



Renaissance Report

October 30, 2026



We are so proud of the big hearts of our Renaissance students and their desire to make a positive impact in our community! This week, our "Humans Helping Humans" crew was beaming with pride as they made a generous donation to the Isabella County Soup Kitchen.



October has been a month full of exciting learning, creativity, and discovery at RPSA! Throughout our classrooms, students have been asking thoughtful questions, exploring new ideas, collaborating with classmates, and bringing their learning to life through meaningful, hands-on experiences. From engaging projects and field experiences to opportunities for student leadership and sharing their learning during Student-Led Conferences, our Rams continue to show us what incredible things happen when students take ownership of their education. As we wrap up October, we are proud of the curiosity, growth, and hard work we've seen across our building. We can't wait to see where their learning takes them next!

We had a lot of fun celebrating fall throughout the building today. We hope our Rams have a great weekend!

#RAMSPRIDE SHOUT OUTS

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!



We're excited to celebrate these amazing students who received a Shout Out this week!

Amelia S.
Jessie F.
Maveryck W.
Kamilla F.
Amelia R.
Layla B.
Ava B.
Danielle L.
Quentin D.
Jezelia N.
Olivia C.
Da'Marian S.
Evangeline K.
Edward P.
Korde F.

Zoe D.
 Abbe C.
 Gwendolyn B.
 Nour A.
 Alanna C.
 Jaxson B.
 Tate W.
 Carter B.
 Addison N.
 Maeve J.
 Charlotte B.

Breakfast & Lunch Menu, November 2nd - November 6th, 2026



	11/2/26	11/3/26	11/4/26	11/5/26	11/6/26
Breakfast	Cereal Frozen Sorbert Fruit Juice Milk	NutraGrain Bar (Strawberry) Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	Cereal Fruit juice Apple Sauce Milk	Cereal Apples Fruit Juice Milk	Donuts Berry Sorbert Fruit Juice Milk
Lunch	Chicken Tenders Waffle fries Fresh Fruit Milk or Chicken Salad	Breakfast Bagel (Turkey & Egg) Hashbrown Fresh Fruit Milk or Chicken Salad	Dominos Pepperoni Pizza Broccoli Vegetable Juice Fruit Cup Milk or Chicken Salad	Mac & Cheese Chips Carrots Fresh Fruit Milk or Chicken Salad	Chicken Egg Rolls Fried Rice/w Veggies Sweet & Sour Sauce Strawberry Crisp Milk or Chicken Salad

Choice of White or Chocolate Milk Served Daily

USDA is an equal opportunity provider

Download the school calendar and handbooks here!

Important Dates

November 2nd - Theater Workshop #1

November 9th - Theater Workshop #2

November 9th - 20th - Coins for a Cause

November 13th - Last Day of 1st Trimester

November 16th - Theater Workshop #3

November 25th - 27th - No School

December 15th - Band Concert

December 18th - Middle School Museum Event

December 20th - January 1st - Winter Break, No School

Important Reminders

Renaissance Academy

RAMS

HEALTHY STUDENTS, BRIGHTER TOMORROWS

Simple steps help keep our RPSA community healthy and in school.

Healthy Kids
Stronger Rams

WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME	WHEN TO COMMUNICATE WITH RPSA	WHEN YOUR CHILD CAN RETURN TO SCHOOL
<p>Keep your child home if they have any of the following symptoms:</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <div> FEVER 100.4°F or higher (or behavior changes, feeling feverish) </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <div> VOMITING One or more episodes </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <div> DIARRHEA Loose or watery stools, especially with stomach pain </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <div> PERSISTENT COUGH or difficulty breathing </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <div> RUNNY NOSE with other symptoms (such as fever, cough, or feeling unwell) </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <div> NEW OR UNEXPLAINED RASH especially with fever or behavior changes </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <div> PINK OR RED EYES with drainage </div> </div> <div style="background-color: #ffe6e6; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px; border-radius: 5px;"> <p>! Children should stay home if they are not well enough to participate in regular school activities.</p> </div>	<p>Please contact the school office when:</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <div> Your child will be absent due to illness. </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <div> Your child has been diagnosed with a communicable disease (such as strep throat, flu, COVID-19, chickenpox, etc.). </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <div> Your child develops symptoms that may affect their attendance (fever, vomiting, diarrhea, rash, severe cough, etc.). </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <div> A household member has a communicable disease that may impact your child's attendance (e.g., chickenpox, COVID-19). </div> </div> <div style="background-color: #e6f2ff; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px; border-radius: 5px;"> <p>WHAT TO SHARE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☒ Your child's symptoms (if known) ☒ A diagnosed illness (if applicable) ☒ The date symptoms started ☒ Any guidance from your healthcare provider <p><small>This information helps RPSA:</small></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • support your child • prevent the spread of illness • meet Michigan reporting requirements </div>	<p>Your child can return when they are:</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <div> FEVER-FREE for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication (e.g., Tylenol, Motrin). </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <div> NO VOMITING for at least 24 hours. </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <div> NO DIARRHEA for at least 24 hours. </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <div> SYMPTOMS ARE IMPROVING (e.g., cough, runny nose). </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <div> RASH HAS HEALED, or a healthcare provider has confirmed it is not contagious. </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <div> EYE DRAINAGE HAS STOPPED, or a healthcare provider has confirmed it is not contagious. </div> </div> <div style="background-color: #e6ffe6; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px; border-radius: 5px;"> <p>✓ Some illnesses have specific return-to-school requirements. A healthcare provider note may be required for certain conditions.</p> <p><small>Follow the illness-specific guidance provided by Michigan's Managing Communicable Diseases in Schools (August 2026).</small></p> </div>

HOW FAMILIES CAN HELP PREVENT ILLNESS

<p>ENCOURAGE FREQUENT HANDWASHING with soap and water (for at least 20 seconds).</p>	<p>TEACH GOOD RESPIRATORY ETIQUETTE (cough or sneeze into a tissue or sleeve).</p>	<p>KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME WHEN SICK.</p>	<p>KEEP VACCINATIONS UP TO DATE.</p>	<p>FOLLOW HEALTHY HABITS AT HOME (cleaning, good nutrition, and adequate sleep).</p>
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Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Humans Helping Humans food drive this month! As a school we will be donating 641 items to the Isabella County Soup Kitchen!

Congratulations to Preschool, Mrs. Matties, Mrs. Molyneux, Mrs. Reger, and Ms. Gairaud's classes for donating the most in each pod!



From the School Counselor

November SEL Focus

Growing Gratitude This November!

During the month of November, our Social Emotional Learning (SEL) lessons will focus on **gratitude** and the power of appreciating the people, experiences, and little moments that make our lives special. Gratitude is more than just saying "thank you"—it's a habit that can actually help our brains! Research shows that regularly practicing gratitude can support positive emotions, reduce stress, and strengthen our relationships with others. When we intentionally look for the good around us, we train our brains to notice more of the positives, even when things feel challenging. At RPSA, we want our students to understand that gratitude is something we can practice every day. We encourage families to join us this month by taking a few moments each day to share something you're thankful for. **A little gratitude can make a big difference!**

A HOLIDAY SEASON OF GRATITUDE

40 ways to celebrate, give back, and count your blessings • All ages

01 • FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

10 Gratitude-Inspiring Family Movies

Watch together, then talk about the lessons of kindness, generosity, friendship, family, and appreciation.

1. A Charlie Brown Christmas

A reminder that the holidays are about more than decorations and presents; friendship and togetherness matter.

2. How the Grinch Stole Christmas

Shows that love, kindness, and community are more valuable than material things.

3. Elf

Celebrates positivity, family, kindness, and finding joy in little things.

4. It's a Wonderful Life

Reminds us that our lives matter and that love and support are precious gifts.

5. Finding Nemo

Highlights family bonds, perseverance, friendship, and appreciating people who care for us.

6. The Polar Express

Encourages wonder, generosity, belief, and appreciating special moments.

7. Annie

Celebrates hope, belonging, friendship, and caring relationships.

8. The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh

Reminds us to appreciate simple pleasures and the gift of friendship.

9. The Wild Robot

Explores compassion, belonging, family, and caring for others.

10. Cinderella (2015)

Inspires kindness, courage, forgiveness, and treating others with compassion.

Movie-night conversation: What did a character learn to appreciate? Who showed kindness, and how could we do something similar?

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02 • GIVE BACK TOGETHER

10 Family Service Activities in the Community

The best way to teach gratitude is often to put it into action. Choose an activity the whole family can enjoy.

1. Fill a food pantry basket

Collect canned goods, pasta, cereal, and other requested nonperishable foods.

2. Create holiday care packages

Assemble packages with warm socks, toiletries, snacks, and encouragement cards for a local organization.

3. Help at a community meal

Volunteer at an established meal program or help prepare approved food donations.

4. Make cards for nursing home residents

Create cheerful holiday cards and arrange delivery through a senior living community.

5. Participate in a toy drive

Donate new toys, books, or games to a local holiday giving program.

6. Help an animal shelter

Donate pet food, blankets, toys, or other requested supplies; ask about family volunteer options.

7. Clean up a neighborhood park

Join an organized cleanup and help care for shared community spaces.

8. Adopt a family for the holidays

Work through a community organization to provide requested gifts, groceries, or essentials.

9. Organize a winter warmth collection

Collect new hats, gloves, scarves, and coats for a clothing assistance program.

10. Spread kindness to neighbors

Prepare treats, write thank-you notes, or offer an age-appropriate helping hand.

Family tip: Contact each organization before donating or visiting to confirm its current needs, age requirements, and volunteer arrangements.

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03 • NOTICE THE GOOD

10 Ways to Count Your Blessings

Gratitude doesn't have to cost money. Often, the most meaningful blessings are the little things we experience every day.

1. Start a family gratitude jar

Write one thing you are thankful for each day; read the notes together at the end of the season.

2. Keep a gratitude journal

Write down three good things that happened each day, big or small.

3. Take a gratitude walk

Notice five beautiful or interesting things in nature that you might usually overlook.

4. Write a thank-you letter

Tell someone why you appreciate them and how they have made a difference.

5. Create a family memory album

Look through photographs and share favorite memories and the people who made them special.

6. Make a gratitude tree

Write blessings on paper leaves and add them to a family tree display.

7. Share blessings at dinner

Have everyone name one thing they appreciated that day.

8. Savor the small things

Enjoy a favorite song, warm drink, sunset, good book, or time spent together.

9. Turn complaints into appreciation

When something goes wrong, pause and identify something positive you can still appreciate.

10. End each day with three blessings

Before bedtime, share three things you are grateful for and one person who made your day better.

Try this at dinner: Ask everyone, "What is one small thing that made you happy today?"

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04 • READ AND REFLECT

10 Gratitude-Inspiring Family Books

Read together, share during family reading time, or give a gratitude-inspired book as a holiday gift.

1. Bear Says Thanks — Karma Wilson

A sweet story about friendship, sharing, and appreciating what others bring into our lives.

3. Last Stop on Market Street — Matt de la Peña

Encourages readers to recognize beauty, goodness, and blessings in everyday life.

5. Gratitude Soup — Olivia Rosewood

A playful introduction to noticing and appreciating life's blessings.

7. Did I Ever Tell You How Lucky You Are? — Dr. Seuss

Encourages readers to recognize positive things in life, even when things get difficult.

9. The Shortest Day — Susan Cooper

Celebrates the winter solstice, seasonal traditions, and the return of light.

2. Thank You, Omu! — Oge Mora

A story about generosity, community, and how kindness brings people together.

4. The Giving Tree — Shel Silverstein

Invites reflection about generosity, love, and appreciating what others give.

6. We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga — Traci Sorell

Celebrates Cherokee culture, traditions, family, and gratitude throughout the year.

8. Our Table — Peter H. Reynolds

A reminder to slow down, reconnect with family, and appreciate time together.

10. The Thankful Book — Todd Parr

A colorful, simple celebration of everyday things we can appreciate.

"The more we practice gratitude, the more we discover how much we already have to be thankful for."

Give Thanks. Give Back. Make Memories. May your holiday season be filled with kindness, meaningful connections, generosity, and gratitude.

Upcoming Events

Theater Workshops

November 2nd.....Theater Etiquette*
*required for 3rd-4th to be in the
spring musical

November 9th.....Creating a Character

November 16th.....Ace Your Audition

**All workshops open to 3rd-8th grade
3:30pm-5:30pm**

Production Club

- Open to 5th-8th Grade
 - Learn what goes into making a show
 - Plan and Make Costumes, Props, Set Pieces and More!
 - Vote on next year's show
- *Student Directors must attend at least 50% of meetings*
- Production Club will meet
Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:30-4:30
- First Meeting: October 20th
Last Meeting: November 24th
Show Results Meeting: May 27th

Ram's players presents:

FROZEN JR

STUDENT
LEADERSHIP
SIGN UP



AUDITION SIGN
UP



CREW SIGN UP



PRODUCTION CLUB
SIGN UP



WORKSHOP SIGN
UP



Please reach out to Fia at
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with any questions

Audition Sign Up: <https://forms.gle/d1nBMsdvGSMM6ZtQ8>

Student Leadership Sign Up: <https://forms.gle/fcPXmiBHbkC54pU38>

Crew Sign Up: <https://forms.gle/p9qSxoPdLnoBZj7M6>

Workshops Sign Up: <https://forms.gle/Fq3zq7HZqEdSgoPJ7>

Production Club Sign Up: <https://forms.gle/7JXJYhVREJ9NKDXi7>

Athletics



ATHLETICS



RAMS VOLLEYBALL Awards Event



**November 3, 2026
RPSA Maker Space - 6:00 to 7:30
Ice Cream will be served,**

**Volleyball players and their families are invited to attend for an evening of celebration - as we honor our student athletes accomplishments!
Please turn in your uniform at this event - Thank you!**



ATHLETICS

RAMS CROSS COUNTRY Awards Event



**November 2, 2026
RPSA Maker Space
6:00 to 7:15pm**



**Runners and their families are invited to attend for an evening of celebration - as we honor our student athletes' accomplishments! Ice Cream will be served.
Please turn in your cross country uniform at this event. Thank you!**

Attendance Matters

At Renaissance, **every day of learning builds on the one before it!** Through Project Based Learning, students work together to ask questions, investigate real-world problems, share ideas, and create meaningful projects. When students miss school, they miss important opportunities to contribute,

collaborate, and make discoveries alongside their classmates. **Consistent attendance helps students stay connected, engaged, and ready for whatever exciting learning comes next!**

Be here. Be curious. Be a Ram!

INQUIRY HAPPENS
Every Day!

When you're here,
you can **explore** big ideas,
ask great questions,
and **discover** something
new every day.

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STRIVE FOR FEWER THAN **5**
ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

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