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L.I.F.E. Skills Lowdown

Clarkston Community Schools

Congratulations! You are holding the very first issue of The LIFE Skills Lowdown!

“The Lowdown” is the product of the Friday Newspaper Club. We’ve been working very hard to complete our first issue. Students gathered news worthy stories and heart warming editorials. They worked hard on their writing, editing and taking pictures. Enjoy!

SPECIAL OLYMPICS SLAM DUNK SUPERSTARS

Written By: David Faw

Who is on the Team?

#1 Julia Ziesmer #2 Logan McCue #10 Mackenzie Zacharias #11 Conner Graybill #15 Drake Detkowski #23 Asia Baker #24 April Krupinski #25 Gavin Lumetta #34 Mitch Lyons #50 Rachel Holtslag

What is your favorite part about being on the Team?
“Shooting the ball,” Mitch Lyons
“Shooting the ball, playing with my friends,” Julia Ziesmer

Do you like being on the Team? “Yes we love it!” Julia and Mitch

What have you learned from being on the Team? “I learned about teamwork and passing the ball to our friends,” Mitch Lyons
“I learned to pass and dribble the ball, and how to be open for my teammates to pass the ball to me,” Julia Ziesmer

Favorite memory or moment?
“The first game when we got to play together with our friends was super exciting and fun,” Mitch and Julia





Cheerleaders Always Jump at the Chance to Cheer!







A big part of any sports team is the fans. Who are the ones who hype up the fans? The CHEERLEADERS! Our cheerleaders are nothing but extraordinary. They made their own cheers and had awesome dance moves during the games to cheer on our Special Olympics Basketball Team. We asked one of our fantastic cheerleaders Hannah Brower to share her thoughts. “ I love cheerleading, it's so fun!”

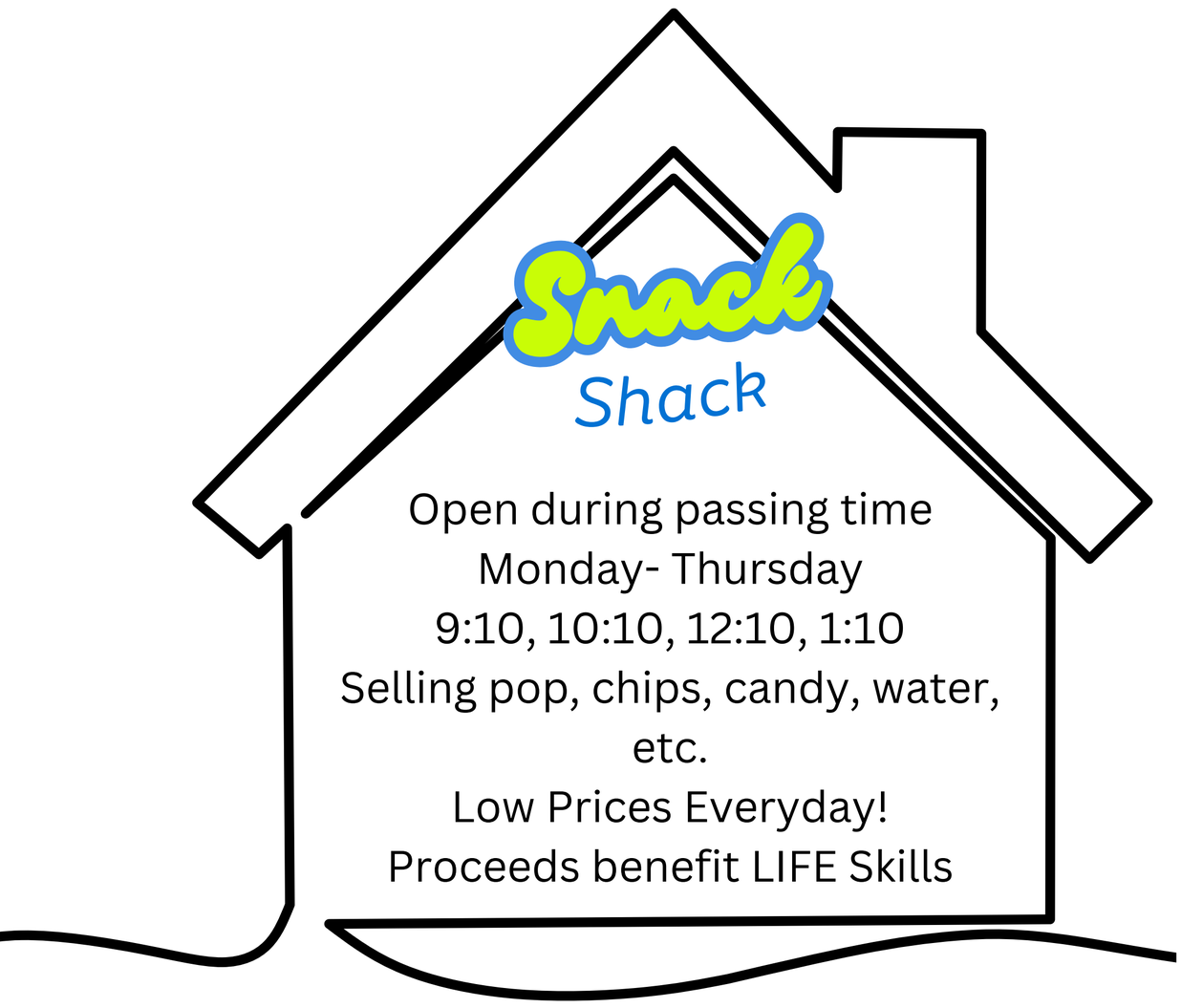
ASK THE AUDIENCE



What is your favorite food?

Written By: James Jones

Griffin- Pizza
Jarred- Tacos
Gavin- Tacos
Nora- Cucumbers
Brandon- Pizza
Lisa- Salad
Mrs Shell Miller- Macaroni & cheese
Asia- Spaghetti
Megan- Spaghetti
Savannah- Pizza
Kevin- Pizza
Jaiden- Pizza
Brenda- Fajitas
Brian- Chicken



Spreading Positivity

By: Milo Valascho

It's a wonderful thing to be optimistic. It keeps you healthy and it keeps you resilient.
— Daniel Kahneman

"In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."
— Abraham Lincoln

Believe in your heart that you're meant to live a life full of passion, purpose, magic and miracles.
– Roy T Bennett



MEET OUR NEW PARAPROFESSIONALS!

Written By: David Faw

Tim Terpening

How long have you been a paraprofessional?
I have worked at 4 different school districts for 15 years total.

What is your favorite part about being a paraprofessional?
Working with the students.



Kelly Arnold

How long have you been a paraprofessional?
Started at the beginning of the school year, but have been teaching in other schools for over 20 years.

What is your favorite part about being a paraprofessional?
She loves working with the students out on the jobs, getting them through any struggles and being able to watch them grow as people, enjoying the fun times and watching them succeed fills my heart with happiness. It's very rewarding!



Brandon Lewis

How long have you been a paraprofessional?
3 years

What is your favorite part about being a paraprofessional?
Seeing the achievements that the students make.



FACTS ABOUT... A HISTORY COLUMN

BY SHANE CRAIG

In 1930 the Renaissance High School building was used as a K-12 building & high school. On January 20, 2010 RHS & 3 elementary buildings were recognized for energy-conservation efforts. They received Energy Star recognition reducing electricity and heating costs, overall saving $384,709 in energy costs.

RHS' principal, Gary Bigger has been working in alternative education for 20 years when he came to Renaissance High School as the school's new principal in November of 2019. Before he came to RHS, he worked at Atlantis High School in Flint for 5 years and 15 years at Lincoln Street Alternative in Birmingham. Gary Bigger said, "The staff and the students, they just have a quality of family about them".

Laugh Out Loud

By: James Jones

What do you call a sad strawberry?
A blueberry

What has four wheels and flies?
A garbage truck

What do you call two ducks and a cow?
Quackers and Milk

When is a door not a door?
When it's ajar

When does a joke become a dad joke?
When the punchline becomes apparent

“I Auto Know...”

By: Dylan Perkins

2025 Land Rover Defender 110 V8 SUV Review:
A great British SUV that is luxurious and fun to drive!
Car Type: SUV - Sport Utility Vehicle
Fuel Economy (MPG) When New:
14 City/18/Highway/16 Combined
Fuel Range: 381 Miles



My Top 3 Facts About This Car:
1. This car is great to drive!
2. It has A 5.0L Supercharged V8!
3. This car is perfect for off roading.

2025 Buick Envista Sport Touring FWD SUV Review:
A Mini Lambo That Is Affordable And Fun To Drive!
Car Type: SUV - Sport Utility Vehicle
Fuel Economy: (MPG):28/City/32/Highway/30 Combined
Fuel Range: 396 Miles
My Top 3 Facts About This Car:
1.This Car Is Amazing To Drive!
2.The Envista Has A 1.2LTurbocharged I3!
3. This car is fuel efficient.



2021 Jeep Compass Limited 4WD SUV Used Car Review:
A great compact SUV that is reliable
and fun to go offroading with!
Car Type: SUV - Sport Utility VehicleFuel Economy (MPG)
when new: 22 City/30/Highway/25 Combined
Fuel Range: 338 Miles



My Top 3 Facts About This Car
1. This SUV Is Great To Offroad In Any Terrain!
2. The 2021 Jeep Compass Has A 2.4L naturally aspirated I4!
3. This SUV is fuel efficient

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