

# RAMS RECAP

Weekly Newsletter for Renaissance Public School Academy

## UPCOMING DATES

No School  
**MAY 26TH AND 29TH, 2023**

Track & Field Awards  
**MAY 30TH, 2023**

Kindergarten Graduation  
**June 5th, 2023 at 1:30**

8th Grade Celebration  
**June 6th, 2023 at 9:00**

Last Day of School  
and  
Field Day!  
**JUNE 7TH, 2023**



Hello RPSA Families,

It has been a great week around the school. Islanders had an amazing experience this week building their rain garden out in the front of the school. The Walk-A-Thon was enjoyed by all and we would like to thank the PTO and all the volunteers for their time and hard work to make such a great experience for everyone.

Please remember that with the weather changing to be aware of the dress code. Below is the information right from the RPSA Handbook. If you are in need of assistance with clothing or just have questions please reach out.

One last thing is that our lost and found is getting pretty full. Please be sure to come check it out in the front lobby to see if you can find any missing items. Anything left after June 10th will be donated.

In partnership,  
Sarah Anderson



# MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER AND HONOR



## THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR NEXT WEEK:

- Remember to check lost and found. It is getting full with lots of water bottles, sweatshirts, and boots. This will be donated after June 10th, 2023.
- Remember to call before 9am if you student is going to be late and will need a school lunch.
- Remember the last day of school is a Wednesday and we will still be dismissing students at 2:00pm.
- Remember there is No School on Monday.
- Remember to have your student start emptying their locker of winter clothes and extra things.

**School Doors Open  
at 7:45 am**

**School Starts  
at 8:00 am**

**School Ends  
at 3:25 pm on  
M, T, TH, F**

**Early Dismissal on  
Wednesday at 2pm.**

# RPSA Handbook

## Dress Code Information

### **All Renaissance students must adhere to the following guidelines:**

1. Students may wear jeans, slacks, athletic pants, shorts or skirts.
2. Shorts and skirts must be longer than the student's fingertips.

The following clothing will be considered inappropriate during the school day:

1. Pajama pants
2. Halter tops with thin (spaghetti) straps
3. Pants with wording across the backside
4. Any clothing that reveals a midriff, low-cut neckline, or displays a deep underarm
5. Hats and hoods may not be worn in the building
6. Any clothing that disrupts or distracts from the learning environment
7. Any clothing that is deemed indecent, inappropriate, or dangerous by school staff
8. Jackets and coats may not be worn in the classroom during the school day.

Violations of the dress code will result in a guardian being called to provide a change of clothing. The Academy recognizes the importance of individually-held religious beliefs. The Academy will try to reasonably accommodate students' sincerely-held religious beliefs that are in conflict with this Dress Code Policy unless the reasonable accommodation would be detrimental to the educational process or cause any issues to the safety or welfare of others. Students requesting such reasonable accommodations should contact the School Leader.

Families in need of assistance to provide appropriate clothing in accordance with the dress code should contact the school office. Every effort will be made to provide students with appropriate clothing.

# SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEYS

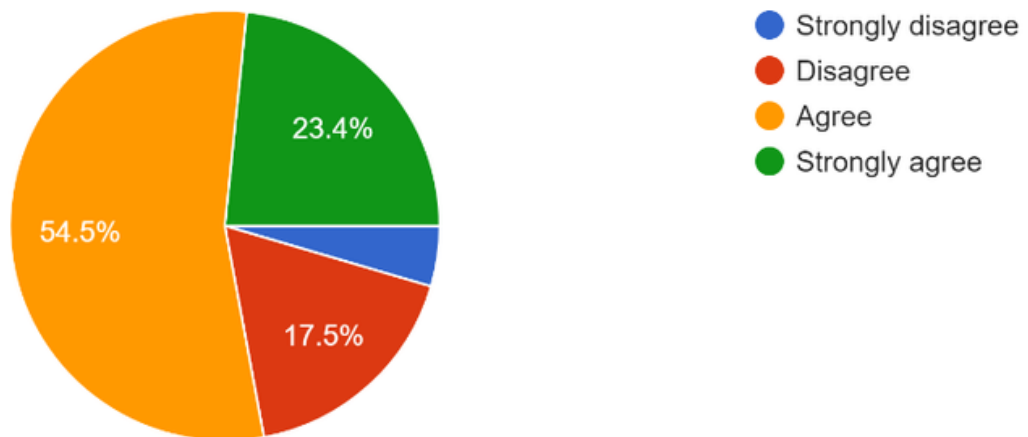
We would like to thank everyone who took the time to share their thoughts through our school improvements surveys several weeks ago. We were encouraged to see that 94% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that they would recommend our school to other families. We are eager to push that result even closer to 100% next year!

Our staff spent several Wednesday Professional Development meetings reviewing the surveys together and thinking through how we might best respond to the thoughts that were shared. The area rated the lowest by parents was learning from the school strategies on how they could best support their students at home. Some of the written comments shared in the survey, and some comments shared individually by parents to staff members, have indicated a desire for more time during Student-Led Conferences (SLCs) for teachers and parents to talk directly about student's academic progress.

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Parents have opportunities to learn how to help their children be successful in school.

154 responses



We made adjustments to next year's school calendar in response to this information. We moved up the fall and spring SLC dates by a couple of weeks to be able to connect with families sooner. We also plan to adjust the format of our conference. We will still ask students to be present to share information about their learning and the goals they have set or the goal progress they have made. We will save time for teachers to share their assessment of student progress, offer suggestions for specific steps parents can take to assist their child, and respond to questions parents may have.

Parents will be given the option of asking their student to step out of the room for this part of the conversation, if they so choose. We would also like to remind parents that they may reach out to their child's teacher through Seesaw at any time to get an update on how their child is developing academically or socially.

August 7 will be our designated date for students and parents to meet their classroom teacher for next year. This will be an opportunity to learn about your new class, get a preview of upcoming learning topics for the year, and to share any information that you feel is important for your child's teacher to know. More details will be shared with families during the first week of August.

#### **2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR**

The calendar for next school year is included below, and is also available on the Documents page of our school website. The Annual Calendar link on our school website's homepage will be updated with the new calendar after the last day of school.

# Renaissance PSA 2023-2024 Calendar

August '23						
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First & Last Day
PD Days: No School for Students
No School for Students and Staff
SLCs - No School for Students
Family Visits

November '23						
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M, Tu, Th, F Daily Schedule:
8:00 a.m. - 3:25 p.m.

Wednesday Early Release:
8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

February '24						
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# Upcoming Events

## Summer SAFETY FAIR

June 3, 2023  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

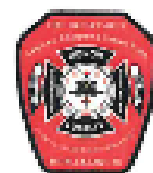
**Location: Public Safety Building**  
(Corner of Leaton & Broadway)

### Featuring:

- ▶ Fire equipment and smoke house
- ▶ Police dog and safety information
- ▶ Car seat inspections (Broadway driveway entrance of safety building)
- ▶ Free fire & carbon monoxide detectors
- ▶ Sacred Bundle Project
- ▶ Free helmets and bicycle giveaway for kids and elders
- ▶ Free lunch and ice cream
- ▶ Jaws of Life demo
- ▶ Environmental, fall, water, safety, health information & more!

- ▶ Police & rescue vehicles
- ▶ Door prizes
- ▶ Bouncy house
- ▶ Kids & adult activities
- ▶ Dog & QRV registration info
- ▶ Picture opportunities

**Everything is Free!**  
**All are invited!**



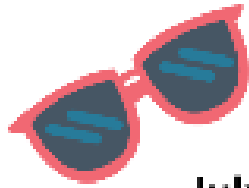
For more information, please contact: Sue Sowmick at 989-775-4699 or [SSowmick@sagchip.org](mailto:SSowmick@sagchip.org)



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# SAVE THE DATE! FREE SUMMER PROGRAMMING CMU MUSEUM



## July 8 (10am-12pm) Kids & Culture Schoolhouse Vintage Games

Take part in several activities that show what recess was like for kids of a One-Room Schoolhouse! Located at the historic Bohannon One-Room Schoolhouse on the corner of W. Campus Dr. & Preston St. on the campus of CMU. Free parking in Lot 21 (across from schoolhouse).

## July 11, 18, 25 (10:00am - 12pm) -Tour Tuesdays

(7/11) Backyard Birding (7/18) Michigan Mammals (7/25) Insects vs. Bugs  
Programs will take place at the CMU Museum in Rowe Hall  
(650 E. Bellows Street Mt. Pleasant, MI)

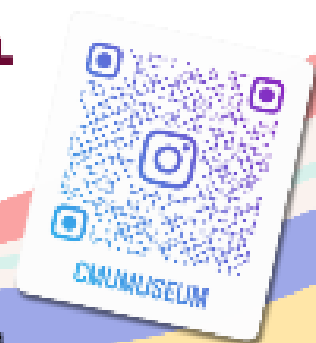


## Curious Curators July 28 (9am to 4pm)

The CMU Museum is accepting applications for this day-long program. Become a HISTORY DETECTIVE! Use primary and secondary sources as well as museum artifacts to help solve a mystery at the museum. Must be entering 4th or 5th grade for Fall 2023. Email [galla1ra@cmich.edu](mailto:galla1ra@cmich.edu) for application. Deadline to apply is June 30.



**MUSEUM OF CULTURAL  
& NATURAL HISTORY**  
CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY



Location: CMU Museum - 650 E. Bellows St. - Rowe 124  
Contact: Rebecca Patrone at [galla1ra@cmich.edu](mailto:galla1ra@cmich.edu) (989-774-3176)



# Pandemic EBT

**Important information for parents or guardians of student's eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch at Renaissance Public School Academy.**

## What is the Pandemic-EBT Program?

The Pandemic-EBT (P-EBT) Program provides food benefits to families with children who were not able to get free or reduced-price school meals due to COVID. You may hear about this benefit from other schools or in the media.

## Who is eligible?

Being eligible for this program will depend on what school your student attends. Eligibility for the Pandemic-EBT (P-EBT) Program can be different between schools within the same district.

## What makes a school eligible for P-EBT?

A school building is eligible only if the building has had 5 school days in a row of reduced in-person hours due to COVID (closures due to staffing shortages do not count for P-EBT benefits).

## What could make my child eligible for P-EBT?

- 1) If the school they attend is eligible for P-EBT and
- 2) If your student has applied and been approved for free/reduced lunch and
- 3) Did not receive instruction in-person for some or all the month due to COVID-19 related absence

There may be months when your student's attendance was different from what the school reported. In that case, you may be able to have your student's benefit level reconsidered. Your request to be reconsidered must be submitted by June 30, 2023. In the month(s) below your school reported primarily in-person. Your student(s) may be P-EBT eligible if your student Did not receive instruction in-person for some or all the month due to COVID-19 related absence in the following month(s):

September 2022, October 2022, November 2022, December 2022, January 2023, February 2023, March 2023, and April 2023

**For more information, visit [WWW.MICHIGAN.GOV/PEBT](http://WWW.MICHIGAN.GOV/PEBT) or call 1-833-905-0028.**



# Back to School **FREE** *Backpack Giveaway*

**Lunch and Bowling will be provided.**

**Mon., July 31st  
Bay City**

**Monitor Lanes  
Bay, Midland and  
Ipswich Counties**

**Tue., August 1st  
Gladwin**

**Meadow Lanes  
Clare & Gladwin  
Counties**

**Wed., August 2nd  
Bad Axe**

**Longshot Lanes  
Huron, Sanilac &  
Tuscola Counties**

**Fri., August 4th  
Mt. Pleasant**

**Riverwood Resort  
Gratiot & Isabella  
Counties**

## *Coming Soon!*

**What:** **FREE** Backpack giveaway with a sweet treat. Backpacks will be filled with school supplies that are needed for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. Other fun prizes included.

**\*Who:** Students up to age 18 who are currently being raised by grandparents or other family members ages 55 or older, without their parents residing in the home.

\*To see if you qualify for the Kinship Program and get on the list for a free backpack, please contact your local Commission on Aging below **on or before May 27th, 2023.**

**NOTE:** We cannot accept late sign-ups as we need a firm count of Kinship participants to give us time to order supplies

Once you are signed up, your local Commission on Aging will get in contact with you with more detailed information as the event gets closer



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7/16/23

# Bits & Bytes

Summer Computing Camp for  
Middle School Girls

June 26-30, 2023 (on EMU's  
campus)



## EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Bits and Bytes is an all-day, week-long, summer computing camp for middle school girls. It introduces computing and technology from theoretical concepts to applied projects. Coding is introduced through educational software and robots with the support of student mentors. The camp concludes with a hackathon and a career discovery event. It is staffed by the Women in Computer Science (WICS) club members at Eastern Michigan University and led by a faculty member.

Register at <https://forms.gle/1o7R1Nz4jkPzWobE6> or scan QR code.

This camp is free of cost. Camp registration fee is \$25.



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MT PLEASANT DISCOVERY MUSEUM  
**ECO KIDS CLUB**

4:00pm - 5:00pm

**April 19th - Pizza & Movie Night**

**May 17th - Buzzing Bees**

**June 21st - Beautiful Butterflies**

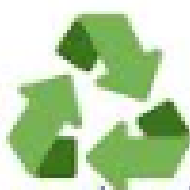
**July 19th - Invasive Species**

**August 16th - Clean Energy**

**September 20th - Composting**

**October 18th - Towering Trees**

**November 15th - Nocturnal Animals**



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## BREAKFAST

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
No School	Assorted Cereal Fruit Fruit Juice Choice of Milk	Yogurt and Granola bar Fresh Fruit Juice Choice of Milk	Assorted Breakfast Items Fruit/Juice Milk	Assorted Breakfast Items Fruit/Juice Milk

## LUNCH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
No School	French Toast, Syrup, Sausage, Hashbrown Rounds Fruit Choice of Milk	Domino's Pizza Side salad Fruit Choice of Milk	Cheeseburger Veggies Fruit Milk	Popcorn Chicken Veggies Fruit Milk