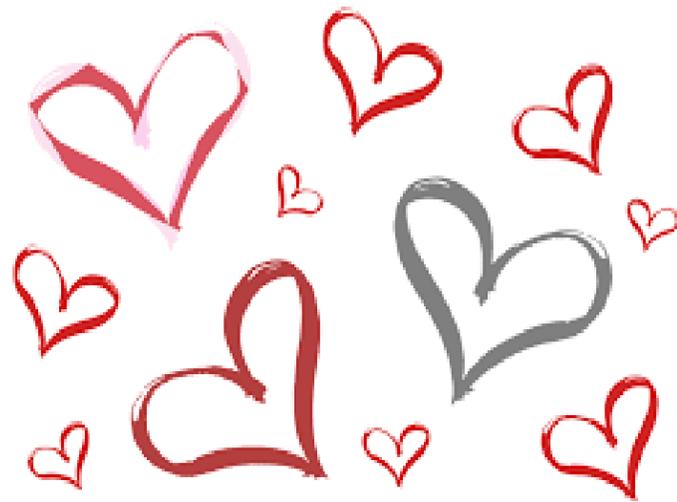


# RAPP

February 2019

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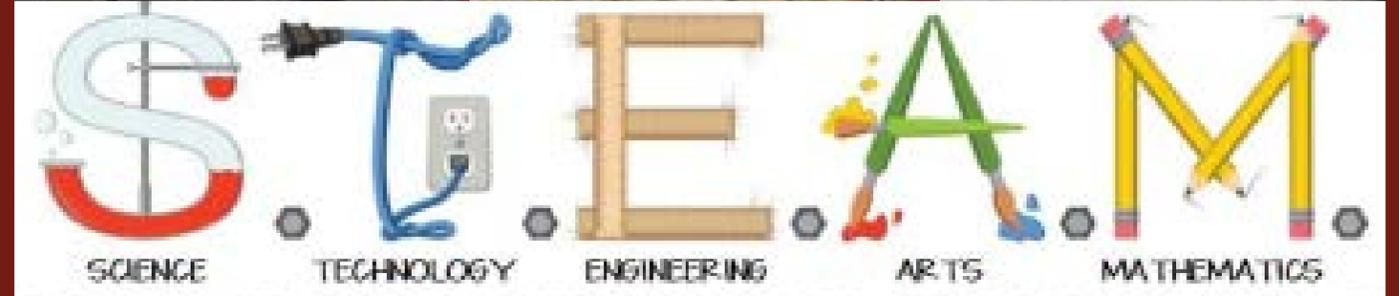
## Important Dates in February

- 2/1 Elementary 'Caught Being Good' Assemblies
- 2/1 FEC Meeting 8 am
- 2/4-8 FEC Box Tops Collection Week
- 2/5 1st-grade field trip - Treehouse Children's Museum
- 2/11-15 FEC Bookfair
- 2/11-15 SEPs (Parent/Teacher Conferences)
- 2/14 & 2/15 Early Out - Students Finish at 12:15 pm
- 2/18 President's Day - No School
- 2/20 2nd-grade field trip - SCERA Theater 'The Tortoise and the Hare'
- 2/20 RA Board Meeting 7 pm
- 2/21 Spelling Bee 7 pm
- 2/28 Regional Inspirations Contest

The Renaissance Academy Printing Press



## RA Happenings



Renaissance Academy's first annual STEAM festival was a resounding success! From making slime to "disappearing" water; from blue-tongued skins to vacuum powered ping-pong balls, we learned together and had a great time doing it. Special thanks to Mr. Tache and the middle school students and well as each grade who taught on each of the exhibits. We also would like to thank UVU science department for their volunteer service and the Hutchings museum for their animal shows. Finally we would like to thank all the students who made this festival another wonderful reason to attend Renaissance Academy.



# Renaissance Academy Inspirations Winners!

## K-2 Category

### Drawing:

- 1st Mya Bulloch
- 2nd Felicity Long
- 3rd Myles Santos

### Painting:

- 1st Jada Lynn
- 2nd Grace Hauley
- 3rd William Compton

### Writing:

- 1st Macy Feveryear
- 2nd Kai Hauley
- 3rd Mary Flint

### Photography:

- 1st Joshua Walker
- 2nd Thomas Feveryear
- 3rd Macy Feveryear

### 3-D Art:

- 1st Austin Cross
- 2nd Macy Feveryear
- 3rd Rebecca Tedjamalia

## 3-5 Category:

### Drawing:

- 1st Spencer Fife
- 2nd Zoe Tanner
- 3rd Shanelle Hunt

### Painting:

- 1st Mirai Swallow

2nd Audrey Hauley

3rd Katherine Guymon

### Writing:

- 1st Jackson Hauley
- 2nd Riley Allen

### Photography:

- 1st Jarom Walker
- 2nd Audrey Hauley
- 3rd Jackson Hauley

### 3-D Art:

- 1st Carter Flint
- 2nd Kallie Harding
- 3rd Lehman McKinney

## 6-8 Category:

### Drawing:

- 1st Grace Harper
- 2nd Brooklyn Turpin
- 3rd Maxwell Hunt

### Painting:

- 1st Katelyn Ashton
- 2nd Tyani Chisholm
- 3rd Parker Salasar

### Photography:

- 1st Sydney Harding
- 2nd Abbi Baker

### Writing:

- 1st Grace Harper

### 3-D Art:

- 1st Paige Harding



## K-6 Field Trip Donations Needed!

One of the great things about Renaissance is the experiential learning opportunities our students receive through the hands-on experiences provided to them by off-campus field trips. We make it a priority and requirement for our teachers to plan engaging field trip opportunities for students at four times a year. Field trips at Renaissance are made possible and funded completely by parent donations. Although it is not required, we ask for a \$40 field trip donation whenever possible for each student in grades K-6 to help make these experiential off-campus learning opportunities available to our students. When a field trip donation is made, the money goes directly to the nominated student grade level field trip fund and is used solely for this purpose. As we begin the second half of the year, we have lots of exciting and educational field trips scheduled for the remainder of the year. We need your help to make these experiences a reality for our students!

Currently, we do not have the funds necessary for all of our scheduled field trips. Unfortunately, if we do not receive the necessary donations to pay the cost of these experiences, the field trips remaining this year will be canceled. Please help make the field trips a reality for your student/s by making a donation to their grade level field trip fund. Field trip donations can be made in the office (cash or check only) or online at <http://renacademy.org/> online-payments (K-6 donations, 'field trip' or 'misc donation' and label as 'Kindergarten field trip donation' etc).

Below you will see a detailed summary of our K-6 field trips planned for 2018-19 and the associated costs. Thank you for your generosity and support of our elementary field trip program. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [smccappin@renacademy.org](mailto:smccappin@renacademy.org).



## Field Trips 2018-19

### Kindergarten

Lehi Fire Station - September  
Hee Haw Farm - October  
Museum of Natural Curiosity - January  
Aquarium - March

*Donations received - \$1135*  
*Donations still needed - \$2475*

### 1st-grade

Smiths - September  
Hogle Zoo - October  
Children's Treehouse Museum - February  
Heritage Park - May

*Donations received - \$2015*  
*Donations still needed - \$1590*

### 2nd-grade

Radha Krishna Temple - October  
SCERA Play 'The Tortoise and the Hare' - February  
Clark Planetarium - March  
BYU Museums - April

*Donations received - \$1935*  
*Donations still needed - \$2260*

### 3rd-grade

Heritage Park - November  
Museum of Natural Curiosity - February

Aquarium - March  
Hike - May

*Donations received - \$2013*  
*Donations still needed - \$1987*

### 4th-grade

Museum of Ancient Life - September  
Utah Lake - October  
BYU Bean Museum - November  
Museum of Natural Curiosity - March  
Camp Floyd - May

*Donations received - \$1203*  
*Donations still needed - \$2582*

### 5th-grade

University of Utah Engineering Department - November  
Utah State Capitol - January  
BYU Museums - March  
Promontory Point - May

*Donations received - \$1233*  
*Donations still needed - \$1527*

### 6th-grade

Hale Center Theater 'Velveteen Rabbit' - November  
Clark Planetarium - December  
Hill Aerospace Museum - May

*Donations received - \$1100*  
*Donations still needed - \$2100*

# 5th Grade Field Trip

# Middle School Field Trip



On Friday, January 25, our 7th-8th grade students enjoyed a fun and educational trip to the Utah State Capitol. After taking the train to Salt Lake City, we walked uphill to the beautiful Capitol building. Prior to entering then building, Mr. Robinson reminded the students that it was important to be respectful and quiet inside, but as one student explained, "It wasn't necessary, because as soon as we went inside, the building automatically earned our respect."

As we walked in and found ourselves standing in the impressive rotunda of the capitol, we admired the beautiful murals and sculptures. "The four sculptures of the rotunda were so cool," a student shared-- "I thought they were a really great representation of what believe in and what our country was founded on."

During the tour, our guides explained some of the interesting history of the Capitol Building and walked us through some of its spectacular rooms. A favorite for many students was the "Gold Room," which is the richly-decorated State Reception Room. Others loved the uniqueness of the Senate and House chambers. One group even had the privilege of meeting Governor Herbert while touring his office!

We loved this opportunity to learn more about the Capitol Building and the history of the State of Utah. We even loved running back to the train station, where we caught our return train with just a few minutes to spare!

On January 28th our fifth-graders went on a field trip to the Utah State Capitol. The students were able to see the unique architecture and magnificent murals found inside the Capitol. They were able to take a tour of multiple rooms including the Gold Room and the office of Governor Gary R. Herbert! They also got to observe the Legislative Session. As a fifth grader in Utah and at Renaissance Academy, you have the opportunity to learn about American History including how our government. Our students have learned about the three branches of government, their checks and balances, and the process of a law. They had a wonderful time and even got to ask Senator Jake Anderegg question about how to change laws! We are so grateful to Renaissance Academy and to have had this great experience!



# Middle School Drama Field Trip



A few 7th and 8th grade students chose to attend the annual Utah Theatre Association Conference. This year the conference was held at Weber State. Students attended workshops on items including: theatrical dance, voice placement, improvisation, body language, lighting design, and more. We attended a key note address given by Broadway star Besty Wolfe, and in the evening attended a fantastic production of Newsies. The students had a blast learning more about theater and rubbing shoulders with professionals throughout the day.



Kindergarten Field Trip to  
The **MUSEUM** of  
Natural **CURIOSITY**



# FEC Announcements

## Spelling Bee

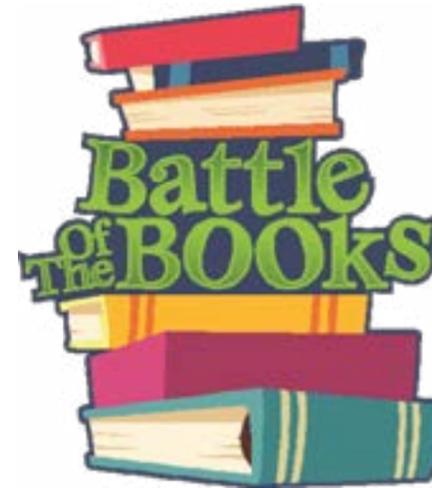
The school-wide Spelling Bee will be held on Thursday, February 21st at 7pm. The top three students from grades 3-8 will be invited to participate. These students will have previously competed in class and/or grade level competitions. Please check with your students teacher for eligibility. Although the competition is only for 3rd-8th grade, all students and families are invited to come cheer on our spellers. The winner of the spelling bee will represent Renaissance Academy at the Region level in March.



Interested in a FREE DRESS DAY? To encourage support, participation, and respectful spelling bee etiquette, we will be passing out a FREE DRESS wristband to any student who comes to the Spelling Bee. So bring your family, cheer on our spellers, and get a wristband. Wristbands will be handed out at the end of the bee. Wristbands are only valid on Friday, February 22 and must be worn for free dress.



## Battle of the Books



Final Battle Dates and Times  
3rd and 4th Grade:  
Monday, March 18th from 9:30-11:00 am

5th and 6th Grade:  
Tuesday, March 19th from 9:30-11:00 am

Middle School and Teachers:  
Tuesday, March 19th 3:30-4:30 pm

Final Battle Assembly:  
Friday, March 22nd 9:00-10:00 am

## Book Fair

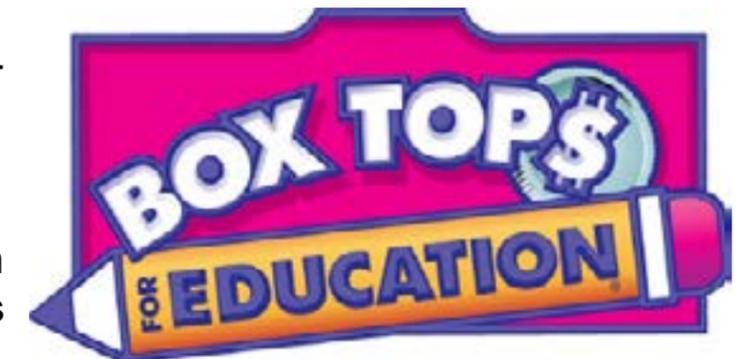
Book Fair 2/11 - 2/15. Sign up on the FEC Facebook page to volunteer!

## Inspirations

Renaissance Academy will be hosting Regional Inspirations Contest on Thurs, Feb 28th at 6pm

## Box Top Collection Week

Box Top Collection week February 4-8. Please place box tops in a Ziploc bag. Label with your students name and turn them in to your teacher, or directly to Mr Wright. Winners will receive a reward lunch on Thursday, February 28. Parents of winners will be notified by email.



# After School Programs

We have a lot of new and exciting after-school programs going on!

***COACH STORYS BASKETBALL SKILLS CAMP***  
***THERE ARE ONLY A FEW SPOTS LEFT FOR FEBRUARY!***

## **Chess Club**

Chess club started on Jan 29 but it's not too late to sign up!

## **VOLLEYBALL**

WE HAVE SOME CROWING INTEREST IN VOLLEYBALL!  
EMAIL [nbybee@renacademy.org](mailto:nbybee@renacademy.org) TO GET INCLUDED ON UPDATES.

## *Silicon Slopes Ballet*

*Silicon Slopes Ballet will have "bring a friend to ballet" on February 15th!*  
*The last session begins in mid-March*

## **Robotics**

Robotics is full. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer to run a 2nd session, please email [nbybee@renacademy.org](mailto:nbybee@renacademy.org)

## **Drama**

**Elementary students will perform Alice in Wonderland on March 21-23rd**



# Summer Camps

We will be offering several things in the summer, watch for more information on the following camps:

## **MANDARIN CHINESE**

## ***BASKETBALL SKILLS***

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

## **VOLLEYBALL**

## **SOCCER SKILLS** **WE HOPE...**

## *Sewing Skills*

Reading comprehension





## 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](mailto:tstory@renacademy.org)**

# Chess Club

## CPC



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## Renaissance Academy

**Beginner & Intermediate Classes**

**12 week course**

**Begins Tuesdays Jan. 29th— Apr. 23rd**

no class Spring Break

3:10 p.m.— 4:30 p.m.

in the MS Science Room 206

**Tuition \$55**

**[Register online at https://renacademy.org/afterschool-clubs.](https://renacademy.org/afterschool-clubs)**

**Instructor is Larry Prisbrey a well known  
Chess Teacher, Mentor, and Coach for over 45  
years.**

# Teacher Spotlight

## 4th Grade

### Paige Carsey



Hello! My name is Paige Carsey, and I am so excited to be teaching 4th Grade! This past year I completed my degree in Elementary Education from Utah Valley University. I could not be more excited to be teaching at Renaissance Academy.

### Lisha Zhou

Hi! My name is Lisha Zhou. I come from Mianchi, a small town with a history of over 2000 years located in middle China. In 2009 I went to Beijing for college and majored in Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language. Four-year college life in Beijing broadened my horizon and made me want to explore what is outside my country. In 2013, I came to the US to further my education, and I gained my master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from UT Austin. In the summer of 2015, I moved here to Utah, and started teaching 4th grade Chinese immersion at Renaissance Academy. I really enjoy teaching, and working with kids. I am looking forward to continuing my teaching career here with so many amazing people, and using my expertise in Mandarin to help kids to the fullest!



### Courtney St. Clair



Mrs. St. Clair will be teaching fourth grade at Renaissance Academy. Mrs. St. Clair received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education with an added endorsement of Structured English Immersion, from the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona. It has been her dream to teach children. The reason Mrs. St. Clair got into the field was because of her passion to cultivate bright minds and create an exciting learning environment. Although new to Renaissance Academy, she is looking forward to partnering with parents and making school a place students want to be. Aside from Mrs. St. Clair's love for teaching, she enjoys being in the outdoors with her husband and entertaining family and friends. She wants to be a teacher that will empower her students and make them feel that they can do anything they set their minds to.

### Emily Depallens

Mrs. Depallens is a 4th grade teacher at Renaissance Academy. She graduated from Brigham Young University Idaho with a bachelor's degree in Political Science. She started working at Renaissance Academy in 2012 in the front office as the Executive Assistant. After working here for a number of years, she developed a desire and love for teaching! She was able to gain her teaching license while simultaneously receiving hands-on training here at Renaissance. She is half American, half British and grew up moving around overseas with her family. She has lived in Greece, Saudi Arabia, Venezuela, Belgium, Germany and Israel. She also lived in Hungary while serving a mission for the LDS church which is where she met her husband, Michael. She loves soccer (go Manchester United!), Harry Potter and chocolate!



# World Language

Happy February! We had a fabulous Wonderday with 3rd grade last month. We talked about communities around the world. The students had a blast learning about all the different customs and cultures from countries around the world that included Egypt, Italy, Mexico and China. We love our 3rd graders. They are so much fun and are very excited to learn! Third graders in Spanish begin each class with a warm-up activity that consists of basic questions that they now know how to answer independently. Try asking them questions to test their knowledge!



World Culture Night is going to be April 19th. Last year was an incredible time to explore world cultures, and this year will definitely not disappoint. We had such creative and hardworking volunteers last year, and would love to once again ask ANYBODY that wants to volunteer to assist with this event in ANY way to please contact Angie Cobiella at 757-768-4202 ext. 5111. In case you missed it last year, this event is one that you will want to invite friends and neighbors to attend with you! Stay tuned for more details!! We are so excited to be in the planning process again for this spectacular evening of culture, food and entertainment.

Exciting things are happening in Arabic! Natakallam, a non-profit that connects Syrian refugees with Arabic learners, granted us a full-scholarship for our Middle School Ar-

abic classes to Skype with a Syrian refugee and practice their Arabic as a class for 9 sessions. Our class speaking partner is a 25 year-old Syrian living in Germany where she just got accepted to complete her Bachelor's degree in English. We have loved getting to know her and humanizing the culture and language for our students!



Please feel free to contact any of the World Language teachers if you have any questions or concerns.

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## Reading Corner



During the stormy season of the year, when we are spending more time inside, please encourage reading at home. The latest studies show that reading just seven extra minutes a day can bring struggling readers up to grade level. On grade level and excelling readers can also benefit from just a few extra minutes a day.

Reading is such an important skill that influences every aspect of our lives. Make reading every day a priority in your family.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				Sack Lunch <b>1</b>
Egg, Ham & Cheese English Muffin PB&J Sandwich Grilled Cheese Sandwich <b>4</b>	Pizza PB&J Sandwich Grilled Cheese Sandwich <b>5</b>	Corn Dog PB&J Sandwich Grilled Cheese Sandwich <b>6</b>	Chicken Patty Sandwich PB&J Sandwich Grilled Cheese Sandwich <b>7</b>	Sack Lunch <b>8</b>
Apple Cinnamon French Toast PB&J Sandwich Grilled Cheese Sandwich <b>11</b>	Pizza PB&J Sandwich Grilled Cheese Sandwich <b>12</b>	Chicken Parmesan Noodles PB&J Sandwich Grilled Cheese Sandwich <b>13</b>	Sack Lunch <b>14</b>	Sack Lunch <b>15</b>
No School <b>18</b>	Pizza PB&J Sandwich Grilled Cheese Sandwich <b>19</b>	Country Fried Beef PB&J Sandwich Grilled Cheese Sandwich <b>20</b>	BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich PB&J Sandwich Grilled Cheese Sandwich <b>21</b>	Sack Lunch <b>22</b>
Egg, Ham & Cheese Breakfast Burrito PB&J Sandwich Grilled Cheese Sandwich <b>25</b>	Pizza PB&J Sandwich Grilled Cheese Sandwich <b>26</b>	Chicken Enchilada Nachos PB&J Sandwich Grilled Cheese Sandwich <b>27</b>	Spaghetti PB&J Sandwich Grilled Cheese Sandwich <b>28</b>	



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>

\*Menu items are subject to change\*