



August 16, 2021

Dear RPSA Families,

We want to welcome everyone to the 2021-22 school year at Renaissance Public School Academy. Every family should have received a phone call from your child's class teacher to set up a family visit. Individual family visits with each student and their family has been an RPSA tradition for many years. We believe strong relationships with families build stronger connections in the classroom for students. Our goal is to meet one on one with every family before the start of the school year, so if you have not been able to set up a meeting with your child's teacher, there is still time to connect.

RPSA OPEN HOUSE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18 4:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, August 18th will be our back to school open house. Teachers will be in classrooms from 4:00-7:00 to allow students time to walk through morning drop off procedures, find their locker and drop off school supplies in their classrooms. Families are asked to enter through the team designated morning entry door, find their child's locker, visit the classroom and then exit out the classroom door onto the playground. Teachers will be in classrooms. Specials teachers and support staff will be outside, on the playground and around the school at various locations to greet students. Every student will receive a scavenger hunt when they arrive and can drop it off at the front of the school after visiting information booths. Every completed scavenger hunt will be entered in a drawing. Before leaving for the evening, each RPSA student will be able to pick up a special surprise from Miss Brandy and Mrs. Anderson. Families should plan on about 20 minutes for their inside visit, but can choose to socialize with other families outside after completing the scavenger hunt. Masking will be optional for students, family and staff visiting during the open house.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURES

To begin the school year, we will continue to follow the morning drop off and afternoon pick up procedures that were in effect last school year. [Please review this memo](#) if you are new to RPSA or attended virtually last year and are not familiar with updated procedures.

RPSA AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Based on survey results, Renaissance will be offering an after school program for students in grades K-6. In the survey, families indicated 59 students need after school supervision most days of the week and an additional 39 students will need supervision on Wednesdays due to early release at 2:00.

Registration information will be available at the Open House on August 18. There will be a registration table set up on the school's front lawn.

- After school supervision will be available M/T/TH/F from 3:30-5:30 and early release Wednesday from 2:00-5:30 for \$50 a week.
- Wednesday after school supervision will be from 2:00-5:30 at a cost of \$15 for families who need supervision on Wednesdays only.
- Pre-registration and prepayment are required to participate. **We will not be able to accommodate “drop in” or partial week registrations** at this time due to licensing and staffing.
- Registration with prepayment is available for five days a week at \$50 per week or Wednesdays only for \$15 a day.
- Payment can be made by check or cash at the open house to secure a spot.
- As we work to finalize details, questions regarding our after school program can be directed to Lisa Bergman at lbergman@renaissancepsa.com.

FREE SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH FOR 2021-22

All students, regardless of need, will once again this year be eligible for a free breakfast and lunch at school each day. A weekly menu will be available soon. For the first day of school we will be serving Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal for breakfast and Domino's pizza for lunch. Questions about our food service program can be directed to our Business Manager, Brandy Reihl. Please remember these important points from our student handbook.

- Students may NOT bring breakfast from home. This includes drinks such as smoothies or coffee. Students may eat school breakfast or should plan to eat before arriving at school.
- Students who bring a cold lunch must bring it with them when they arrive in the morning. Students MAY NOT eat fast food or have food delivered to the school for their lunch.
- Students may have a water bottle that can be filled at water fountains throughout the building. Sports drinks, soda pop and coffee drinks are NOT allowed at school.
- Special treats for celebrations such as birthdays must be individually wrapped and pre-arranged with the classroom teacher. Homemade treats are not allowed. We are not able to serve cupcakes, cakes or scoop ice cream in our classrooms.

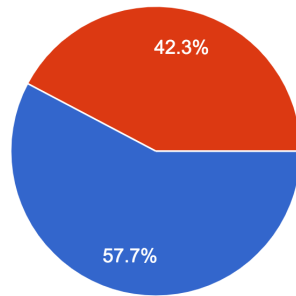
A BACK TO SCHOOL MASKING DECISION

Almost 86% of our students were represented in survey results completed by families at RPSA. That is an incredible response rate that speaks to the importance of the decisions we are being called to make regarding masking to begin the school year. 98% of the RPSA staff completed a similar survey regarding masking. The results below are part of many pieces of information being considered in this complex decision that will be finalized and shared with families this week. Special thanks to those who reached out via email to share additional information and thoughts on this matter.

FAMILY SURVEY RESULTS

MASKING REQUIREMENTS - Recent guidance from our local health department and the CDC recommends masking as one of several preventative...nd staff at RPSA to begin the 21/22 school year.

343 responses

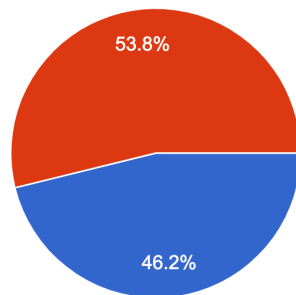


- All students and staff would wear a mask while in the school building. This choice would likely mean only those who test positive for covid would need to quarantine for the required period. All others in the class could most likely re...
- Masks would be optional for staff and students while in the school building. This choice could mean that your child may be required to quarantine for ten days if another member of the class te...

RPSA STAFF SURVEY RESULTS

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39 responses



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- Masks would be optional for staff and students while in the school building. This choice could mean that several students who are deemed close contacts or your entire class may be r...

As always, you can reach out to members of our staff with any questions or ideas. We sincerely appreciate our partnership and look forward to guiding your child's learning experience in the school year to come.

In Partnership,
The RPSA Team