



Wednesday, March 3, 2021

Dear RPSA Families,

Over the course of the last year the way we spend time together has changed dramatically. Family partnership has always been an RPSA point of pride. Maintaining that partnership has been challenging since last March. Yet, as families, you have come through again and again when we have asked for your input. Usually, we try to keep it simple with one or two question surveys. However, this week we are looking for more detailed input to drive our school improvement process and planning for the future of RPSA. Our goal is to get at least half of our families, close to 200 responses to this survey. That means we need your help and honest feedback. Once we have results from this longer survey we hope to send a series of smaller surveys again in the newsletter to dig deeper into certain questions. We are asking for less than 5 minutes to complete this survey no later than Monday, March 15. The truth is if you do it today, you won't forget later. We really appreciate your input.

[RPSA ANNUAL FAMILY INPUT SURVEY, 2021](#)

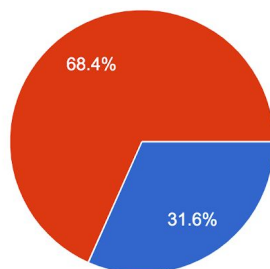
WEDNESDAY SURVEY RESULTS AND UPDATED DECISION TIMELINE

Special thanks to the 79 families with students currently attending in school learning for taking the time to fill out the survey about a possible return to in school learning on Wednesdays after spring break. The results from the family survey indicated that 68.4% of families support a return to in school learning on Wednesdays and 31.6% of families support all students remaining virtual on Wednesdays after spring break through the end of the school year in June.

We are currently working with staff and the health departments to make an informed recommendation to the RPSA School Board on Monday, March 15. Our goal is to make an announcement to families on that decision by Wednesday, March 17.

Learning on Wednesdays, beginning on Wednesday, April 7 through the end of the school year should...

79 responses



- remain a virtual, distance learning day for all students as it has been throughout this school year.
- return to face to face learning for all In School learners which would mean a five day week in the school for all In School learners.

AN UPDATE ON AFTER SCHOOL PEAK PROGRAMMING AT RPSA

One of the questions raised in the survey last week related to after school PEAK programming at Renaissance this school year. Upon reading that question, I realized we had not clearly communicated about PEAK since the fall.

We are unable to offer after school PEAK programming this year due to our current school safety plan which keeps students in cohorts during the school day. This means students from different classes or across different grades do not interact with each other during the school day. Since PEAK is set up to bring students from all grade levels together in a room of the school (the cafeteria) we would not be able to comply with our building plan. The city, who runs the PEAK program, is not able to staff each individual cohort of students. As a result, we will not be able to offer after school programming this year at RPSA since we will not be lifting our cohort restrictions prior to June. We sincerely hope that we can partner with the city of Mt. Pleasant for PEAK next school year.

2021-22 ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Applications for new students in the 2021-22 school year and kindergarteners will take place through Monday, March 15. Enrollment applications will be available through the office during this time. At the end of this period of open enrollment, if there are more applicants than open spots for next year a lottery will take place. Again, if you know of others thinking they would like to attend RPSA next year, this is the time to complete an application. All applications that come after March 15th will be placed on a waiting list in the order they are received.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Lisa Bergman
Executive Director, RPSA

ADDITIONAL NOTES

KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP

Families of kindergarteners for the 2021-22 school year can call the office at 989-773-9889 and talk to Brandy to begin the round up process. We encourage all interested families to make an appointment for March since our enrollment is limited to 50 incoming kindergarten students for next year.

UPCOMING DATES

- STUDENT LED CONFERENCES ALL DAY/NO TEACHER LED INSTRUCTION - Wed, 3/24
- SPRING BREAK/NO SCHOOL - Mon. March 29 through Mon. April 5 (School re-opens 4/6)
- MEMORIAL DAY/NO SCHOOL - Mon. May 31
- LAST DAY OF INSTRUCTION FOR 20/21 - Thursday, June 10

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 a.m. to noon and 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. We will offer contactless, curbside pick up at the front of the school. We offer 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. We are ready to support our families to ensure our students are warm and fed so they can learn.