

RAPP

December
2018

Important Dates

12/3-7 Chinese Immersion AAPPL Testing (3rd-7th grade only)
12/3-7 Annual FEC Food Drive
12/7 FEC Meeting 8 am in the Faculty Lounge
12/13 AM Kindergarten Christmas Program 10:15 am
12/13 PM Kindergarten Christmas Program 2:15 pm
12/17-1/1 Christmas Break (No School)
1/4 FEC Meeting 8 am
1/14-18 Mid-Year DIBELS Assessments (K-6)
1/18 MS field trip - Drama Conference
1/18 Term 2 Ends
1/21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No school)
1/22 Term 3 Begins
1/24 Kindergarten field trip - Museum of Natural Curiosity
1/25 7th & 8th field trip - Utah State Capitol
1/28 5th grade field trip - Utah State Capitol

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The Renaissance Academy Printing Press





Family Engagement Committee



Annual FEC Food Drive - December 3-7

We are excited for our annual FEC food drive this week December 3rd-7th! All donations will go to Tabitha's Way, a local food bank in American Fork. Last year, the generosity of Renaissance Families was outstanding and we donated 3200 lbs of food and other personal items!! This year, our goal is to donate the same amount or more!

Starting on Monday, we will again have tubs displayed in the hallway for students to put donations in their grade level bins. All donations will be sorted and counted after school next Friday, December 7th. This year we have two incentives for our students:

- 1) As in previous years, the grade level that donates the most lbs will receive a week of free dress the week of December 10-15
- 2) If we set a new record and beat our 3200 lbs donated last year, the entire student body will be rewarded with a week of free dress December 10-15

As you do your shopping this week don't forget to grab something to send with your kids. Here is a list of donations they are looking for at Tabitha's Way:

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| Breakfast Cereal | Sugar (5-10 lbs pkg) |
| Ketchup | Vegetable Oil |
| Mayo | Hygiene Items (shampoo, deodorant, etc.) |
| Mustard | Feminine Hygiene |
| Macaroni and Cheese | Baby Diapers (sizes 5-6) |
| Ramen Noodles | Adult Diapers |
| Pancake Mix | Dishwashing and Laundry Soap |
| Rice & Dry Beans (1-2 lbs pkg) | Toilet Paper |
| Peanut Butter | Empty Egg Cartons |
| Jam/Jellies | Plastic Grocery Bags |
| Spaghetti Sauce | |
| Flour (5-10 lbs pkg) | |

- **Donations need to have dates 2015 and newer
- **No food with open packaging where the food is exposed
- **No home canning
- **Please tape filp-top lids closed

Please contact FEC volunteer, Alyson Harper at alysue23@gmail.com with any questions



Student Safety Boundaries

This month, guest speaker Ms. Lauren Davis from The Utah Valley Family Support and Treatment Center will be coming to Renaissance to speak with our students about safe boundaries and abuse prevention. The Utah State Office of Education and school boards in Alpine, Provo and Nebo School Districts have approved these presentations, which are given free of charge at schools. Ms. Davis regularly presents in schools and classrooms around the valley. Parents are welcome to attend the presentation with their student. Please find our presentation schedule at the conclusion of this email. Most of the presentations will take place in your student's classroom. For those that do not take place in the home classroom, the location is listed below.

The Family Support and Treatment Center is a nonprofit agency whose focus is the prevention and treatment of abuse and traumatic events. For over a decade, the Family Support and Treatment Center has offered insightful presentations meant to educate and empower youth regarding abuse and related issues. The majority of the presentation is a group discussion that helps students identify what they would do in several situations. Below is a brief description of the presentations. Additionally, a short preview of the videos used in each presentation can be found at playitsafe.org.

Mae Shares a Secret (1st-2nd grade): Students watch a short film about a young girl, Mae, which is spending the summer with Grandpa, and shares her secret about her mom's boyfriend. In this program children are taught to never keep a secret when it's not safe. Students learn about the difference between a good/bad/ confusing touch, and the four safety rules to use when they are in trouble (say no, get away, tell someone, yell).

Chase Steps Up (3rd-4th grade): Students watch a short film about a young boy, Chase, who loves baseball, but he is tormented by the secret that someone close is abusing him. With the help of his coach, Chase understands he can step up and tell. Students learn that secrets can be good or bad and that telling bad secrets to a caring adult is the right thing to do. Students learn the difference between good/bad/confusing touches, the difference between a good/bad secret, and four safety rules to keep themselves safe (say no, get away, tell someone, yell).

Aiden's Discovery (5th-6th grade): Students watch a short film about a young boy writes a paper about sexual abuse in school and begins to suspect that his best friend may be experiencing abuse by her coach and needs help. Students learn the difference between good/bad secrets, how to recognize sexual abuse, and how to be assertive and help if they are concerned about friends. Special emphasis is placed on saying no, telling an adult, and that the victim is never at fault.





What's Going on at Renaissance?

Knowing that this is a sensitive subject matter and that some parents may want to choose a different time and set of circumstances to introduce this issue, we are providing an "opt out" option for every family. If you do NOT want your student to participate in their class presentation, please find and complete an 'opt out' form (one for each child) and return it to the teacher. The opt-out form can be found included in our November RAPP. Alternately, please contact your student's teacher by email to excuse them from the presentation. In a discrete and thoughtful manner, the teacher will then arrange for your child to spend the 45 minutes of the presentation with another classroom on the same grade level. If you are interested in finding out more about any of these programs, please contact Lauren Davis, at (801) 229-1181 or ldavis@utahvalleyfamilysupport.org. Alternatively, contact our Acting Dean of Students, Shelby Dieters sdieters@renacademy.org for more information.

Scheduling details will be released as they are announced.

Alice in Wonderland

Early in November, students put on an excellent production of Alice in Wonderland, directed by Dorian Kinder. Great job to all actors, actresses, and stage crew involved!



White Ribbon Week

We had a great White Ribbon Week this year! Students learned how to have a safer and healthier balance with real life and screentime activities. Throughout the week students enjoyed daily morning announcements followed by fun interactive lunchtime activities that reinforced the message of the day. Our culminating event was an energetic assembly discussing safe screentime & healthy life balance principles that ended with a fantastic slideshow of our very own Renaissance Academy students engaged in "Real" activities! We want to give a huge shout out and thank you to all who made White Ribbon Week a success: Ms. Deiters, Mr. Wright, Ms. Kinder, & the entire White Ribbon Week committee/volunteers. We couldn't have done it without you!



Spelling Bee



Class Spelling Bees will begin after the new year. For students anxious to get a head start, grade level lists will be posted to the school website before the Christmas break. More study help can be found at spellingbee.com/parents-and-students



MS Walkathon

What's better than a walk with friends on a beautiful Fall day? Walking with friends for a good cause!

On Friday, October 5, 7th-8th grade students participated in our 2nd Annual MS Walkathon. The rain cleared up just in time for a beautiful 4-mile walk along the Murdock Canal Trail.

The purpose of our walk was to raise funds for the Utah Refugee Connection, which supports the needs of over 65,000 refugees who have been resettled in Utah. Before beginning our walk, we enjoyed a presentation by Amy Harmer Dott, the director of the Utah Refugee Connection. Mrs. Dott reminded us



Deja H., said that she felt motivated to raise funds because, "Some of my family came here as refugees from the Netherlands during World War II, and they were treated badly and just wanted to be safe."



Another student, Erycka R., explained: "I raised a lot of money because the money goes to people who really need it. Imagine if you and your family were in danger and you had to leave your home and go to a new country. It would be very hard. So for me to raise money for people who need it makes me feel very good."

Thanks to generous donations collected by these and other students, we were able to raise \$1490 for The Utah Refugee Connection. We appreciate the students' enthusiastic participation in the Walkathon, and we hope this experience has helped them recognize their own power to make a difference in the world!



Phoenix 200 Club

Congratulations to our October group of Phoenix 200 Club Winners! Students are rewarded every month for their good behavior with a special prize. Their October monthly reward was a Chick-Fil-A lunch!

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| Miriana S. | Camden V. | Andrew B. | Abbigail B. |
| Riley A. | Loralei M. | Jonah R. | Jocelynn H. |
| Sofia H. | Brooklyn B. | Jackson B. | Addie F. |
| Jaydaa M. | Brady T. | Racheal S. | Haley B. |
| Mia T. | Lynlee S. | Parker S. | Hunter A. |
| Zach G. | Italia B. | Makaida P. | Kajetan H. |
| Kamiille B. | Brooklyn S. | Sophie S. | Blake S. |
| Ryker R. | Kaden L. | Nicholas J. | London T. |
| Aratt R. | Ella H. | Charity F. | Brayden D. |
| Savannah H. | Shawn G. | Christy B. | Jordan D. |

Our November monthly prize winners will be awarded a pizza party during their lunch on Monday, December 3.

We are so proud of our hard working, well behaved students!

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| Charlee B. | Lydia T. | Ella J. | Grace B. |
| Audrey L. | Ennu N. | Dominik C. | Bree R. |
| Libby L. | Ethan C. | Ally S. | Wyatt C. |
| Sierra B. | Cambria J. | Emily A. | Lynlee S. |
| Ryder S. | Harly G. | Annie B. | Eleanor H. |
| Jane C. | Parker C. | Alice W. | Eliana S. |
| Alyssa T. | Bethany B. | Tyson B. | Andy A. |
| Carte S. | Kross L. | Stephen R. | Jaxon G. |
| Ellie H. | Bailey J. | Sophi M. | Eden M. |
| Brickley L. | Wyatt B. | Seth S. | |



Reading Corner

The way for students to get a jump on reading is to practice their phonics sounds. This is something that they practice every day in class, kindergarten through third grade. Reinforcing these skills at home will help your student to become a more proficient reader.

“If a child memorizes ten words, the child can only read ten words. But, if the child learns the sounds of ten letters, the child will be able to read 350 three sound words, 4,320 four sound words and 21,650 five sound words.”

Help us to help your student by making sure they are reading at home, every day!



Mr Tache Stash

Thank you to all of the parents who generously donated hundreds of dollars worth of science supplies in support of the Mr Tache science program. Knowing that I have your support and that you are invested in this program for your amazing children, the future scientists and engineers of tomorrow, is very gratifying. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely,
Mr Vidinha

After School Activities

DANCE SHOWCASE - December 12th



We will be producing a small parent-observation Dance Showcase on Wed December 12th at 4pm in the gymnasium. Our Cheerleaders, Silicon Slopes Ballet de Renaissance Academy, and Ballroom Team will all be demonstrating material they have been working on the last several weeks. We would love to see you there!



CHESS TOURNAMENT

Renaissance Academy

3435 North 1120 East Lehi, UT

Saturday, December 8, 2018

Students in Grades K-12th

K- 3rd, 4th-6th, 7th-9th, 10th-12th Sections

3 Trophies for each section if they have 12 or more participants in each section

Check in 8:00 a.m.- 8:45 a.m.

Round 1 Begins 9:00 a.m.

Awards Around 3:00 p.m.

\$10 Early Registration by (Dec. 6th)

\$15 at the Door



Register on line at renaissance.chess@gmail.com

Need (1) Name, (2) Grade level (3) School, and (4) USCF or UCA rating if any

Questions? Email or call Robin 801-636-2788 or Larry Prishrey 801-368-8606

Pizza Lunch will be available

and other Concessions along with Holiday Goodies

Calling All Dancers 3rd–6th and Jr. High

Renaissance Academy

Elementary Ballroom



BALLROOM DANCE TEAM

*** We need 4-6 Couples for each Competition Team.***
(Compete at the Alpine Team Match, UVU Qualifying Team Match, and BYU State Team Match).

Classes to Begin Jan. 2nd Afterschool
Classes are on Monday and Wednesday
3:15pm – 4:15pm for 3rd-6th Grades
4:20 pm

Cost: \$100 Per Semester

Register online at <https://renacademy.org/afterschool-clubs>.

World Language Culture Corner

Jordan Wilson's 5th grade Arabic class



My Family Posters & Presentations

This month, the Arabic class has been learning all about families!



Playing Connect 4 to review family members in Arabic



Dressing up in Saudi clothes, holding Arabic name tags



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
PANCAKE 3	PIZZA 4	CHEESEBURGER 5	NAVAJO TACO 6	SACK LUNCH 7
EGG & CHEESE BREAKFAST BURRITO 10	PIZZA 11	CORN DOG 12	CHICKEN SANDWICH 13	SACK LUNCH 14
NO SCHOOL 17	NO SCHOOL 18	NO SCHOOL 19	NO SCHOOL 20	NO SCHOOL 21
NO SCHOOL 24	NO SCHOOL 25	NO SCHOOL 26	NO SCHOOL 27	NO SCHOOL 28
NO SCHOOL 31				

Served M-Th
PB&J Melted Cheese Sandwich
Fruit/Salad Bar
Milk

Online Payments

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

“Menu items are subject to change”

