

SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

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Renaissance Public School Academy Newsletter



Renaissance Academy

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UPCOMING EVENTS

4th Grade Field Trip
September 13, 2023

3rd Grade Field Trip
September 14, 2023

Goal Setting
Student Led
Conferences
October 12, 2023

No School
October 13, 2023



Hello RPSA Families!

Our week has been filled with so much fun! All of the students have done a wonderful job learning our school procedures and routines. We are looking forward to our first 5 day school week next week.

One of the highlights of our week was seeing the first students use the book vending machine! Students who participated in our coloring contest last week were entered into a drawing for a book vending machine token. Several students from each grade level were drawn and we loved seeing their excitement as they chose a book to take home and keep.

If you have not already, please be sure to open your Seesaw account and connect with your child's teacher this school year. Classroom updates and news will be sent through Seesaw. You can access online or download the app to your device. If you are having any trouble getting connected, please let your child's teacher or the office know so we can help you get connected.

With RAMS Pride,
The RPSA Leadership Team

Back to School Paperwork

Please remember to return all back to school paperwork ASAP. Emergency Cards and Household Surveys must be updated each school year. You can drop paperwork at the office or send it in with your child to give to their teacher.

If your child has any medical needs, including the use of an inhaler, we must have documentation from a doctor. Please stop by the office or contact Ms. Tina (tsinger@renaissancepsa.com) for the appropriate paperwork.



All families should be connected to Seesaw for updates and communication from your child's classroom. If you have not received messages or updates from your child's teacher yet, please reach out to them. The Seesaw App often needs to be updated on your device after a summer without use.

It is our hope that all families check Seesaw at least once a day. This is our primary form of communication from your child's teacher and all classroom information, upcoming events, etc. will be shared with parents through Seesaw.

Parking Lot

Please review the below parking lot procedures carefully. With close to 450 students to drop off and pick up each day, it is very important that all the adults follow the below procedures to keep our students safe. Here are a few key highlights:

- All foot traffic must cross at one of the two crosswalks. This includes adults and students
- Parents may walk students to the front doors and drop off there. If you need to stop by the office you are welcome to do so. No parents may go past the glass double doors inside, students are to walk to class on their own or a staff member can go with them
- There is NO PARKING in or around the bus pickup area
- Those picking up ONLY a Middle School student may use the left lane to drive around to the Middle School area for pickup
- We have staff on site to supervise children until 4:00pm. If able, we recommend waiting until 3:40/3:45 to pick up your child when the parking lot has cleared out

Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

For the safety of students and to ensure efficient drop off and pick up of students everyone is required to follow the expectations below...

- Enter the parking lot and make a right turn only.
 - Access to parking spots on the left will require the driver to pull into the drive through lane (left lane) and go around.
- The RIGHT lane is for drop off and pick up only.
 - Remain in your car and allow students out anywhere along the sidewalk before school
 - Remain in your car and pull up to your child's designated spot on the sidewalk to pick up.
 - Staff will not be able to speak with parents in the pick up lane. If you wish to speak to a staff member you must park and walk up using the crosswalks.
- The LEFT lane is a drive through lane to allow access to all parking spots.
 - **Students may NOT be dropped off or picked up from the left lane.**
 - Do NOT stop in the left lane for any reason so traffic can continue to flow.
 - Do not allow students to walk into the building alone from a parking spot.
 - An adult who parks must walk a student through the crosswalk to the school entrance.
- **PARKING EXPECTATIONS**
 - Parents wishing to park must walk their children to the building using DESIGNATED CROSSWALKS ONLY.
 - ABSOLUTELY NO parking at any time, anywhere in the bus zone north of the main entrance crosswalk.



Inclement Weather

In the instance of an indoor pickup due to inclement weather, please see the below procedures for getting students picked up in a timely manner and keeping them safe

- Parents may choose to park and walk up to the building where a staff member will meet you and call for your child OR you may use the pickup lane to drive along the sidewalk and wait for your child
- When you enter the parking lot, please expect to stop and tell the staff member at the entrance your child's name and the name of their teacher
 - We will provide all families with a laminated card to put in your front window to help with this
- Staff in the parking lot and at the front entrance will radio to the classroom to have your student come to the front of the building
- Staff will escort children to vehicles in the pickup lane and help them get in safely
- Families are asked to still use the crosswalks when parking and walking up for students - it can be very hard to see in a rainy parking lot and crossing at other areas is not safe
- Please expect to take a little more time for pickup on these days, as we will move students as quickly as possible but it does take time
- Again, we will have free supervision available until 4:00pm so families are encouraged to wait a little past dismissal time to arrive for your student.

School Day Start and End Times

- Our School day begins at 8:00am
- Students may enter the building beginning at 7:40 am - all students are to enter through the front doors
- Our School day ends at 3:25 M, T, Th, F and 2:00 on Wednesday
- Pick up takes place from 3:25 to 4:00 (2:00-2:30 on Wed.)
- Families may park and walk to the sidewalk using crosswalks, or use the drive thru lane

Before and After School

We are very excited to offer both before and after school care this school year. These programs do hold a child care license and must follow all licensing rules:

- Cost
 - \$5 per day Before School
 - 7:00am - 7:45am
 - \$20 per day After School OR \$50 weekly
 - end of school - 5:30pm
 - Kindergarten through 6th grade only
 - to meet staffing rules, families must register and pay the week prior (no drop ins)
 - stop into the front office for registration paperwork

SCHOOL-BASED **OUT-PATIENT THERAPY** at Renaissance Public School Academy

Isabella Citizens for Health is offering mental/behavioral health services throughout the school year. Services offered include:

- Screening for Emotional & Behavioral Health Difficulties
- Individual & Family Counseling
- Comprehensive Behavioral Health Assessments
- Case Management, Prevention Intervention & Treatment
- Confidential Services



Jordan Curtice, LLPC

School-Based Outpatient Therapist

Jordan is a Limited Licensed Professional Counselor who works together with students, parents and staff to help students resolve problems so they can be successful in school and in life. Jordan's office is located in Room A15 and she can be reached by calling 989-491-1445.

How does a child enroll to use these services?

Students may be referred by a parent, teacher, school official, or they may self-report their needs to the school-based counselor. Appointments are best; however, students may be seen on a walk-in basis. **Services require a *Consent for Treatment Form to be completed by a parent or legal guardian and returned to the school.*** Parent may, but do not need to, be present at the appointment. Jordan will contact parents if there are any questions that arise related to the appointment.

Does a student need health insurance to be seen by the counselor?

Health insurance is not required. Assistance is available to apply for Medicaid or other insurances for students who do not have health insurance. No child or family will be denied access to services based on inability to pay.



2023 PTO ANNUAL FUNDRAISER RAMS CARDS SALE



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We're selling Rams Discount Cards again this year as our PTO fall fundraiser. These **easy-to-sell** discount cards save you money at many local businesses for only \$10. The cards will be available beginning **Monday August 14th** and are valid for over a year (through October 2024). For every card you sell, the PTO will receive over 80% of the proceeds to go toward our school! Help the PTO support our school, students, and staff while also supporting local businesses!

HOW CAN I PURCHASE CARDS?

Families can purchase groups of 10 cards for \$90 or buy smaller amounts at \$10 per card as they collect orders from family and friends (see attached order form).
Look for a PTO table at the RPSA Open House and before and after school to buy cards.
In addition, requests can be emailed to the PTO (renaissanceramspto@gmail.com) for a specific amount of cards. Once a request is processed (allow 24-48 hours) a labeled envelope will be left at the office for collection of payment and card picked up.

GET INVOLVED!

Wonder what the PTO does exactly with the money earned?
Come to one of our meetings! Watch for meeting announcements on FB and Seesaw.

Can't come to meetings but want to be involved?

Scan the code in the corner to sign up to receive emails of PTO happenings & volunteer opportunities.



BREAKFAST TIME MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
No School	Cereal Juice Fruit Milk	Poptarts Juice Milk	Yogurt Granola Bar Fruit Milk	Whole Grain Donuts Fruit Milk
Poptart Fruit Milk	Cinnamon toast crunch bar Fruit Milk	Yogurt Granola Bar Fruit Milk	Cereal Juice Fruit Milk	Whole Grain Donuts Fruit Milk
Cereal Bar Fruit Milk	Poptart Fruit Milk	Cereal Fruit Milk	Yogurt Granola Bar Fruit Milk	Whole Grain Donuts Fruit Milk
Cereal Fruit Milk	Poptart Fruit Milk	Yogurt Granola Bar Fruit Milk	Cereal Bars Fruit Milk	Whole Grain Donuts Fruit Milk



LUNCH MENU · September

MONDAY 4	TUESDAY 5	WEDNESDAY 6	THURSDAY 7	FRIDAY 8
No School	Pop Corn Chicken Oven Fries Fruit Milk	Pepperoni Pizza Side Salad Fruit Milk	Cheeseburger Baby Carrots Fruit Milk	Taco Sticks Salsa Fruit Milk
MONDAY 11	TUESDAY 12	WEDNESDAY 13	THURSDAY 14	FRIDAY 15
Chicken Tenders Veggie Juice Oven Fries Fruit Milk	Sausage & Cheese Bagel Hashbrowns Fruit Milk	Cheese Pizza Side Salad Fruit Milk	Penne Alfredo Baby Carrots Fruit Milk	Chicken Quesadilla Bean & Cheese Dip Salsa Fruit Milk
MONDAY 18	TUESDAY 19	WEDNESDAY 20	THURSDAY 21	FRIDAY 22
Italian Beef Pepperoni Calzone Marinara Sauce Fruit Milk	Pop Corn Chicken Oven Fries Fruit Milk	Pepperoni Pizza Side Salad Fruit Milk	Cheeseburger Baby Carrots Fruit Milk	Taco Sticks Salsa Fruit Milk
MONDAY 25	TUESDAY 26	WEDNESDAY 27	THURSDAY 28	FRIDAY 29
Chicken Tenders Veggies Juice Oven Fries Juice Milk	Sausage & Cheese Bagel Hashbrowns Fruit Milk	Cheese Pizza Side Salad Fruit Milk	Penne Alfredo Baby Carrots Fruit Milk	Chicken Quesadilla Bean & Cheese Dip Salsa Fruit Milk

Cold Option:
Salad with crispy chicken
Milk



Renaissance PSA 2023-2024 Calendar

August '23						
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July '24						
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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

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.