Important Dates in March

3/1-31 Reading Month Celebrations!
3/5 2nd-grade field trip - Clark Planetarium
3/12 & 3/13 5th-grade field trip - BYU Museums
3/13 FEC Classic Skate Night 5:30-8:30 pm (Sandy Location)
3/18 5th-grade Reaction Time Assembly & Workshop
   3/18-22 Battle of the Books (BOB)
   3/18 3rd & 4th BOB Battles 9:30 am
3/19 7th & 8th-grade Versus Teachers BOB Battles 3:30 pm
   3/20 Board Meeting 7 pm
3/21-22 Elementary Play Assemblies ‘Alice in Wonderland’
3/21-23 Elementary Play Performances 7 pm ‘Alice in Wonderland’
3/22 7th & 8th-grade field trip - Leonardo Museum
   3/22 Last day of Term 3
   3/25 Term 4 begins
3/25-29 Teacher Appreciation Week
3/28 Kindergarten field trip - Aquarium
3/28 3rd-grade field trip - Aquarium
3/29 BOB Final Assembly
4/1-5 SPRING BREAK
RA Happenings

Caught Being Good Assembly

Students who never received an office referral during second term were rewarded with a Caught Being Good Assembly. They had the opportunity to throw pies at their teachers! It was a super fun, very messy experience for everyone.

Valentines Day
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Grade Level</th>
<th>Spelling Bee Winners</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>![Student 1]  ![Student 2]  ![Student 3]  ![Student 4]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>![Student 5]  ![Student 6]  ![Student 7]  ![Student 8]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>![Student 9]  ![Student 10]  ![Student 11]  ![Student 12]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>![Student 13]  ![Student 14]  ![Student 15]  ![Student 16]</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Announcements

Yearbook

The yearbook team is working to compile 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? A fun field trip? Crazy hair day? A class party? Or another fun activity? Please send it our way. Images can be sent to sknaupp@renacademy.org or to the yearbook staff.

Thank you. We appreciate your help preserving and sharing memories of a great year!

World Culture Night

Dear Parents,

This year we will be holding our second annual World Culture Night on April 19th. This is a very unique and enriching experience that supports our school-wide goal of creating global citizens. This year the theme is Adventure Awaits You and we will be transforming 16 classrooms into different interactive cultural experiences from around the world. We are looking for volunteers that want to help share cultures and customs. This year each grade level will be in charge of choosing two countries from a given region of the world. We will need all the support we can get to make this a memorable experience for students and families. Any and all volunteers are happily welcomed. If you are willing to help make this a smashing success please sign up on the attached Google doc under your child's grade level.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LnE4Ash9HT9tHbVvYeFz4njK4T- nu83mq7RjhV6fub9hA/edit

Boundaries Presentations

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. 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
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.

A big thank you to our generous families who have truly stepped up over the last week and donated a lot of money to K-6 field trips!

**Kindergarten**
$500 needed to go to the Aquarium on 3/28

**1st-grade**
$350 to go to Heritage Park (‘This is the Place’) on 5/20

**2nd-grade**
$570 to go to the BYU Museums on 4/10

**3rd-grade**
$60 needed to go on field trips to both the Aquarium on 3/28 and the ‘Silver Lake Hike’ at Brighton Resort in May (this field trip was cancelled in Fall due to bad weather)

**4th-grade**
$380 needed to go to Camp Floyd on 5/28

**5th-grade**
BYU Museums on 3/12 & 3/13 is now fully funded. Thank you!

**6th-grade**
No remaining field trips scheduled. All funds exhausted.
First Grade Field Trip to The Treehouse Museum

The Treehouse Museum focuses on literature and stories from all around the world. Students have the chance to step into the imaginary world of fairy tales, fantasy, and magic. They get to dress up and act out a story. On our visit, we acted out “The Princess and the Pea.” Then, we were able to make our own Sheila or “Coat of Arms.” Next, we explored the castle and learned about Knights. Some of our students were “knighted.” Last, we were able to explore the museum. We were able to climb in giant treehouse and dress up in many different costumes.

3rd Grade Field Trip to The Museum of Natural Curiosity

The 3rd grade field trip was full of fun, learning, and inquisitive minds discovering new things! The Museum of Natural Curiosity provided our students with hours of hands-on experiences and exploration. There were education opportunities that we loved experiencing together and WE think 3rd grade is the best!
2nd Grade Field Trip to Scera’s production of Tortoise and the Hare last week. They enjoyed watching the play and getting to interact with the actors after the play finished.

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 29th 9:00-10:00 am

Teacher Appreciation Week

March 25-29

“Thank you for helping us bloom!”

Monday: Teacher’s Favorite Snack
Tuesday: Write your teacher a note!
Wednesday: Restock the classroom with supplies!
Thursday: Think of others! Bring something special or send a note to your specialty teachers, aide, or any other staff at the school.
Friday: Favorite things. Bring your teacher one of their favorites!
We will be offering several things in the summer. Registration opens THIS MONTH!

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
We wrapped up the 2019 Girls Basketball Season on February 13th. We only had one player return from last year and our team consisted of 4th through 7th grade girls with very little basketball experience. They have grown as individual players and as a team. The new rules of the league required the school to have 2 teams or 1 team play 2 games each contest, we chose to have 1 team play 2 games at each school. Worn out by the end of the night, the Girls never gave up (even when the other team was often a foot taller and more experienced) and left everything they had on the court. We could not be more proud of how far these girls have come and hope to have them ALL return next year.

Coaches Mr. and Mrs. Blackhurst
Clarissa Flink

Can you think of a better grade to teach than 5th grade? Mrs. Flink can’t. She loves teaching 5th grade and is glad to be at Renaissance Academy. Mrs. Flink’s teaching career started when she graduated from UVU in the early 2000’s. She first started teaching in Granite school district. After having a crazy first year teaching she decided to take a break and help her new husband run his own business. When this did not prove to be enough of an adventure for her, she became a flight attendant and flew around the United States, Mexico, and Canada. She loved seeing the country and getting to know the different cultures, attitudes, and beliefs that exist in the United States.

In 2008, Mrs. Flink welcomed her two son’s into her family and decided that it was time to be grounded for a while and get back into teaching. She then started at Guadalupe School in downtown SLC where she was the reading specialist and then their first 5th grade teacher ever. After working there for several years she decided to once again take a hiatus from teaching while she cared for her mother and father. With their passing came new challenges and the end of the hiatus. She couldn’t wait to get back into the classroom.

This is the fifth year that Mrs. Flink has taught 5th grade and she loves every minute of it. She believes that it is possible for students to achieve whatever they set their mind to and is there to help them reach their goals. School is a place for learning, growing, and realizing that everyone makes mistakes. It is what you do after a mistake has been made that makes all the difference. Do you find out how to fix it and learn from it, or do you say, oh well I just don’t care? Learning and growing is what Mrs. Flink feels life is all about. As Thomas Edison once said “I have not failed 1000 times; I have found 1000 ways that do not work” This is the attitude we need to have when learning or trying something new. We may fail but it isn’t really a failure, it is just finding a way that doesn’t work. Mrs. Flink strives everyday to help her students realize that they might fail at something but it isn’t the end, it is only the beginning of trying again.

Samantha Jones

Mrs. Jones is a new teacher to Renaissance Academy and is teaching fifth grade. She has lived in Utah her entire life and recently graduated from Western Governor University with a B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies. In her classroom, she strives to help each student achieve success and become team players in the learning environment. Mrs. Jones loves to incorporate exploration, movement, and many other creative avenues into her teaching.

In 2014, she was married to her supportive husband and they recently had their first child. She enjoys being creative, playing tennis and Frisbee, spending time with her family, and planning vacations.

She is thrilled for the new school year to begin and to be teaching again at Renaissance Academy!

Nihao! My name is Jun Yin but I also go by Bonnie. I am from Kunshan, Jiangsu, China. I speak Mandarin and English.

I came to the States U.S in 2012 and received my master degree in Curriculum and Instruction with K-8 elementary teaching certificate from Northwest Nazarene University, Nampa, ID. I had taught Mandarin to students from 1-8 as a part-time teacher for two years and I did my full time student teaching in two immersion classrooms in Idaho.

Thank you for supporting our dual language immersion program! I am excited to teach in the fifth grade Chinese immersion classroom this year!

Xiexie!

Heather Booth Jones

This is the fifth year that Mrs. Flink has taught 5th grade and she loves every minute of it. She believes that it is possible for students to achieve whatever they set their mind to and is there to help them reach their goals. School is a place for learning, growing, and realizing that everyone makes mistakes. It is what you do after a mistake has been made that makes all the difference. Do you find out how to fix it and learn from it, or do you say, oh well I just don’t care? Learning and growing is what Mrs. Flink feels life is all about. As Thomas Edison once said “I have not failed 1000 times; I have found 1000 ways that do not work” This is the attitude we need to have when learning or trying something new. We may fail but it isn’t really a failure, it is just finding a way that doesn’t work. Mrs. Flink strives everyday to help her students realize that they might fail at something but it isn’t the end, it is only the beginning of trying again.
March 2nd is READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY. Make sure to take time to read with your family. Diving into a book can reduce your stress levels by 68%. Reading regularly has also been shown to help sharpen your mind, fend off dementia, and foster empathy. Who would not want those benefits?

Here at Renaissance, we celebrate reading the whole month of March. Students have the opportunity to engage in a little friendly competition. Watch for reading logs to come home every week so the students can keep track of how many minutes they are reading each day at home. We will have activities at school during the month to remind the students to keep reading!

Our goal is 354,000 reading minutes this month to break our RA Reading Minutes record!

Activities for students this month include:
* Monthly reading log - Prizes will be awarded to all students who turn in 4 weeks of reading logs
* Prizes will also be awarded to top grade level weekly winners based on reading logs submitted
* Daily quotes of the day classroom competition

Spanish & Arabic Elementary: In preparation for World Culture Night grades 1-5 will be preparing for their presentations in the classroom. We would love the support of the parents in making sure their student is here that night.

World Culture Night is going to be April 19th. This year’s theme will be Adventure Awaits. This is an incredible time to explore world cultures, and this year we definitely do 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 801-768-4202 ext. 5111. There will also be an email going out with a Google doc so that you may sign up that way. 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.

Dr. Seuss Week
- Weekly Reading Logs (Prizes given for those who turn in all 4)
- Daily Quotes Mon-Thurs
  K-2, 3-5, 6-8th grade teacher email answer to Tracy Scott
- Classroom Poster Contest
  Each class will be given a white poster board. It is up to your class to create a poster to represent their favorite book or birthday or characters from Dr. Seuss. Come paint up on Wednesday on the wall outside your door and they will be judged and we will announce the winners on Friday. K, 1, 3, 5 Prizes

Fantasy & Adventure Week
- Weekly Reading Logs (Prizes given for those who turn in all 4)
- Wednesday Lunch Activity: Fantasy/Adventure Photo booth in Gym

Fairytale/Folk tale Week
- Weekly Reading Logs (Prizes given for those who turn in all 4)
- Dress up as your favorite Fairytale or Folk tale character on Friday

Battle of the Books Week
- Weekly Reading Logs (Prizes given for those who turn in all 4)
- Daily Quotes Mon-Thurs
  K-2, 3-5, 6-8th grade teacher email answer to Tracy Scott
  Battle of the Books Assembly: 9:00am Fri. March 29th
- April 12th: Prizes awarded in the Library during school.
  FREE DRESS April 12th if school beats School Wide Reading minutes of (354,000) minutes.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Monday</th>
<th>Tuesday</th>
<th>Wednesday</th>
<th>Thursday</th>
<th>Friday</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Waffles PB&amp;J Sandwich</td>
<td>Pizza Grilled Cheese Sandwich</td>
<td>Cheeseburger PB&amp;J Sandwich</td>
<td>Sweet &amp; Sour Chicken PB&amp;J Sandwich</td>
<td>Sack Lunch</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grilled Cheese Sandwich</td>
<td></td>
<td>Grilled Cheese Sandwich</td>
<td>Grilled Cheese Sandwich</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Biscuit, Sausage &amp; Gravy PB&amp;J Sandwich</td>
<td>Pizza Grilled Cheese Sandwich</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grilled Cheese Sandwich</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>French Toast Stick PB&amp;J Sandwich</td>
<td>Pizza Grilled Cheese Sandwich</td>
<td>Chili Cheese Fries PB&amp;J Sandwich</td>
<td>Popcorn Chicken w/Mashed Potatoes</td>
<td>Sack Lunch</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grilled Cheese Sandwich</td>
<td></td>
<td>Grilled Cheese Sandwich</td>
<td>Grilled Cheese Sandwich</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Egg &amp; Bacon Muffin</td>
<td>Pizza Grilled Cheese Sandwich</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PB&amp;J Sandwich</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grilled Cheese Sandwich</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Served M-Th Fruit/Salad Bar Milk</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A La Cart Milk $0.25</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PB&amp;J Sandwich $1.25</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pizza $1.00 (Only Tuesday)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Online Payments**

[https://secureinstantpayments.com/sip/?ID=21717](https://secureinstantpayments.com/sip/?ID=21717)

**We are hiring a part-time kitchen assistant $12/hour. Typical hours M-Th 9am-2pm & Fri 10am-1pm. Send resume to saires@real.com. Menu items are subject to change.**