up Chapter 6. Mr. Buzard's classes are doing mini presentations to the class.</p>

	2/20 (Th)	2/21 (Fri)	2/24 (Mon)	2/25 Tue	2/26 (Wed)
Major Assignment, Assessments, and Events	<p>Study Lab</p> <p>Girls Basketball A/B Vs. St. Ann 5:30/6:30</p>		<p>Girls Basketball A @ Heritage 6:30</p> <p>Girls Basketball B Vs. Skeels 4:00</p>	<p>Study Lab</p> <p>Girls Basketball B Vs. MP Sacred Heart 5:00 PM</p>	

RAMS Athletics:



ATHLETICS Cheer Team & Boys Basketball

Please return your uniform to Mr. McCausey or drop it off in the office when you arrive. Some are still out there. Uniforms not turned in will result in non-participation in athletics at Renaissance until we have it...or the purchase of a replacement. Thank you. ~ Athletic Department

If you have questions, please contact Mr. McCausey.

ATHLETICS

UPCOMING GIRLS BASKETBALL

February 20, 2020

Girls "A/B" Basketball Vs. St. Ann

5:30/6:30 Start Time

February 24, 2020

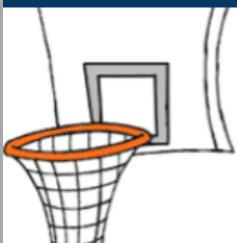
Girls "A" Basketball at Heritage Christian (Cadillac)

6:30 Start Time

February 24, 2020

Girls "B" Basketball Vs. Skeels Christian

4:00 Start Time



ATHLETICS

Scholarship Families:
*Please remember to sign up on the
volunteer sheets posted outside the gym.*

*Scholarships will become null and void
and the full balance will become due for
families that do not work at one home
athletic event. Thank you.*



~ Athletic Department

If you have questions, please contact Mr. McCausey.



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

Little Rams Basketball Camp: Year 2

Be on the lookout...soon...for upcoming information!



Spotlight on Specials!

Music with Mr. Wiseman



Boomwhackers are color-coded hollow-shaped percussion instruments.



Trailblazer students are working on Boomwhacker projects. They are selecting a piece of music for their small group. They have to find (and in some cases, write out) the music and learn to play the song on Boomwhackers.