



June 10, 2020

Dear RPSA Families,

As we say goodbye to the 19/20 school year, we want to be sure that families know we intend to stay connected to all families over the summer through Seesaw. Once a week, students will receive learning opportunities through their Seesaw account. These activities are completely optional and intended to maintain learning connections over the summer. Teachers will be sending information to families about when activities will be posted each week, as well as when they will be checking Seesaw for any communication sent the previous week. Teachers will be checking Seesaw once a week, so please do not communicate time sensitive information via Seesaw. If over the course of the summer you have questions, concerns or immediate needs please leave a message with the office at 989-773-9889.

SUMMER FAMILY COMMUNICATION

Beginning next week we will move to sending a family newsletter at a minimum every other week. If input is necessary or decisions about the 20/21 school year are made along the way, we will send newsletters as needed. Please watch your text or emails for regular updates. Our goal is to keep all stakeholders informed throughout the summer. Along the way we will need your input.

LAST WEEK'S SURVEY RESULTS

Participation in the weekly survey topped 200 responses last week. That is absolutely amazing considering this is our last week of the school year and we know families have so much going on in their lives. Thank you for your constant support!

The top two priorities identified by families as "essential" to achieve our mission and vision were

- *Opportunities for "Specials" outside of the classroom with a designated staff member* receiving support from 69.7% of families (140 responses).
- *Class size must be kept at 25 which has been our current practice when possible* receiving support from 55.2% of families (96 responses).

The top two areas families believed could be considered to for budget reductions without jeopardizing our mission and vision were

- 142 or 70.6% responded that *a four day school week would be feasible* for their family.
- 111 or 47.8% responded that *the length of the school day could be shortened*.

THIS WEEK'S SURVEY

This week we are looking for a bit of virtual “two way communication”. We miss seeing families day in and day out. We have asked simple questions which have yielded great feedback for school staff, but have not offered our families the opportunity to be heard on the topic of their choosing. So this week’s survey is an opportunity for families to share any ideas or concerns with the school leadership team. With that being said, we want families to know we most likely cannot reply personally to all of the ideas that may be shared. Please consider sending an email to Lisa Bergman, lbergman@renaissancepsa.com, if you are looking for a more immediate response to a question or concern. This week’s survey is intended to simply give families an opportunity to to share ideas and thoughts before summer. This will drive future questions that we ask of families over the summer as part of our planning process. Please take a few moments to share your responses in [this week’s survey](#).

OUR PTO IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

We have an incredible PTO at RPSA. Each year they elect a new board of directors and this year there is an opening. If you are interested in serving on the PTO board or want to join as an active member, please contact Shelly Smith at gowdysmith@gmail.com.

STUDENT CHROMEBOOK RETURN

We are happy that we could provide many of you with Chromebooks for home use to finish out the school year. Having Chromebooks in the hands of so many of our students allowed us to maintain the connections that we as a school value so highly.

We are providing two options for the return of Chromebooks that were borrowed from the school.

1. You can make an appointment to bring your Chromebook(s) and charger(s) to school by calling Miss Tina at 989-773-9889 weekdays from 9-3.
2. If you prefer to keep your Chromebook for the summer, we will be doing a second collection on August 3. More information regarding that collection will come later.

If you have any questions about Chromebook return, please email Mr. Koster at jkoster@renaissancepsa.com

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

- Remember the school office is open from 9-3 weekdays to take phone calls and answer questions through the end of June. You can call ahead if you need to drop off or pick up something from the office. Guests may not enter the building beyond the office lobby and must have a mask.

- The school office will be open one or two days a week in July. If you are in need of assistance, please consider emailing or leave a message on the school office line at 989-773-9889. Someone will contact you when the office is open.
- You can reach Mrs. Anderson for personal needs or assistance in a crisis by leaving a detailed message at 989-492-8328. Mrs. Anderson will return your call as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
The RPSA Staff