



"THE BEAR'S BEACON"

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year and we hope everyone had a fun and safe Holiday Break. It's time to get back to school now and think about the last half of the school year.



WELCOME TO MS. FIKTUS!

We would like to welcome Ms. Fiktus to our Renwood Family. She will be our new attendance clerk. Some of you may remember her from a few years ago. She was our 1st Grade Classroom Assistant in Mrs. Martonchik's Room. Please be sure to welcome her when you call or come to the office!



END OF THE 2ND MARKING PERIOD!

Friday January 15th is the End of the 2nd Marking Period already! There will be no school for students on that day. Please mark your calendars. Report Cards will be viewable on HAC on Wednesday, January 27th.

STUDENTS TO RETURN TO HYBRID SOON!

As of right now, the students are scheduled to return to school—Hybrid Learning—on Tuesday January 19th!



Green Cohort (last names A-K) - Tuesday and Wednesday

White Cohort (last names L-Z) - Thursday and Friday

We are all SO excited to see the students again and have them back in the building! Please remember, masks MUST be worn by EVERYONE at all times. That includes parents waiting outside the building before or after school. Should you have any questions, please call the office at (440) 885-2338.

PICTURE DAY FOR STUDENTS!

Lifetouch Studios will be here to photograph the students on both **Wednesday, January 20th and Thursday January 21st** to be sure to get everyone! We will have our Hybrid students photographed in the morning each day from 9:30—11:40 AM—we will stop for lunch—then invite our PVLA students from 1:50—3:15 PM so they can get their pictures taken. More information will be coming to you soon about preordering and payment.



Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports -PBIS

We are still working on implementing our online learning matrix and appreciate your help and support with this task. Our students work hard to follow our school's Behavior Matrix - Respectful, Responsible, & Safe - each day

**Be Respectful
Be Responsible
Be Safe**

whether they are learning in school or learning remotely at home. Our PBIS Committee will continue to refine our school's PBIS plan and appreciate all of the support from our Renwood families.

How can I support my child during remote instruction/distance learning? It is a good idea to set up a routine for your child just as if he/she were coming to school every day in person. Have your child wake up and complete their morning routine, eat a healthy breakfast, and get their area ready for the day of learning. Set aside a space for your child that is setup for learning with as few distractions as possible. Children learn best with structure and routines. Have a desk or table setup with the supplies your child will need throughout the day. Help your child sign in to their Google Classroom at 9:15 each morning. Recognize your child when you see him/her following along with the lesson and meeting or exceeding the teacher's expectations. Go to <https://challengingbehavior.cbcs.usf.edu> to read about tips for helping your child during a pandemic. Parents can read this handout that offers ways to support parents with PBIS at home.

TITLE I NEWS

A reader cannot understand a text without knowing what most of the words mean. Students learn the meaning of most words indirectly, through everyday experiences with oral and written language. Here are a few strategies to help expand your child's vocabulary:



- Learn the meaning of new words. The larger your child's vocabulary, the easier it is for him/her to understand the meaning of the text.
- Read to your child each day. When the book contains a new or interesting word, pause and define the word for your child.
- Discuss the meanings of unknown words, both those he/she reads and those he/she hears.
- Study word parts. If your child knows the meaning of a root word ("kind"), then they will know what the new word means when the prefix ("un"/not) or suffix ("ness" / state of being) is added (unkind, kindness).

Free Reading App: HOOPLA

Book Riot (<https://bookriot.com/best-reading-apps-for-kids/>) has recommended this for downloading audiobooks straight from local libraries. It also has an extensive children's audiobook section, which will make for good bedtime reading or car listening.

