

May 13, 2020

Dear RPSA Families,

Welcome to another edition of our weekly newsletter. This is actually newsletter number nine as we are in our 9th week of our school building closure. In all of the uncertainty surrounding our world today, one thing is for sure. The Renaissance community is alive and learning. Last week's survey question indicated that over 75% of our families believe their RPSA student is engaging in learning activities that are "right on track" for the current situation. Another 19% felt their students could handle more challenging work, while 6% indicated feeling overwhelmed with the work or other factors outside of school learning. Our plans are to continue to offer engaging learning opportunities and projects through Seesaw as we have since March 16. In addition, we will work with those looking for a deeper challenge to enrich the project experience. And finally, we will continue to reach out and partner with families who are struggling. If you need us, if you have questions or even if things are simply going as planned we are here for you and your children.

This week we want to again ask a single question to help us shape our plans moving forward and planning for the 20/21 school year. There are many unanswered questions regarding how schools will open their buildings next school year. In the past we have offered Rams Camp for students during the summer months. This summer that will not be possible due to factors beyond our control. However, we want to keep learning alive and are curious how many families would be interested in maintaining a connection to school over the summer months. Please take a moment to complete this week's survey question about summer learning.

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

We know you have many questions and ideas about next school year. Families will be invited to share those ideas and pose those questions in the upcoming weeks through survey questions. In the meantime, parents and guardians with questions or ideas can always email Mrs. Bergman at lbergman@renaissancepsa.com or join her on her office hours each week though clicking the appropriate link below or calling her Google Voice number, (786) 352-8438, during these office hours.

Wednesday, May 13 from 3:00 – 4:00pm

Friday, May 15 from 9:00 – 10:00am

Monday, May 18 from 12:00 – 1:00pm

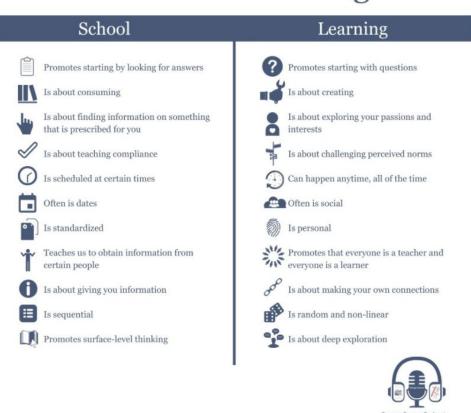
In cases where your child needs immediate assistance or the matter is confidential, we have set up a phone line specifically to meet those needs. You may contact Mrs. Anderson, our Dean of Students and School Social Worker, by leaving a detailed message at 989-492-8328. Mrs. Anderson will return your 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.

WHAT SETS RENAISSANCE APART

There is no denying that school is different right now. In March our lives changed and how teachers and students interact was forever changed. When we created the learning plan for our students our goal was to keep our mission and vision alive. That meant finding different ways to do projects and keep LEARNING alive. This visual created by George Courus illustrates our efforts. At Renaissance our focus will continue to be on LEARNING regardless of if that learning is at home or in our school building.

School vs Learning



Be sure to check out the RPSA Facebook page *Renaissance Public School Academy-Mount Pleasant* for daily updates on things happening across our school community. We enjoy seeing comments and pictures shared.

In Partnership, The RPSA Staff