



Renaissance Report

September 11, 2026



Dear Families,

Did you know RPSA has a composting system now?! Our Middle School composting crew, pictured, visited classrooms throughout the week to teach our younger students how to add their lunch scraps to the compost bins. This compost will be used to fertilize produce grown in and around our hoop house!

We have a great family engagement opportunity scheduled next week and we'd love to see you there. Tracey Galgoci, MA LPC who works with the Gratiot Isabella RESD will be joining us to offer a great parent presentation. The presentation, titled Raising Resilient Kids: Helping Children Thrive in



to support parents
ment for their
children. Come join us to learn more about the impacts screen
time has on kids and how we can set them up for stronger futures.
RPSA is offering childcare during the presentation for those who
need it with a few teenager babysitters. There will be door prizes
as well!

Please continue to support your child with being prepared for
school each day and bringing the appropriate supplies with them.
Please keep in mind that snack at school should be healthy

options to support strong focus; candy and sugary snacks are not allowed. We are able to provide
snacks to students in need as well. Another helpful reminder for students before they leave the
house each day is that all personal items should stay at home. Toys, fidgets, electronic devices etc.
may not come to school. If a student needs a specific tool for success in the classroom their
teacher will provide it or work with you to have one that stays at school. Students should not be
bringing personal items to and from school with them. We appreciate your help with these
reminders and setting your child up for success each day.

We hope you all have a great weekend. We are looking forward to a full 5 day week next week!

#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!

David E.
Brailynn P.
Mack J.
Malakai C.
Kyrie R.
Lily P.

Senna J.
Reyna J.
Freya S.
Na'Saiah A.
Cayden T.
Elijah A.
Maleki D.
Elyjha M.
Angelia S.
Jessa O.
Ava L.
Logan K.
Aba A.
Remy S.
Caden R.
Evelyn R.
Max P.
Elianna P.
Addison N.
Callen L.
Layla B.
Katie G.
Rosemary M.
Meredith W.
Vincent W.
Scarlett H.
Rahman M.
Emilee Y.
Kiersten F.
Savannah T.
Emma P.
Da'Marian S.
Leondrio F.
Justis P.
Ezekiel P.
Allana C.
Isaiah C.
Viola B.
Avery H.
Xavier C.
Adam D.
Benjamin H.

Breakfast & Lunch Menu, September 8th - September 11th



	9/14/26	9/15/26	9/16/26	9/17/26	9/18/26
Breakfast	Cereal Strawberries Fruit Juice Milk	Banana Bread Yogurt Frozen Sherbet Fruit Juice Milk	Cereal Apple Sauce Fruit juice Milk	Cereal Apples Fruit Juice Milk	Powdered Donuts Berry Sorbert Fruit Juice Milk
Lunch	Cheese Burger Chips Carrots Fresh Fruit Milk or Chicken Salad	French Toast Sticks Turkey links Hashbrown Fresh Fruit Milk or Chicken Salad	Dominos Cheese Pizza Broccoli Vegetable Juice Fruit Cup Milk or Chicken Salad	Pretzel Dog Cheese Sauce Mixed Vegetables Fresh Fruit Milk or Chicken Salad	Bosco Sticks Marinara Green Beans Fruit Cup Milk or Chicken Salad

Choice of White or Chocolate Milk Served Daily

New Salad Options!

Students now have the choice of the hot lunch option or a salad with 2 salad options! Students will be able to choose either a chicken salad with ranch dressing OR a chicken caesar salad.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider

[Download the school calendar and handbooks here!](#)

Important Dates

September 15th - Raising Resilient Kids in a Screen-Filled World Parent Engagement Event

September 21st - Parent Club Meeting

September 21st - 23rd Donuts with Grownups (see flyer below)

September 25th - No s



October 6th - Picture Retakes

October 8th-15th Scholastic Book Fair

October 15th - Student Led Conferences

October 16th - No School for All Students

October 26th - Parent Club Meeting

Reminders

Return Back to School Forms ASAP

Forms found in your "welcome back" packet handed out at Open House are due back ASAP. Updated Emergency Cards must be on file for students to attend school.

School Policy on Personal Items

Parents, we are asking for your help to remind students that personal items need to be left at home. This policy is meant to support focus in the educational setting as well as to protect student personal property. The below items should be left at home:

- fidgets
- squishies
- toys
- stuffed animals
- personal purses/small bags
- make-up
- electronic devices
- athletic equipment

From the School Counselor

Welcome Back, Rams!

My name is Doni Schu...idents here at
Renaissance. While I c...ny first full school
year at RPSA! My background includes serving as an elementary school counselor and
administrator in central Michigan since 2004, following a decade of counseling work in the private
sector. Outside of school, I've raised three now-adult children right here in Mt. Pleasant, and love
outdoor activities like hiking, camping, spending time at the beach, and skiing.

I am deeply passionate about helping students feel valued, connected, and equipped with the skills
to live balanced, peaceful lives. Beyond visiting classrooms for monthly social and emotional skill
lessons, I am thrilled to introduce our new **R & R Room**!

The R & R Room is a dedicated space designed to support students throughout the school day,
featuring:

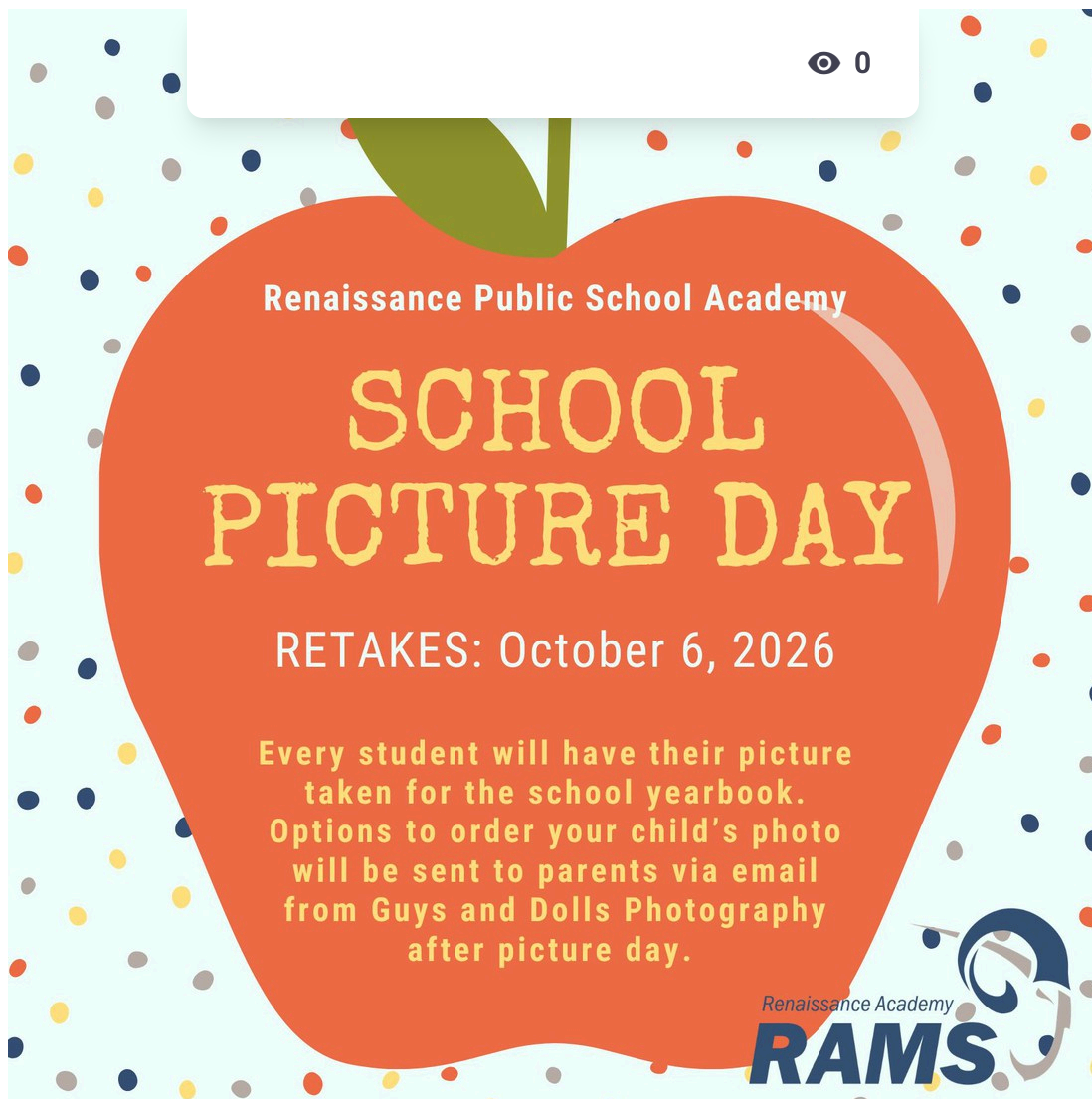
- **A Sensory Area:** For muscle and balance movement.
- **Quiet Workspaces:** For reflection and refocusing.
- **A Calming "Living Room":** Equipped with fidgets, sensory tools, and visual self-regulation guides.
- **A Collaborative Space:** For restorative conflict resolution, as well as individual and small-group skill-building sessions.

The R & R Room is already bustling with activity, and it's wonderful to see so many students putting
these new skills into practice!

Upcoming Events

Picture Day

Picture Day was this past week. If you need to do retakes or your student was absent, retakes will
be October 6, 2026. All students will have their photo taken for the yearbook. Parents will receive an
email from Guys and Dolls Photography after picture day is complete with information for ordering
picture prints. If you do not want your email address shared with Guys and Dolls Photography,
please contact the front office.



School Price Guide.pdf

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Picture Day FAQs With Student ID Number.pdf

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Raising Resilient Kids - Family Information Night

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IN A SCREEN FILLED WORLD

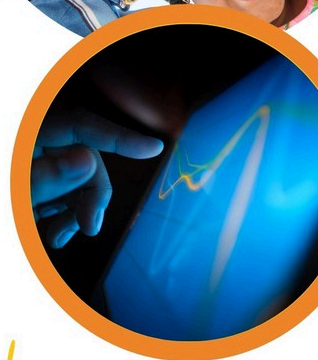
JOIN US FOR A FREE EVENT!

Join us for a free event designed to help parents and caregivers navigate **screen time, social media, youth mental health, resilience, and family connection.**

You will leave with practical strategies to:

- ★ Set realistic screen-time boundaries
- ★ Build independence and resilience
- ★ Strengthen family communication
- ★ Better understand social media and screen use
- ★ Encourage play, problem-solving, and healthy routines

Led by Tracey Galgoci, MA, LPC, a licensed professional counselor with 23 years of experience supporting children and families.



September 15, 2026



5:30pm-6:30pm



RPSA
Presentation Space

FREE for parents! Door
Prizes! Child Care
Available.

MiFamily
Engagement Centers
Region 5

**UNPLUG
&
PLAY**
SCREEN LITERACY

Event Information

Raising Resilient Kids - Parent Information Night

When?

Tuesday, Sep 15, 2026, 05:30 PM

Where?

Renaissance Presentation Space

[Open maps](#)

First Name

Last Name

Email

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Attend (RSVP)

Donuts with Grownups

Rams Parent Club invites you to

DONUTS WITH GROWNUPS

Enjoy a special morning to share a donut with your student during breakfast time. Each student may invite up to 2 grownups for this fun morning. Grownups may only join during the classrooms assigned day:



9/21 Kindergarten and Islanders

9/22 Preschool and Voyagers

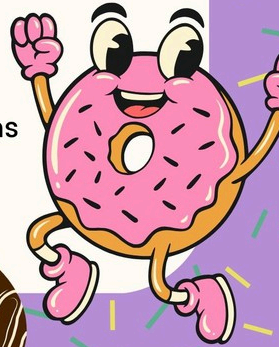
9/23 Trailblazers and Middle School



7:40am-8:15am



Student Classrooms



RAMS Parent Club



UPDATE!

We have had a record breaking
number of cards checked out!

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
THANK YOU!**

If each person who checked out ten
cards sells 2 we will make \$1000!!

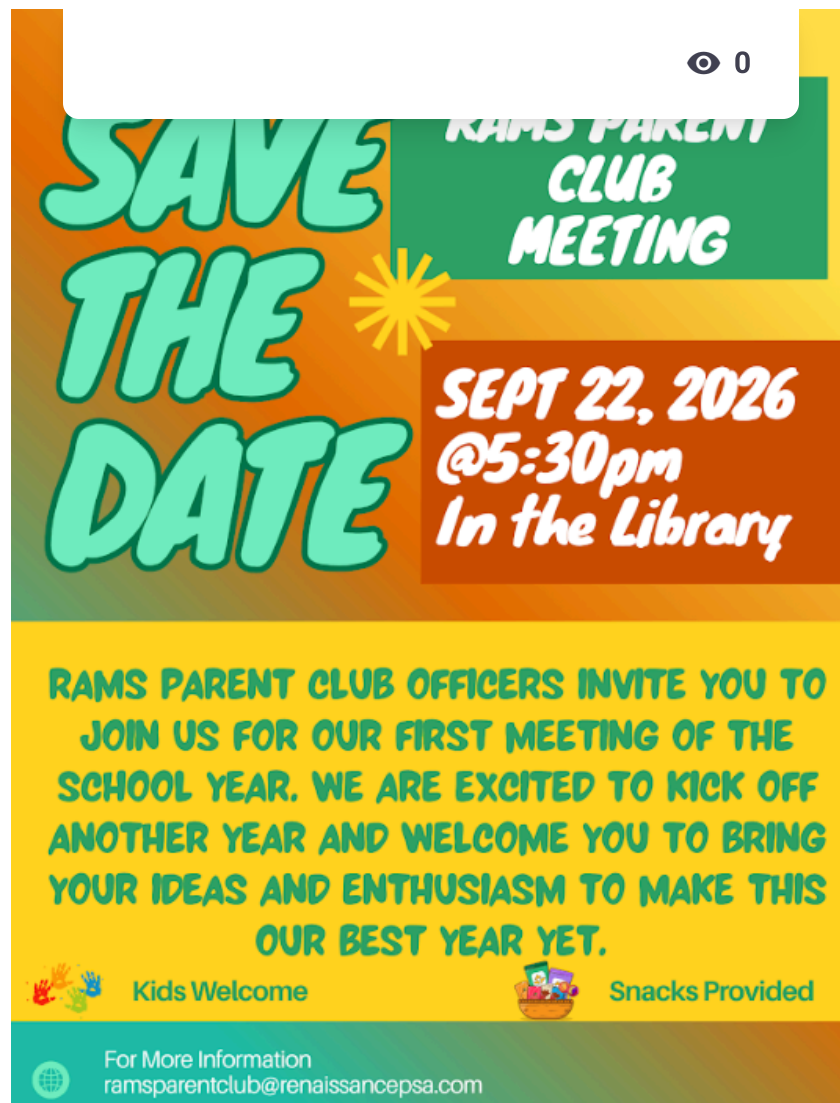
If each person sells 5 cards we will make
\$2400!

**Every card sale helps us fund
assemblies, classroom supplies, &
fieldtrips as well as teacher mini grants.**

Questions?



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Attendance Matters

At Renaissance, some of the most meaningful learning happens through **inquiry, collaboration, hands-on projects, and experiences that simply can't be recreated when a student misses school.** Building strong attendance habits at home—consistent bedtimes, morning routines, and making school attendance a priority—helps ensure students are here, ready, and excited to take part in each day's learning. **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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ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

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