

# RAPP



October 2022



## Important Dates

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|---------------|--|
| 10/3-7        | FEC Food Drive                                       |
| 10/4          | Picture day!   |
| 10/7          | FEC Monthly Meeting 8am (Arabic room)                |
| 10/10, 18, 26 | Classroom "Safe Boundaries Presentation"             |
| 10/12         | Last day of Term I                                   |
| 10/12         | RA School Board Meeting 8pm (virtual)                |
| 10/13-14      | Fall Break (NO SCHOOL)                               |
| 10/17         | Staff Professional Development day (NO SCHOOL)       |
| 10/19         | 2nd Grade Bean Museum On Campus Visit                |
| 10/20         | Kindergarten Field Trip - HeeHaw Farms               |
| 10/24         | AAPPL Chinese DLI Testing starts                     |
| 10/24-28      | Red Ribbon Week (FEC Event)                          |
| 10/25         | 4th Grade Field Trip - "This is the Place"           |
| 10/26         | FEC Spirit Night - R&R BBQ 5-9pm (Traverse Mountain) |
| 10/28         | MS Halloween Dance                                   |
| 10/31         | Halloween parade 9am                                 |
| 10/31-11/4    | Book Fair  |
| 10/31-11/4    | "Do the WRIGHT Thing" week of service                |

## Important RA Links

[October Breakfast Menu](#)

[October Lunch Menu](#)

[RA School Calendar](#)

[Kindergarten AM/PM Friday Schedule](#)



# SCHOOL Announcements

## SCHOOL SAFETY REMINDERS

Just some reminders to keep all of our students safe at school. Please be patient and allow extra time if you come to the school to volunteer or drop something to your child.

1. A current background check & visitor badge/sign-in is required for all/any adult to enter the school building at any time, and/or participate in any school-related activity (i.e., field trip chaperone, attend programs, classroom volunteer).
2. If you need to drop something off for your child during the school day, please plan to drop-it/leave it at the office as much as possible to prevent classroom disruption. We will call your child down to collect it. If you do need to enter the school building past the office, for any amount of time (even to drop lunch), you will have to sign in and wear a yellow visitor badge. If you do not have a current cleared background check, you will be unable to enter the building.
3. If you are unsure if your background check is current, please contact Serene Bean in the office. Background checks submitted require a completed background check form, \$20 process fee and please allow a one-week turnaround time for clearance.

## STUDENT SAFETY - FAMILY HAVEN 'SAFE BOUNDARIES' CLASSROOM PRESENTATIONS (October 10, 18 and 26.)

We have our 'Safe Boundaries' classroom presentations coming up in October. Each year our school counselor, Ms. Merrill coordinates with [Family Haven](#) to have guest presenters come in and present to our students in all grades K-9 to promote student safety. We will be sending a schedule out of the classroom presentations to all families next week. Parents/guardians are welcome to attend and continue the conversation at home to help keep our students safe and prevent child abuse. Information about the content of the classroom presentations and student opt-out form can also be found [HERE](#).

## FIELD TRIPS

This year we have many exciting field trips in the works for our students!! We hope that each grade level will be able to go on at least 3 field trips this school year. Field trips at RA can only happen with your financial support. All field trips are funded by parent donations. We ask for a \$40 per student donation if at all possible to cover the cost of bus rental and entry. Your generosity as parents/guardians enables our students to "Experience Education" and expand their understanding of curriculum outside of the classroom. Field trip donations can be made by cash/check in the office, or online. I will be sharing a school-wide field trip schedule and information on funds needed to make our field trips a reality soon. Thank you for your generosity!

## VISION SCREENING - K, 1st, 3rd, 5-7th & 9th

This week, we will begin the state required vision screening of all students in grades K, 1, 3, 5-7, and 9. If you would like to opt out of this testing, please contact the office and let them know. Please ensure that if your student wears glasses, that they bring them to school everyday so they will have them during the class vision screening.



# SCHOOL Announcements

## PHOENIX 200 CLUB

The Phoenix 200 reward program is in full effect. Students that display exemplary behavior that showcases the RA expectations will be given a ticket that they can then enter into the daily or monthly prize drawing. This is a great program that has shown a huge success in encouraging exemplary behavior in students.

## UPDATED RA SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN 2022-23 CALENDARS

Our school board approved some updates to our 2022-23 RA calendar at their recent board meeting in September. The updates included adding three more student-free school days (1x teacher comp and 2x teacher work days) and matched our calendar to the Alpine School District 2022-2023 school calendar.

Monday, January 2nd - No school (Teacher comp day)  
Friday, January 13th - No school (Teacher work day)  
Friday, April 24th - No school (Teacher work day)

[Updated 2022-2023 RA School Calendar](#)

[Updated 2022-2023 Kindergarten Friday Calendar](#)



## PICTURE DAY (TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4)

Picture day is scheduled for Tuesday, October 4th. Check out everything you need to know to prepare and find your preferred purchase options for picture day. Picture retakes are scheduled for Wednesday, November 9th.

\*Preschoolers are welcome to come and take pictures from 12:00-12:30 pm\*

[Picture Day Information](#)

## 6-9th GRADE HALLOWEEN DANCE (FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 6-9PM)

We would like to announce our Halloween Dance for all students in 6th-9th grades will take place on October 28th from 6-9pm in the gym. Put it on your calendar, and get ready for some fun! Costumes are strongly encouraged! There will be games, food, and music!

Rules: Costumes are encouraged, but we have some restrictions. Costumes must be school appropriate. Absolutely no weapons or masks permitted. All students must be recognizable in costume. Failure to follow these participation guidelines will result in a parent being called to pick up your student. All questions should be sent to Mr. Funk at [bfunky@renacademy.org](mailto:bfunky@renacademy.org).

## HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS (MONDAY, OCTOBER 31)

This year we will be celebrating Halloween at Renaissance on Monday, 31st October. Students are invited to come to school dressed in their Halloween costumes and be prepared for our elementary Halloween parade and classroom celebrations. Details of the parade will be communicated shortly. Please remember that students are required to wear shoes to school with their costume (no slippers) and that masks or full-face paint are not permitted.

# SCHOOL Announcements

## FOOD DRIVE

Renaissance Family! It is time to start prepping for our annual Food Drive! Our Food Drive will be held October 3-7th. I have talked with Tabitha's Way (our local Food Pantry) and here is a list of needed items.

- Healthy snacks: Trail mix, dried fruit, nuts, jerky, drinks.
- Condiments: Ketchup, Mayo, Mustard, Honey, Pancake Syrup, Peanut Butter
- Boxed Meals: Hamburger Helper, Rice-a-Roni, etc. All types of
- Crackers Cereal Sweets: Cookies, Fruit Snacks, Candy, Twinkies,
- Canned fruit
- Toilet Paper and Paper Towels
- Size 5 Diapers
- Hygiene: Lip Balm, Men's deodorant, conditioner, men's/women's razors, Bar Soap, Vitamins, Wash cloths, 2 in 1 shampoo, Combs/brushes, Toothbrushes/floss, Lotion
- First aid items: band-aids, ointments, etc.

If you would like to do an online donation, the proceeds will go towards purchasing these items.

Thank you!

Venmo: @TabithasWay



## RA Donation Drive total weight sent to Tabitha's Way in recent years

2021 - 4,820 lbs  
2020 - 3,741 lbs  
2019 - 4,672 lbs  
2018 - 3,552 lbs  
2017 - 3,086 lbs  
2016 - 2,897 lbs  
2015 - 2,883 lbs



# FEC Announcements

## RED RIBBON WEEK (October 24-28)

Celebrate ME! Live Drug Free!

We are excited to celebrate each student's strengths and individuality while pledging to stay drug free.

Monday - "I'm red-y to stay drug free!" (Wear red)

Tuesday - "I'm too bright for drugs" (Wear neon colors)

Wednesday - "Be Unique, Be You!" (Free dress)

Thursday - "I'm on a drug free team" (Wear spirit gear from any team)

Friday - "RA is drug free." (Typical Friday dress)

Volunteer to help [HERE](#).

## ART CONTEST

All Renaissance Academy students are invited to participate in our first ever Red Ribbon Week Art Contest!

What: An original artwork showcasing what makes you, YOU! All artwork must be completed on 8 1/2 x 11 white paper in order for us to display the winning pieces during Red Ribbon Week.

When: Submissions must be received by Friday, October 21st at 9:00 AM.

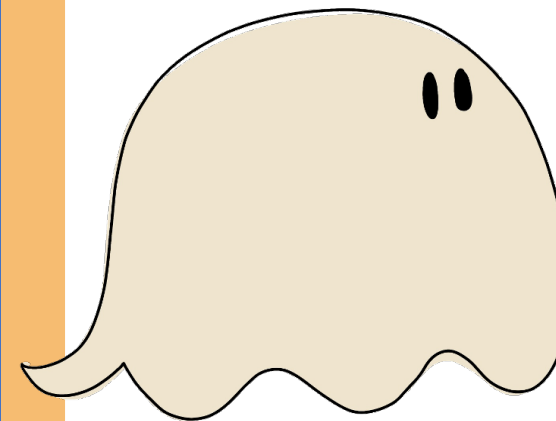
Where: Please submit entries to the entry box in the office.

A handout with more details will be delivered to the students on October 3rd. There will be a first-place winner and two runner-up winners for each grade level. Prizes will be awarded, and the artwork will be showcased at the school during Red Ribbon Week!

Click [HERE](#) for details on the art contest.

Volunteer to judge the Art Contest entries [HERE](#). If your child enters, please do not judge their grade level.

Judging will be held on Friday, October 21 @ 1:30pm.



# FEC Announcements

## FEC FALL CARNIVAL -Thank you for your generosity!

A big thank you to all those who supported and volunteered at our school carnival in September. For all those curious, our FEC Fall Carnival successfully raised over \$28,000 to support FEC programs and the school this year. More details to come from our FEC Presidency as to how this money will support FEC-sponsored projects through the school year, and the final FEC-giveback goal for 2022-2023 school year. If you would like to know more about our FEC events calendar, volunteer your time or just learn more about where your money spent at carnival is going, come to the FEC monthly meeting this coming Friday, October 7th at 8 am in the Arabic classroom.

## PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES -Join the FEC and support our students!

Are you looking for a way to support your child and our school? We still need parent volunteers to help run these FEC-sponsored Renaissance programs in 2022-2023. Contact our 2022-2023 FEC Presidency to volunteer your time and support.

<https://renacademy.org/fec>

Parent volunteers are currently needed to help support these FEC programs:

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|---|---|
| Red Ribbon Week - October (Drug-abuse prevention campaign)          | Middle School Dances - Halloween (Friday, October 28th)                             |
| White Ribbon Week - November (Internet safety focus)                | Friendship/HOPE Week - February (Kindness focus in elementary & suicide prevention) |
| SEP Parent/Teacher conferences - September & February snack support | Inspirations - March (Art competition)  |
| Teacher Snack Car - Weekly help needed                              | Parent/Child Activity - March (Dance or game night)                                 |
| Battle of the Books - January-March                                 | Book Fair - October & March   |



# World Language Spotlight

## CHINESE

In MS Chinese Culture class, we made some very beautiful mooncakes to celebrate the Mid Autumn Festival. Students are very artistic and creative!



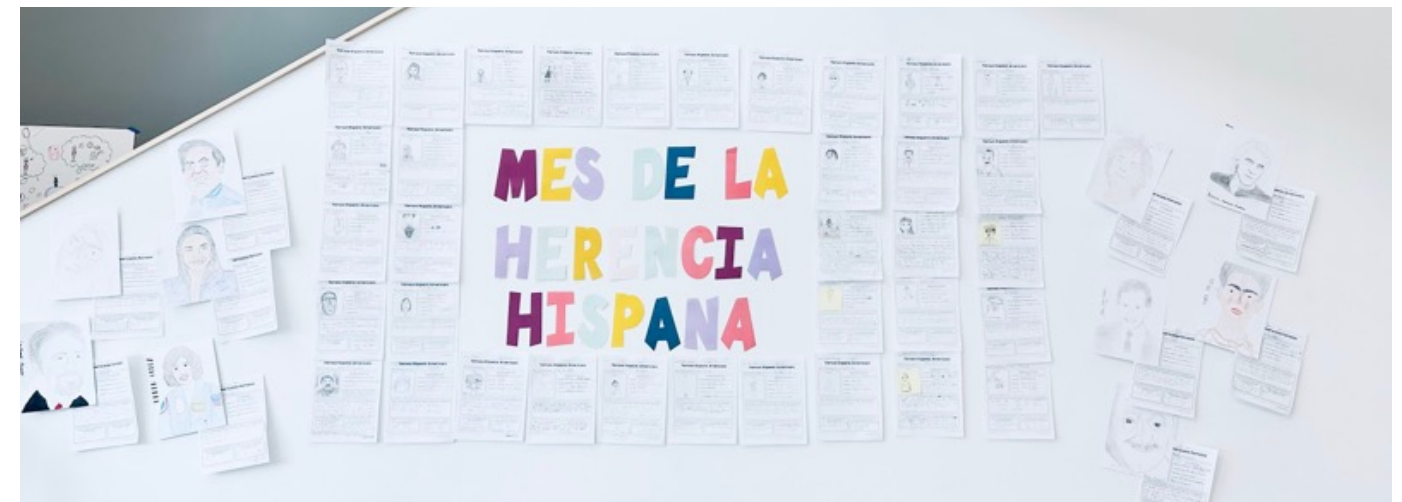
## SPANISH

Hispanic Heritage month is in full swing. We've been learning about Notable Hispanics that have influenced American culture. Sra. Cobiella's MS classes researched and created posters for their persons.

We have been talking quite a bit about Hispanic Heritage Month in Sra. Beebe's 8th/9th grade Spanish classes. We are currently learning about notable Latinos and their positive contributions to the world, the amazing variety of music in the Spanish speaking world, and a little bit about food (one of THE best parts about learning about culture!)

Third and Fourth grade have been reviewing a variety of concepts from numbers, to classroom materials, class commands, songs etc. We are currently reading a short story called Elefante Va a la Escuela!

First and Second grade has been learning to count, practicing colors, shapes, days of the week and months of the year and the calendar in Spanish!



# FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



Angela Clift, Kindergarten Teacher

Where are you from? I am from Bountiful Utah.

Tell us about your family: I have three mostly adult kids. The oldest is turning 28 in a month and is married with the cutest little pickle of a grandson. He is turning 4 in a few weeks and I can't wait until he is in Kindergarten ;). My son is 20 and a philosophy major while working at Snowbird. My youngest is 15 and dances for Herriman High School and makes me get up at 4:30 am to take her to work out/dance. What teenager does that?? And then there is my husband David who I think is the best.

Fun fact: I also went to school in Interior Design and have worked on and off in the industry. I love teaching more, but design is a close second passion of mine.

Favorite thing about teaching? My favorite thing about teaching is the kids! They are so cute and so eager to learn.

Keri Holmgren, Kindergarten Teacher

Where are you from? I am originally from Southern California, but I have now lived in Utah longer than in California.

Tell us about your family: I have four adult children.

Fun fact: A fun fact about me is that I am very adventurous. I enjoy ziplining, roller coasters, rappelling, and traveling with my husband.

Favorite thing about teaching? What I love about teaching is seeing the joy and excitement in children's eyes as they learn something new and they know they can do hard things.



Brittany Cooper, Kindergarten Teacher

Where are you from? Born in Upland, CA, raised in Cedar Hills, UT.

Tell us about your family: I have been married 11 years to my husband, Jason. Together we have 3 beautiful kids- Oliver, Audrey, and Theo. I absolutely adore each and every one of them! They are my world.

Fun fact: I am a huge Disney fan! I love all the Disney things and love going to Disneyland!

Favorite thing about teaching? Writing on the whiteboard and grading papers.. sounds funny but I'm serious! I feel like I'm playing pretend when I do it because those were my favorite things to do while playing "teacher" when I was a kid.

# FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



Carolina Martinez, Kindergarten Teacher

Where are you from? I'm from Valencia, Spain, my whole family still lives there, I moved to Utah in 2003.

Tell us about your family: I married my husband 18 years ago in Spain and have 3 boys, all currently attending Renaissance. My husband is Navajo and I love learning about Native American history with him and my boys. We love hiking, playing basketball, crafting, reading, watching movies, traveling and eating out together.

Fun fact: I tried out for the Spain version of American Idol when I was 22...obviously didn't make it, but the experience was fun!

Favorite thing about teaching? My favorite thing about teaching is watching students learn and blossom, academically, socially and emotionally, even when it feels they might not be learning anything, they are!

Delmi Cabrera, Kindergarten Aide

Where are you from? I was born in Guatemala but soon after my parents relocated and moved to California. Over the years I lived in both places.

Tell us about your family: I currently live in Lehi with my husband and children, some of our favorite things to do is go to the movies and spend time outdoor. The beauty of living in Utah is there're trails everywhere you go.

Fun fact: I attended all girls catholic school during my time in Guatemala.

Favorite thing about teaching? It's never boring, from the moment you walk in there's always something going on!



Alysa Dominguez, 1st Grade Teacher

Where are you from? I'm from California; the SF Bay Area born and raised until I went south for university in San Diego

Tell us about your family: My family consists of my husband, Aaron, and our two dogs, Lilly and Jack. Both of our families are primarily in Utah so we enjoy spending time with them. We are homebodies and love entertaining friends with good food, games, and watching movies. We are season ticket holders to RSL games and enjoy a trip to Disneyland and a trip to San Diego at least once a year.

Fun fact: I love to sew and quilt!

Favorite thing about teaching? My favorite things about teaching are the friendships I build with my students and their families in and outside of school. I love being in the classroom and making learning fun and I am happy to have been a part of the Renaissance community for the last 16 years.

# FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



Adrianna Galtieri, 1st Grade Teacher

Where are you from? I am from Las Vegas, Nevada.

Tell us about your family: I have 2 brothers in the military, 1 sister, and a 10 year old little brother. His dream is to come be a "teacher" in my classroom with me. My siblings are my absolute best friends.

Fun fact: I played volleyball for my college in Wisconsin. It is my favorite sport.

Favorite thing about teaching? My favorite thing about teaching is how cool it is to watch the students you teach learn and grow throughout the year. I also love the interactions I have with them while teaching. Kids are hilarious.

Sandy Chen, 1st Grade DLI Teacher

Where are you from? I come from Xi'an city, China.

Tell us about your family: My daughter is in the third grade Chinese DLI program.

Fun fact: I eat spicy food every day, and my favorite food is spicy hotpot.

Favorite thing about teaching? I like to teach Chinese culture to my students, such as the traditions of Chinese New Year and traditional paper cutting.



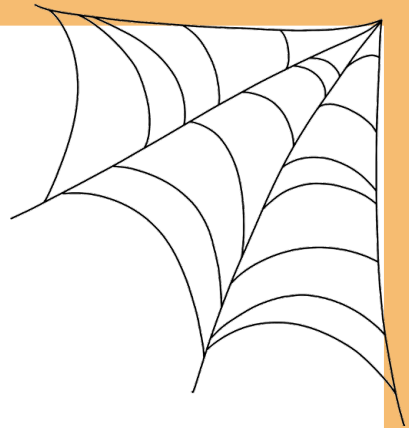
Sarah Christensen, 1st Grade DLI Partner Teacher

Where are you from? I was born in Southern California

Tell us about your family: I have three siblings, 12 nieces and nephews, and two dogs.

Favorite thing about teaching? My favorite thing about teaching is Fun Friday!

# Reading Corner



We are well into our school year and things are humming along nicely. We just finished our SEPs and you have received reports about how your students are doing with their reading. In this report, there are suggestions of things you can do to help your students at home with their reading. Every student, no matter their reading level, should be reading at home for 20 minutes a day.

Whenever we are trying to acquire a new skill, we need practice. Good basketball players practice their foul shooting, good bakers have to practice working the dough to get the bread just right, and good readers practice reading so they can get better at the skill.

When students struggle with reading, it is hard to want the practice. But, when we can help them to understand that practice makes perfect, it will give them incentive to keep trying! The winter is approaching with more time spent doing activities indoors. Please consider reading with your family as a daily activity.



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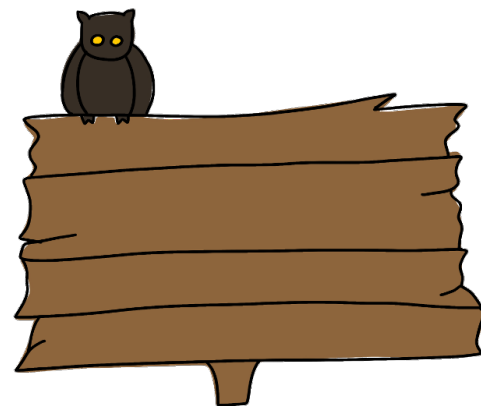
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If you would like to contact the board, you may do so by emailing  
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*Renaissance Academy*

# Halloween Parade

**Monday, Oct. 31st 2022 | 9am**

*Parents and families welcome to watch in the gym!*

*School and street parking ONLY. Please be seated by 8:45am.*

*Costume guidelines: no full face masks/coverings, shoes are required, and no inappropriate slogans or language.*



### BREAKFAST

# OCTOBER 2022

## RENAISSANCE ACADEMY

Breakfast \$1.75  
Reduced \$0.30  
Staff/Guest \$2.50

Monthly \$31.50  
Monthly \$5.40

### Monday

**3**  
Donut  
Cereal  
Fruit  
Milk

**10**  
Cereal Bar  
Cereal  
Fruit  
Milk

**17**  
NO SCHOOL  
Professional Development

**24**  
Donut  
Cereal  
Fruit  
Milk

**31**  
French Toast  
Cereal  
Fruit  
Milk

### Tuesday

**4**  
Muffin  
Cereal  
Fruit  
Milk

**11**  
Churro  
Cereal  
Fruit  
Milk

**18**  
French Toast  
Cereal  
Fruit  
Milk

**25**  
Breakfast Burrito  
Cereal  
Fruit  
Milk

### Wednesday

**5**  
Banana Bread  
Cereal  
Fruit  
Milk

**12**  
Breakfast Burrito  
Cereal  
Fruit  
Milk

**19**  
Pancakes  
Cereal  
Fruit  
Milk

**26**  
Breakfast Round  
"Cookie"  
Cereal  
Fruit  
Milk

### Thursday

**6**  
Cinnamon Roll Bar  
Cereal  
Fruit  
Milk

**13**  
NO SCHOOL  
Fall Break

**20**  
Churro  
Cereal  
Fruit  
Milk

**27**  
Cereal Bar  
Cereal  
Fruit  
Milk

### Friday

**7**  
Breakfast Variety  
Cereal  
Fruit  
Milk

**14**  
NO SCHOOL  
Fall Break

**21**  
Breakfast Variety  
Cereal  
Fruit  
Milk

**28**  
Breakfast Variety  
Cereal  
Fruit  
Milk



**A La Cart**  
Milk \$0.50

### Online Payments

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"Menu is subject to change without notice"



### LUNCH

# OCTOBER 2022

## RENAISSANCE ACADEMY

Lunch \$2.85  
Reduced \$0.40  
Staff/Guest \$4.00  
Monthly \$51.30  
Monthly \$7.20

### Monday

**3**  
Navajo Taco  
PB&J Sandwich  
Salad/Fruit Bar  
Milk

**10**  
Sausage, Egg & Cheese  
English Muffin  
PB&J Sandwich  
Salad/Fruit Bar  
Milk

**17**  
NO SCHOOL  
Professional Development

**24**  
Grilled Chicken  
Sandwich  
PB&J Sandwich  
Salad/Fruit Bar  
Milk

**31**  
Pig in a Blanket  
PB&J Sandwich  
Salad/Fruit Bar  
Milk

### Tuesday

**4**  
Pizza  
PB&J Sandwich  
Salad/Fruit Bar  
Milk

**11**  
Pizza  
PB&J Sandwich  
Salad/Fruit Bar  
Milk

**18**  
Pizza  
PB&J Sandwich  
Salad/Fruit Bar  
Milk

**25**  
Pizza  
PB&J Sandwich  
Salad/Fruit Bar  
Milk

### Wednesday

**5**  
Chicken Quesadilla  
PB&J Sandwich  
Salad/Fruit Bar  
Milk

**12**  
Pork Rib Sandwich  
PB&J Sandwich  
Salad/Fruit Bar  
Milk

**19**  
Spaghetti  
PB&J Sandwich  
Salad/Fruit Bar  
Milk

**26**  
Sweet Pork  
Burrito  
PB&J Sandwich  
Salad/Fruit Bar  
Milk

### Thursday

**6**  
Cheesy Breadstick  
PB&J Sandwich  
Salad/Fruit Bar  
Milk

**13**  
NO SCHOOL  
Fall Break

**20**  
Chicken Fajitas  
PB&J Sandwich  
Salad/Fruit Bar  
Milk

**27**  
Cheeseburger  
Macaroni  
PB&J Sandwich  
Salad/Fruit Bar  
Milk

### Friday

**7**  
Sack Lunch  
Deli Sandwich  
PB&J Sandwich  
Carrots/Fruit  
Milk & Treat

**14**  
NO SCHOOL  
Fall Break

**21**  
Sack Lunch  
Deli Sandwich  
PB&J Sandwich  
Carrots/Fruit  
Milk & Treat

**28**  
Sack Lunch  
Deli Sandwich  
PB&J Sandwich  
Carrots/Fruit  
Milk & Treat

**A La Cart**  
Milk \$0.50

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School lunches are ordered a week in advance. By the end of the day, under each Monday in the school wide calendar <https://renacademy.org/calendar>, there should be a title/event that says School Lunch Order Form with the order survey that you can copy and paste to your web browser to fill out. This will serve as an additional access point to get to the order form in case you don't receive the email that's sent out through Aspire every Monday to order school lunch.

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