

FEBRUARY 7, 2025

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Renaissance Public School Academy Newsletter



Renaissance Academy

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Hello RPSA Families!

We are wrapping up another great week of learning at RPSA that included mock trials for Middle School, guest presenters in several classrooms, a full week of outside recess, and celebrating the 100th day of school! As we head into a 3 day weekend, we hope all of our students will have a chance to rest and rejuvenate.

We have been notified by the Central Michigan District Health Department Medical Director, Dr. Morse, that Influenza (“the flu”) is on the rise and spreading quickly in our area. On the next page is a letter from Dr. Morse regarding influenza in our community.

To reduce the spread of illness, we ask for your help in following all health guidelines and monitoring for symptoms. If your child is experiencing flu-like symptoms of any kind, please keep them home from school until they are fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of medication. During an outbreak like this, caution is best. If you are unsure if they are feeling better, please keep them home.

RPSA is closely monitoring our attendance, taking extra cleaning precautions, and reinforcing proper hygiene practices. We appreciate your support in keeping our school healthy and minimizing the spread of illness.

Have a great weekend!

With RAMS Pride,
The RPSA Leadership Team

UPCOMING EVENTS

No School

February 10, 2025

Dominos Fundraiser

February 25, 2025

**Student Led
Conferences**

March 20, 2025

Spring Break

March 21 – 28, 2025



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Central Michigan District Health Department

Promoting Healthy Families, Healthy Communities



Jennifer Morse, MD, MPH, FAAFP
Medical Director

Steve Hall, RS, MS
Health Officer

Dear Parent/Guardian:

February 4, 2025

Influenza ("the flu") is spreading quickly and at very high levels in our area. The number of influenza-like illnesses, which is having a fever with a cough and/or a sore throat, also continue to increase in our schools and childcare centers.

The flu is a viral illness that can cause fever, cough, chills, headache, muscle aches, runny nose, and sore throat. It can cause serious and even deadly illness in healthy children and adults, though this is more common in people with health problems. When someone has influenza, they almost always have a fever, and the cough is often severe. Influenza symptoms usually last 2 to 7 days. Note that influenza is not the same as the "stomach flu," which is a gastrointestinal (stomach and bowel) illness causing severe nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea that usually lasts 1 to 2 days.

The influenza virus spreads when an infected person coughs or sneezes, causing droplets having the virus to spread in the air. Uninfected people can get sick by being in close contact with these droplets (within 6 feet) and breathing them in or by touching surfaces the droplets fell onto. There are many things that can be done to keep our schools, homes, and communities "flu-free" and protect ourselves and our loved ones:

1. It's not too late to get vaccinated and vaccination is the #1 MOST effective prevention against the flu and serious illness and death from the flu. Influenza vaccine is widely available through the local health department, area physicians, and pharmacies.
2. Children and adults should stay home when ill. We recommend that people sick with any influenza-like illness remain at home until they have been fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicines.
3. Teach your family how to lower their risk of getting and spreading the influenza virus by:
 - Washing their hands often with soap and running warm water for at least 20 seconds. That is as long as it takes to sing "Happy Birthday" twice. Make sure to clean under the fingernails also.
 - If a hand washing station is not available, use hand sanitizer properly. Gels, rubs, and hand wipes work well against influenza if they have at least 60% alcohol. Throw wipes in the trash after use.
 - Coughing or sneezing into their upper shirt sleeve or elbow, not onto their hands.
 - Avoid touching eyes, nose, or mouth. That's how germs enter the body.
4. Children over 2 years of age and adults can consider wearing a mask in public. Masks, especially KN95 or N95 respirators or other high-quality masks, should help protect you and others against respiratory germs such as the flu.
5. Seek medical care immediately if your child experiences any of the following symptoms: illness lasting longer than a week; fast breathing or trouble breathing; bluish skin color; not drinking enough fluids or not urinating (peeing); not waking up or not getting along with others as they normally do; being so irritable that the child does not want to be held; flu-like symptoms that improve but then return with fever and worse coughing, or; fever with a rash.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the health department.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Morse, MD, MPH, FAAFP
Medical Director

Please visit us at our website www.cmdhd.org

#RAMSPRIDE



Be Safe Be Responsible

Be Kind Work Hard

We love celebrating our students when they're caught showing RAMS Pride. We look for students who are being safe, being responsible, being kind, or working hard and try to highlight them with a "Shout Out". Students receive a blue paper to bring home and show off to their families. Their names are also included in the weekly newsletter. The first time a student receives a shout out, they get to visit the book vending machine too!

- **Tecumseh W.**
- **Charles A.**
- **Tre C.**
- **Ian T.**
- **Lily R.**
- **Madison L.**
- **Aaliyah L.**
- **Jovi P.**
- **Graham S.**
- **Kameron H.**
- **Karter M.**
- **Lucas S.**
- **Kota T.**
- **Anistynn S.**
- **Isaiah W.**
- **Camdyn S.**
- **Olivia S.**
- **Quentin D.**
- **Alyssa F.**
- **Cayden T.**
- **Atlas M.**
- **Abigail L.**
- **Tyler H.**
- **Yahya A.**



It's Re-enrollment Time!

Look for re-enrollment forms that came home with students this week. All forms are due back by February 14, 2025 to save your spot for next school year.

Athletics Announcements



Jack Karr Memorial Scholarship Fund ~ for Athletes

Application Link can be found on the Athletics page of our website

Requirements:

- Submit an essay describing why participating in Renaissance Athletics is important to you.
- What do you hope to gain and learn from participating in athletics at Renaissance?
- Note of recommendation from a teacher.

If interested, please apply!

RENAISSANCE PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY - FUNDRAISER NIGHT



DATE: Tuesday, February 25th

DOMINO'S - 706 S Mission St, Mt Pleasant, MI

DOUGH RAISING NIGHT

Scan the
QR code or
use
coupon
code DN6
when
placing
your order



DN6

A portion of all orders placed on February 25th will support the Renaissance Public School Academy. Scan the QR code to order via the app, use the "Dough Raising Night" coupon online, or mention your school when calling the store.

Now Accepting Applications!



Application deadline is
March 7, 2025.

ART REACH
Of Mid Michigan

Scholarships Available

Rose M. Fisher Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded in memory of Rose M. Fisher to support performing arts. Recipients must be a current Mt. Pleasant High School student or graduate of Mt. Pleasant Public Schools.

Folkert Scholarship

This scholarship, in memory of Kendall Folkert, offers \$500 towards one two-week summer session at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp.

Stephenson Creative Writing Award

The creative writing award was established in memory of Jo Stephenson through Art Reach of Mid Michigan. The \$300 award may be used in any way that will benefit the recipient's writing ability.



ART REACH
Of Mid Michigan



	Monday 2/10	Tuesday 2/11	Wednesday 2/12	Thursday 2/13	Friday 2-14
Breakfast	No School	Nutri-grain Bar Peaches Fruit Juice Graham Cracker Milk	Bagel with Strawberry Cream cheese Frozen Orange, Pineapple, Cherry Sorbet Fruit Juice Milk	Cinnamon Toast Crunch bar Apple sauce Graham Cracker Fruit Juice Milk	Powdered Donuts Berry Sorbert Apple Slices Milk

Lunch	No School	Mac & Cheese Beans Mandarin Orange Milk or Chicken Salad	Dominos Cheese Pizza Broccoli with Ranch Fruit Cup Vegetable Juice Milk or Chicken Salad	Walking Taco Carrots Peaches Milk or Chicken Salad	Hot Dog Fries Strawberries Milk or Chicken Salad
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Choice of White or Chocolate Milk Served Daily

Renaissance PSA 2024-2025 Calendar

August '24						
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September '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

November '24						
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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 '25						
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June '25						
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July '25						
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