



Thursday, December 10, 2020

Dear RPSA Families,

Our week of Student Led Conferences has gone well so far. A shout out this week to our students for taking the lead in their learning and using their voice during their SLC.

RAMS WEAR and SCHOOL PICTURES

Wednesday, December 16th from 10:00-2:00 families may stop at the school to pick up school pictures and Rams wear orders that were placed in November. If you are not able to pick up your child's pictures and/or shirt order you may call the office to set a time with Ms. Tina for pick up after 12/16.

IN SCHOOL AND DISTANCE LEARNING DECISIONS FOR JANUARY 11 BUILDING REOPENING

We are scheduled to reopen our school building on January 11. We realize this decision comes with many unknowns, however for planning purposes we need families who wish to request a change in placement to do so now. **COMPLETE THE CHANGE IN PLACEMENT REQUEST FORM ONLY IF YOU ARE REQUESTING A CHANGE IN PLACEMENT FOR YOUR CHILD.** We will assume a student will return to their original placement unless a request form is completed.

Questions related to your child's placement should be directed to Mrs. Sarah Anderson, Dean of Students. Please DO NOT direct questions or requests to your child's teacher or through the office. The only way we will be considering requests is through the form. The only staff member handling questions on this matter is Mrs. Anderson who can be contacted at her email address, sanderson@renaissancepsa.com. Mrs. Anderson is currently not working in the school building so calls to her there will not be answered.


The CHANGE IN PLACEMENT request form must be completed no later than Wednesday, December 16 to be considered. Families will be contacted the week of January 4th by their child's new teacher if the change in placement is approved. If a placement change is not possible for a student due to unique circumstances a call will be made to the parent/guardian by Mrs. Anderson the week of January 4th.

[CHANGE IN PLACEMENT REQUEST FORM](#) is due no later than Wednesday, December 16.

We anticipate offering another opportunity to change placement in the spring, after Spring Break. That would be the final opportunity this school year, going into effect on April 6 through June 10, our last day of school for the year.


Sincerely,
Mrs. Lisa Bergman
Executive Director, RPSA

The following announcements are from previous newsletters and being included again for easy reference.



RPSA Library Curbside Pickup

Wednesdays 9:00am - 2:00pm



Mrs. Doyle is very excited to offer students a chance to check out books from the library each Wednesday. We have new procedures in place in order to keep everyone safe and healthy, while still keeping books in students' hands!

Please follow these steps to get books from the RPSA library:

- Please fill out [THIS FORM](#) to request books.
- On Wednesdays from 9:00-2:00, come to the sidewalk by the parking lot in front of the school's main doors to pick up your books.
- Books will be available in bags labeled with the student's name.
- Bags with books will be placed in totes labeled in alphabetical order by last name.
- If students would like help picking out books, Mrs. Doyle will be available by logging into Google Meet using the nickname "library" on Wednesdays from 9:00-2:00.
- If you are unable to pick up books on Wednesdays, but would still like books from the library, please contact Ms. Tina in the office at 989-773-9889 to arrange another time.

**Mrs. Doyle is looking forward to seeing you!
Happy Reading!**

WE MUST STRESS THAT ATTENDANCE IN GOOGLE MEETS AND WORK COMPLETION IS NOT OPTIONAL DURING THIS BUILDING CLOSURE. Students must attend Morning Meetings, small group learning sessions, one-on-one meetings and complete all required school work shared through Seesaw and/or Google Classroom. Last school year our focus was on maintaining connections and ensuring the safety and well being of students. This year we assume those expectations AND daily attendance, the rigor of daily learning as well as work completion. We cannot stress enough that this time is not optional. If your child becomes ill and cannot participate you must communicate that to the teacher and the office at 989-773-9889. **If you need help or support of any kind, please reach out to us.**

OUR SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKS AHEAD

Week Of	Expectations
December 7 - December 11 Distance Learning for all students K-8 Student Led Conferences Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri are four, full student learning days. Participation is required and attendance is taken every day based on work completion and Google Meet participation. • Wednesday, 12/9 is a non-student day dedicated to virtual Student Led Conferences (SLC) between individual students, their parents/guardians and teachers. SLC's will be scheduled with the classroom teacher through Seesaw communication.
December 14 - December 18 Distance Learning for all students K-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five full days of student learning. Participation is required and attendance is taken every day based on work completion and Google Meet participation.
December 21 - January 1	Winter Break - No School for two full weeks

<p>January 4 - January 8 Distance Learning for all students K-8</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five full days of student learning. Participation is required and attendance is taken every day based on work completion and Google Meet participation.
<p>January 11 Anticipated return to In School learning for students who choose to return to learning at the school building.</p>	<p>Families will be given the opportunity to select to return to In School learning or opt to remain in Distance Learning through a survey in mid December.</p>

TECHNOLOGY NEEDS

Each student will be assigned a chromebook and a charge cord. This technology is to be used for learning and must be returned in working order to the school when we reopen the school building. Technology questions, including repairs or replacements should be directed to the classroom teacher who will communicate appropriate steps to take.

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL NEEDS

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.

NUTRITIONAL NEEDS

Weekly food distribution will take place every Monday from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and again from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. We will offer contactless, curbside pick up at the front of the school. Simply come between either of the stated times each week and pick up a week's worth of food for every student in your family. If you have special needs or are seeking additional nutritional support, do not hesitate to call the school office 989-773-9889 week days between 9:00am and 3:00pm. We are ready to support our families to ensure our students are warm and fed so they can learn.