

Renaissance Academy

Class Notes

November 2007

Coming Events

Saturday School –

Great Minds Day

Chess *Yes, everyone will learn*

November 3, 9:30am-12:00pm

Renaissance Academy

Chess Team starting soon

Pajama Day

November 5, Monday

Basketball Team Practices

Starting November 6

4th-8th –Tuesdays 4:15-5:30pm
& Thursdays 3:30-5:30pm

1st-3rd –Thursdays 3:30-4:30pm

Conferences

November 7-8

Half-days of classes

R Parents Association

Wednesday, November 7, 5:00pm,

Veteran's Day - Fall Break

November 9 & 12

No school

Renaissance Name That Book

November 15, Thursday

Michigan City Library

12:30pm Lunch

1:30 pm Contest

Dress uniform required.

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Sports News

Renaissance Kids vs. Grown-ups Soccer Game

The first annual Renaissance Kids vs. Grown-ups Soccer Game was great fun for everyone.

It was a beautiful day as the competitors took to the field. With about a dozen adults and nearly thirty children, the grown-ups (as is often the case) were out numbered more than 2 to 1. Kids used this advantage to build their brilliant strategy of filling the field with people and slowing all movement. The Grown-ups were often stopped in their tracks while Kids ran circles around them. Still both teams held up with great goals scored.

The game was close throughout. After the Kids scored the first goal with Kiery's skillful play, the Grown-ups quickly tied it up. Soon after the tie was 2-2. Then the Kids took charge - Drew, Cody, Matt, Marshal, and Luke moved as forwards, Xave, Misty, Tierney and the Blakelys defended their goal well, Erik, Cait, Tori, Lynnea, Ashley, Scout, and the rest of the Kids covered the midfield, and - we went into halftime with the Kids leading 4-2.

It looked like it was over for the Grown-ups but apparently they just needed a rest because they came back strong with Ed and Sorn scoring the next two goals.

The score was tied at 5-5 when the two minute bell was rung by Bianca. With that Vincent made a run for the goal, weaving through the crowds from midfield, with Kids trying to clear the way. He was nearly stopped by Marshal and Lori, the final kick nearly blocked by Josh, but the ball went in and Score!

Victory – Kids! (but just wait for the rematch)

Basketball

The Soccer season has wrapped up and now - it's time for Renaissance Lions Basketball Teams. All grades practices will be held at the Naval Armory by Washington Park starting November 6 at the times listed to the left. Games for the older students are already scheduled at Notre Dame in December and January and are being scheduled with other schools. (4th-6th Grade Girls Five-School Round Robin Tournament December 1, 4th-6th Grade Boys December 15) Other Game Times and any practice schedule changes will be given to the players.

Coming Events *continued*

LaPorte Name That Book

6th graders only

November 20, Tuesday, 3:45 - 6 pm

La Porte County Public Library
Casual uniform required.

Thanksgiving Break

November 21 *Half-day of classes*

November 22-23 *No school*

Winter Break

December 20 *Half-day of classes*

~ Happy Holidays - No school ~

January 7 *School resumes*

Ongoing Activities

Journalism Club

- Wednesdays 3:30-5:00pm

Renaissance Academy

Charter School

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Class Times:

8:15 - 11:15am AM 3-6 Class
8:15am - 2:45pm Full Day 3-6 Class
11:45 - 2:45 Afternoon Kindergarten
8:30am - 3:00pm Early Ren. (1st - 3rd)
8:45am - 3:15pm Upper Ren. (4th - 8th)

Daily Extras:

7:00 - 8:30am Before School Camp
11:15 - 11:45am Lunch Time Fun
2:45 - 5:30pm After School Camp

Pajama Day

All ages - Hop out of bed ready for school on Monday, Nov. 4!

Early Renaissance News

Bellini Class

by Ms. Eileen

Renaissance Academy Charter School 1st – 3rd graders in the Bellini Class are working hard and accomplishing much. Currently, Bellini is focusing on multiplication, ancient history, parts of the human body, and essay composition. We have also established a year-long focus on acceptance, kindness, and respect. Although most of us have only known one another for two months, we are quickly becoming a family that is bound by our common love for each other, for our school, and most importantly, for learning.

Alberti Class

by Ms. Steinborn

The students in the Alberti room at Renaissance Academy have been hard at work. Math and language arts are part of our daily routine. In history, our emphasis has been ancient history with a focus on ancient Egyptian civilization.

In geography, students are memorizing the seven continents and drawing a world map. All students have shown a great interest and enthusiasm for learning more about our world.

The students in the Alberti room have adopted respect as their motto. Each day we try to show respect for each other, our classroom and the environment. It's a big task but one we all agree is worth pursuing.

Late Renaissance News

Descartes Class

by Ms. Munson

Mrs. Munson's class had a wonderful time at the Dunes. We enjoyed the hiking, night walks, and looking for frogs and salamanders in the wetlands. Now, we are enjoying post-visit activities to expand the educational experience. All students agree - the sleep over was a great experience!

Students have finalized the application of Newton's First Law of Motion. Shoe box race cars were creative, well built, and exciting to watch as they raced down the ramp to the finish line. Each student calculated speed, collected data, and examined variables that caused each car to move at different speeds. Everyone learned the importance of Newton's laws in future designs.

We will continue to move forward in our math work, Name that Book reading, and history lessons.

Pre-School and Kindergarten News

The primary classroom has had a busy October, starting with our fieldtrip to Garwood Orchard, which lead us to talk about plants and leaves. Our focus was the pumpkin plant and its life from seed to pumpkin. We also talked about its parts and how to some its final destination is to become a pie and to others a jack-o-lantern.

Numerous works in practical life, art, science, language, and math, plus songs and stories have had a pumpkin theme.

We've begun to divide the animal kingdom into vertebrates and invertebrates. It always amazes the children to discover we are animals, and they are always eager to debate the issue.

In geography the study of North America has begun. Kindergarteners have created maps of the regions of the United States, while artifacts souvenirs and pictures have entertained all. We will be covering art, music, food, stories and culture of North America, and discovering where our families originated before coming to the new world.

Thank you to all families who were able to attend parent night. The children enjoyed sharing and showing their classroom, friends, works and you!



Garwood Apple Orchard field trips were great!



Renaissance Students had a wonderful time on their 3-Day Trip to Indiana Dunes - "Frog in the Bog"

Middle Renaissance News

Copernicus Class

by Ms Lucas

The 4th – 6th grade students at Renaissance have had great time learning about the beginnings of the universe! We created a fun space book after researching all the planets. The Dunes Field Trip was part of our Science Study and everyone had a blast! We learned so much about protecting our natural land. We also kept track of how much waste we made at meal time. Ask your child about what he or she learned about waste.

In our Language studies we have been working hard on nouns and verbs. Now we've just added adjectives to the mix. Students are also learning more ways to use synonyms and antonyms. Quiz your child about the differences. Name that Book reading has guided our literature studies. Students have been working hard to read three – four novels, complete reading packets, and join in discussion groups.

Renaissance Parents Association (RPA)

The RPA will focus on supporting the school and helping to provide enriching activities for students and parents. If you are interested in being part of the RPA, please come Wednesday, November 7, 5:00pm.

Cooking Class

Cooking for Holidays Around the World

1-3rd Grade - \$25

All class recipes will be compiled in a Keepsake Cookbook

Mondays 3:00 – 4:00pm

November 19th – December 17th



Volunteer Opportunities

Renaissance Academy has the following volunteer activities that need to be completed. If you can help, please contact us.

Chess Coaches – Mondays after school & tournaments - Come play chess and coach our teams. December-April

Basketball Coaches – once (for younger students) or twice weekly after school & games. November – February

Library Organization – one time or many – Our library books need to be sorted and labeled. Can organize one section.

School Reminders

Label, Label, Label - We have had a huge number of lost and found items already. Please LABEL all clothing and other items.

Healthy Foods – Only healthy foods are allowed at school. Snacks must be fresh fruit, vegetables, or made with these.

Elementary Uniforms - Except for announced special days, students are expected to wear school uniforms every school day.

Practice is Required for Improvement – The Music Teachers want to remind students to practice their instruments regularly.
