

May 27, 2020

Dear RPSA Families,

As we begin to see signs of summer, we also have many plans to finish this unusual school year with some exciting activities to celebrate our students' accomplishments. Through all of the challenges we have faced, our students have continued to make us so proud with all of their hard work.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Kindergarten Graduation Parade!

June 10th, 2020 5:00-7:00pm

Please follow the pickup/drop off lane to gather all of your fun surprises!

*All decorated cars will be entered into a drawing!

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

Our last day of distance learning will be on Thursday, June 11. We are planning for virtual connections with classmates for that day. Teachers and teams will communicate plans within the coming weeks. For now, we want to be sure everyone keeps that day open.

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.

- You can bring your Chromebook(s) and charger(s) to school with you when you attend the Final Care Package Distribution/Parade at your designated time on June 9 or June 10. Staff members will be on hand to collect the Chromebooks from you.
- 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 <u>jkoster@renaissancepsa.com</u>

RETURN THOSE LIBRARY BOOKS

Mrs. Doyle is asking everyone to look around your house for any library books you still have. We will be collecting any Renaissance library books during our End of the Year Send-Off Parade and Care Package Pick Up. There will be bins available to safely deposit your library books. If you would like to return your books before the End of the Year Parade, there will be a collection bin outside Renaissance's front doors from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

If you'd like a list of books currently checked out to your students, please email Mrs. Doyle at <u>cdoyle@renaissancepsa.com</u>. You can find more books to read by signing into the new <u>Sora</u> <u>library catalog</u> with ebooks and audiobooks available for all Renaissance students. Please go to the <u>RPSA Virtual Library Website</u> to find more detailed directions for logging in and checking out books. Happy Reading!

LAST WEEK'S SURVEY RESULTS

Last week families were asked about hopes for the future of school. 70% of our families who answered indicated they would choose a full day, every day option (similar to past school years) if it was an option. 13% of families indicated they would choose a distance learning option if available. The other 17% offered a variety of ideas that will be taken into consideration as we plan for 20/21 and beyond. Many of the ideas shared indicated an interest in a blended option with some student days at school with the other days involving learning at home. If you did not have a chance to complete last week's survey, the link is here for you to share your thoughts.

Typically, we would already have many plans for next year. However, this year there will be much work being done over the summer as "return to school" guidelines are established at the state and local levels. Mrs. Bergman has been selected to serve on the Michigan Department of Education "Return to School" work group which will make recommendations on the State's plan for all schools across Michigan. However, those recommendations will not be made until July which means schools will not be able to finalize individual, local plans until later in July and possibly early August.

We want RPSA families to know we are currently working on multiple scenarios for a full return to school, a blended (home/school) learning plan and even the possibility of a full distance learning option. Once we have the requirements and recommendations from the State we will be ready to make final plans. It should also be noted that we hope to be able to offer flexibility for families who have unique needs that may require individual plans for next year. Through all of our planning, we will continue to focus on solutions that can accommodate the needs of as many of our students as possible.

THIS WEEK'S SURVEY QUESTION

Please take a few moments and answer <u>this week's family survey question</u>. Each week we strive to increase our participation in the survey so we promise to keep it to just one question. Please complete a separate survey for each child you have attending RPSA.

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

- Remember the school office is open from 9-3 weekdays to take phone calls and answer questions. You can call ahead if you need to drop off or pick up something from the office. Please remember that Miss Tina cannot allow students or guests into the building quite yet. As soon as we can open the doors, Miss Tina will be there waiting to see you face to face.
- 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.
- Mrs. Bergman can be reached during her office hours each week by clicking the appropriate link below or calling her Google Voice number, (786) 352-8438, during these office hours.

Wednesdays from 3:00 – 4:00pm

Fridays from 9:00 – 10:00am

Mondays From 12:00 – 1:00pm

We look forward to seeing everyone's smiles and waves in decorated cars on June 9 and 10. Please continue to check Seesaw daily and follow our Facebook page as we strive to finish this crazy school year STRONG!

Sincerely, The RPSA Staff