

# RAPP

*April 2019*

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## Important Dates in April

- 4/1-5 Spring Break
- 4/8 - Spirit Night at Chick Fil A
- 4/10 2nd Grade Field Trip
- 4/11 Boundaries Presentations
- 4/12 FEC Meeting @ 8AM
- 4/15-19 End of Year Dibels Assessments
- 4/15 Boundaries Presentations
- 4/17 School Board Meeting 7 pm
- 4/19 World Culture Night 4-7pm
- 4/22-26 Hope Week
- 4/25 Mother Son Activity @ 6PM



# RA Happenings



## Alice in Wonderland



# Boundaries Presentations



**Family Support  
& TREATMENT CENTER**  
*home of hope and healing*

We will be having boundaries presentations for the entire school on April 11th and 15th. Lauren Davis from Family Support and Treatment Center will be presenting to our students. Parents are also invited to attend. Lauren will visit each classroom individually with the exception of 6-8th grade. They will have an assembly all together.

Parents may choose to opt their child out. If they opt out they may come and check their child out or we will find them a place to go in school.

If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Nettie at [nnaumann@renacademy.org](mailto:nnaumann@renacademy.org). The outline of the presentations and the opt out form have been posted to the school website and can be found at: <https://renacademy.org/boundaries-presentations>



Live Alpacas

# Adventure Awaits!

Student Performances

Food Tasting

**Kindergarten**

**Europe:**

Scotland/  
Ireland  
Russia

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

**South America:**

Brazil  
Chile

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

**Australia/  
Pacific:**

Australia  
Laos

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

**Asia/  
Middle East**

India  
Singapore



**4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Europe:**

England  
Spain

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Africa:**

Egypt  
Japan

Henna

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Central &  
North Americas**

:  
Honduras  
Mexico

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>  
Grades**

**Middle East /  
Asia**

Saudi Arabia  
China

food truck

Hands on Activities In 16 Rooms

## Renaissance Academy World Culture Night

Friday, April 19, 2019  
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Photo Booth

Games



# BUY YOUR Yearbook

2018-19 Renaissance Academy Yearbooks are  
now available for order!  
All orders are due Friday, April 19.

Hardcover: \$34; Softcover: \$26

The pre-order deadline is Friday, April 19

The personalization deadline is also Friday, April 19

Yearbooks will be distributed the last week of school.  
Yearbook pre-orders can be placed online:  
<https://renacademy19.picaboo.com>

Also - We need your PICTURES! The yearbook team is working to complete a great memory book for this year. Please share the photos you have of school activities, class parties, field trips, etc. Have any pictures of Fall Carnival? Fun field trip? Crazy hair day? Class party? Or other fun activity? Please send it our way. Images can be sent to [sknaupp@renacademy.org](mailto:sknaupp@renacademy.org)

Please contact Mrs. Stefani Knaupp at [sknaupp@renacademy.org](mailto:sknaupp@renacademy.org) with any questions regarding yearbook orders.

## World Language

We are still looking for volunteers for World Culture Night! If you would be interested, please contact Angie at [acobiella@renacademy.org](mailto:acobiella@renacademy.org)



## Reading Corner

Spring Break is a perfect time to have your children reading, along with all the other fun things you have planned. A trip to the library or bookstore is fun and useful family activity.

Our end of year reading assessment is coming up the week of April 15 th. We hope that all students are having opportunities to practice reading at home. How do you get better at reading? Read.



# FEC Announcements

## Renaissance Academy

### Spirit Night

Monday, April 8th  
5:00pm - 8:00pm  
Lehi Pointe Location



*Renaissance Academy receives 20% total store receipts with Vouchers  
between the hours of 5:00pm to 8:00pm!*

START 6:00 PM    END 8:00 PM

ALL BOYS - K - 8

# GAME NIGHT

APR 25

## MOTHER-SON GAME NIGHT

LASER TAG . BOARD GAMES . HARRY POTTER BINGO  
INTERACTIVE VIDEO GAMES . PIZZA . DRINKS

INVITE YOUR MOM, OR AUNT OR GRANDMA. RSVP INFO COMING SOON

# Summer Camps

We will be offering several things in the summer. Registration is open now!

**MANDARIN CHINESE**

**BASKETBALL SKILLS**

*Silicon Slopes Ballet*  
(including Prince and Princess Camps for the pre-k and kindergarten age)

*Sewing Skills*

*Multiplication Clinic*

*Sign Language*

**Drama**

*Cookie Decorating*

For more details and information visit

[https://renacademy.org/dynamic/content/1156/47/summer\\_camp2019pdf.pdf](https://renacademy.org/dynamic/content/1156/47/summer_camp2019pdf.pdf)



# After School Program Updates

Renaissance Academy's elementary production of Alice in Wonderland was fantastic! Ms. Kinder and her team of parent volunteers created a wonderful learning opportunity for more than 80 of our young students who sang, danced, and acted their way through Disney's rendition of Lewis Carol's original classic. Renaissance's confident performers displayed a maturity in their performance that seemed well beyond their years. Congratulations to all, YOU DID GREAT!!



R.A.'s Silicon Slopes Ballet is proud of their dancers performance as part of the Alice in Wonderland assemblies. We had a great time performing, thank you to all the wonderful parents and audience members that made this inaugural school performance a great experience! We are starting our third session and have had a wonderful time dancing and training in classical ballet.



We have soccer clinics coached by Emily Depallens and Camden Robinson starting right after Spring Break, so, get enrolled and be ready to polish your soccer skills starting in April. Please email [edepallens@renacademy.org](mailto:edepallens@renacademy.org), or visit our EventBrite page to register.

Summer Camps have opened on our EventBrite page! Please see the poster with course descriptions. If you are interested in teaching a camp, please contact [nbybee@renacademy.org](mailto:nbybee@renacademy.org) for more information.



Renaissance Academy  
**Soccer Skills**

**Dates: April 8-May 23**

**Grades 3-5: T/Thu 3:15-4:15**

**Grade 6-8: Mon/Wed 3:15-4:15**

**Cost: \$40**

**Coach: Depallens**

**Register: Eventbrite.com**

**Contact:**

[edepallens@renacademy.org](mailto:edepallens@renacademy.org)



## **SKILLS CAMP**

**6th - 8th Grade Boys / Girls**

**Monday - 3:00 to 4:15 pm**

**Friday - 2:15 to 3:30 pm**

**2nd - 5th Grade Boys / Girls**

**Wednesday - 3:00 to 4:15 pm**

**Friday - 1:00 to 2:15 pm**

**Session #1 - January**

**Session #2 - February**

**Session #3 - March**

**Session #4 - April**

**Cost \$43.00 per session**

**Payable @ <http://renacademy.org/afterschool-clubs>**

**Contact Info:**

**Travis Story (435) 590-8966**

**tstory@renacademy.org**

# Field Trips

## 4th Grade Field Trip to the MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY



Fourth grade was very fortunate to be able to go on a field trip to the Museum of Natural History. We were short in field trip funds and some incredible parents gave the school generous donations so that we were still able to attend. Students were able to learn about plant and animal organisms, Utah's five tribes: Ute, Goshute, Navajo, Paiute, and Shoshone, fossils, Utah geography, and this year, students were able to observe the museum's featured Mayan exhibit. This was such a fun hands on experience that students will never forget!



# Middle School Field Trip to THE LEONARDO MUSEUM



On Friday, March 22, our 7th-8th grade students enjoyed a field trip to the Leonardo Museum. The Leonardo is a science and art museum which emphasizes the connections between science, technology, art, and creativity. The students were able to engage with hands-on makerspace activities- from building with Legos to putting paper "seeds" into flight. We also enjoyed the "Jackie Chan: Green Hero" exhibit, which showcased imaginative art made from repurposed materials used on Jackie Chan's movie sets. It was fun to see the students building, experimenting, laughing, and just enjoying their day together!



## 5th Grade Field Trip to



At the Museum of Peoples and Cultures, the 5th grade learned that some artists carve olive wood, mother of pearl, architecture and embroidery to show what people in Bethlehem believe in. We also learned that a wedding is an important event for a girl because she spends much of her time learning how to embroider dresses so she can make her own wedding dress when she is old enough.



## 3rd Grade Field Trip to THE AQUARIUM

3rd grade had an amazing and educational time learning and exploring all about creatures of the sea! We had a class on tides, adaptations of species, life cycles, and human impact upon sea life. The kids all explored and had hands on opportunity for learning. The aquarium was a top rated field trip this year!



# Teacher Spotlight

## 6th Grade

Meitzu Chiang



Ni hao, my name is Meitzu Chiang, I grew up in southern part of Taiwan, Kaohsiung. I was once a high school teacher in Taiwan after I got my MBA degree from National Chiao-Tung University. Because of the good teaching years and my enthusiasm for teaching, I determined to study overseas for professional development. I received my Ph.D from the department of Teaching and Learning at the University of Utah in 2010. After I got my Ph.D, I went back to Taiwan, I have worked and taught in Fu Jen Catholic University for almost 8 years. In order for my kids to learn English, I came back to Utah to work at Renaissance Academy in 2018. I really enjoy my work here.

I am very passionate about Chinese teaching and learning. I also like to learn new things and attend classes for professional and personal growth. The issue of "how people learn things" has always fascinated me.

In my free time I enjoy reading, cooking, hiking, and other outdoor activities that I can do with my three kids. Other than that, I am in love with Utah mountains because my family grew fruit on the mountain. Thus, I like many things that are associated with mountains, Mother Nature really gives me power and calms me down. I'm very grateful to live in such a beautiful place.

Victor Williamson



I graduated from BYU in 1983. I worked at Central Elementary in Pleasant Grove from 1983 to 2013. During the 2012-2013 school year I worked at both Central Elementary and Shelley Elementary located in American Fork. I retired from the Alpine School District at the end of the 2012-2013 school year and accepted a 6th grade position at Renaissance Academy.

I was the founder and director of Alpine School District's Christa McAuliffe Space Education Center. The Space Education Center opened in November 1990. At the time of my retirement over 330,000 students attended the Center's many different programs. The Space Center is the favorite field trip destination for the majority of Utah Valley's 6th grades.

My work at the Space Education Center has been recognized by many organizations. I've received the Huntsman Award for Excellence in Education, the Milken Family Foundation's National Education Award, The Christa McAuliffe Fellowship from the United States Department of Education, The Toyota Tapestry Award and the Alpine School District's Accent on Excellence Award to name a few.

I'll be working with Renaissance Academy's outstanding staff to create a new space education center at the school. The Renaissance space education center will focus on integrating the arts and the humanities with an original STEM space science curriculum including the construction of one or more starship simulators. The sky is the limit and the possibilities are endless.

## Samantha Bischoff



Mrs. Bischoff graduated with a BA in English from Brigham Young University in the summer of 2018 and immediately began preparations for her first year of teaching at Renaissance – and she loves it! Mrs. Bischoff is a total nerd about writing! She started writing her first novel when she was in 6th grade and hasn't stopped writing since. She is nearly finished with her most recent novel and hopes to publish soon. Mrs. Bischoff loves bringing her passion into the classroom and helping her students to find joy in reading, critical thinking, and writing.

Mrs. Bischoff was born in Utah, but has also lived in Texas, Germany, Colorado, and Norway. She speaks Norwegian fluently and often has a Norwegian Viking doodled somewhere on her white board. Mrs. Bischoff loves devouring books, researching current events, painting, and creative writing. She also enjoys spending time outside, trying new recipes, and spending time with her awesome husband.

## Peggy Taylor



Mrs. Taylor loves teaching science to young people! She was born in Northern California into a family of teachers: her father was a science teacher for 35 years, and both her grandparents were teachers in Oregon and California. "Hands-on-Science" is Mrs. Taylor's motto. She received her Bachelors of Science at the California State University, Chico in 2009, and she is a member of the National Science Teachers Association. Belonging to this group gives her opportunities to collaborate and take science seminars along with other science teachers all over the United States. She was chosen as a Robert Noyce Scholar two years in a row, which allowed her to have experiences working with NASA scientists doing experiments with extreme cyanobacteria organisms in the Mohave Desert. Currently she is taking courses through BYU in Literacy and Reading. Her hope is to coordinate Science Education and Literacy in her classes. The students at Renaissance Academy are very motivated and love learning in a hands-on environment, making experiences here the very best.

Mrs. Taylor is married and has six children and fourteen grandchildren so far. She loves hiking, cycling, kayaking and studying every rock and plant she can get her hands on. She volunteers for the National Park Service at the Timpanogas Caves where she loves sharing information with people about the wonders of nature.

| Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday                             |
|---|---|--|--|------------------------------------|
| No School<br>Spring Break <b>1</b>  | No School<br>Spring Break <b>2</b>                          | No School<br>Spring Break <b>3</b>   | No School<br>Spring Break <b>4</b>                                     | No School<br>Spring Break <b>5</b> |
| Apple Cinnamon <b>8</b><br>French Toast<br>PB&J Sandwich<br>Grilled Cheese Sandwich | Pizza <b>9</b><br>PB&J Sandwich<br>Grilled Cheese Sandwich  | Navajo Taco <b>10</b><br>PB&J Sandwich<br>Grilled Cheese Sandwich  | Hot Dog <b>11</b><br>PB&J Sandwich<br>Grilled Cheese Sandwich          | Sack Lunch <b>12</b>               |
| Biscuit, Sausage <b>15</b><br>& Gravy<br>PB&J Sandwich<br>Grilled Cheese Sandwich   | Pizza <b>16</b><br>PB&J Sandwich<br>Grilled Cheese Sandwich | Cheeseburger <b>17</b><br>PB&J Sandwich<br>Grilled Cheese Sandwich   | Teriyaki Chicken <b>18</b><br>PB&J Sandwich<br>Grilled Cheese Sandwich | Sack Lunch <b>19</b>               |
| Pancakes <b>22</b><br>PB&J Sandwich<br>Grilled Cheese Sandwich                      | Pizza <b>23</b><br>PB&J Sandwich<br>Grilled Cheese Sandwich | Spaghetti <b>24</b><br>PB&J Sandwich<br>Grilled Cheese Sandwich  | Chicken Fajitas <b>25</b><br>PB&J Sandwich<br>Grilled Cheese Sandwich  | Sack Lunch <b>26</b>               |
| Egg, Cheese & <b>29</b><br>Ham Burrito<br>PB&J Sandwich<br>Grilled Cheese Sandwich  | Pizza <b>30</b><br>PB&J Sandwich<br>Grilled Cheese Sandwich |  <p><b>IMPORTANT REMINDER TO PARENTS</b><br/>                     As we're heading in to the last 2 months of school keep a close eye on your students account since as stated in our Lunch Charge Policy during the last month of the school year in May students with a delinquent account of any amount will be given an alternate meal until payment is made in full.</p> |  |                                    |

Served M-Th  
 Fruit/Salad Bar  
 Milk

**A La Cart**  
 Milk \$0.25  
 PB&J Sandwich \$1.25  
 Pizza \$1.00 (Only Tuesday)

**Online Payments**  
<https://secureinstantpayments.com/sip/?ID=21717>