

# RAPP

May 2019

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- 5/15 RA Board Meeting 7 pm
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- 5/17 FEC Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast 8 am
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- 5/28 K-2 Field Day 1 pm
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- 5/29 3-5 Field Day 1 pm
- 5/30 6-8 Field Day 1 pm
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- 5/30 8th-grade graduation 6 pm
- 5/31 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - Students released at 10:15 am

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# RA Announcements

## RISE Testing

### (Readiness, Improvement, Empowerment, Success)

Dear Renaissance Families,

RISE testing requires students in 3rd-8th-grade to take a standardized adaptive assessment in their core subjects. RISE testing is scheduled to begin at Renaissance next week, Monday 5/13-24 for all students in 3rd-8th grade. The RISE tests are replacing the SAGE tests previously used to collect and compare data on student achievement across the state in Language Arts, Math and Science from 2014-2018.

Since end-of-year RISE testing began across the state in March, errors and widespread problems with the online testing system have occurred repeatedly as students have attempted to complete and submit their tests for scoring. The reported challenges have included difficulty logging in, frozen tests, inability to re-access a test if it is paused for a break, test submission and test scoring errors, and increased test duration. To learn more about recent experiences with RISE testing in Utah, search RISE testing on KSL or Deseret News websites. Information about the RISE tests can also be found on the RISE Portal at <https://utportal.questarai.com/students-families/>

Renaissance Academy will offer RISE testing as required by Administrative Rule R277-404. Unfortunately, however, due to frequent disruptions and difficulties, the data collected this year is likely to be limited in its validity and reliability (i.e., usefulness) for both longitudinal and immediate comparison purposes. We also expect it may take significantly longer for our students to complete their RISE tests than the original estimate of 6-10 hrs per student.

#### **Please note the following important information about RISE testing:**

1. Student performance on RISE assessments cannot, by law, negatively impact a student's grade. RISE testing results currently do not have any impact on student grade at Renaissance.
2. Student participation rates on RISE assessments do not negatively impact school funding.
3. Students are not penalized in any way, if parents choose to opt their students out of RISE testing.
4. Parents may choose to opt their students out of RISE testing by completing the approved USBE opt-out form located online at: <https://renacademy.org/dynamic/content/1096/31/rise2018parentalexclusionform.pdf>

**As a parent, you have the opportunity to evaluate the benefit of RISE testing for your student this year. To opt-out of RISE testing, please download, complete and sign an opt-out form for each of your students and return it to the school as soon as possible. Completed opt-out forms should be handed in at the office or emailed directly to our Dean of Students, Stephanie Avery at [smccappin@renacademy.org](mailto:smccappin@renacademy.org).**

Additional information can be found at <https://renacademy.org/rise-testing>

## 2019-20 New Student Enrollment

New student enrollment for the 2019-20 school year has begun. Our lottery has been run and we currently have offers out to new students in all grade levels. We are still encouraging anyone interested in attending Renaissance next year who is not already on our wait list to put their students names into our lottery system and join the wait list. We do move through the wait lists as quickly as possible and would love to give as many families as possible the opportunity to send their students to our school next year. Please contact Mrs. Susi Blackhurst our Enrollment Specialist in the office with any questions about enrollment or student registration. New families can join our current wait list by registering their student in our lottery system on our school website at <https://renacademy.org/schedules-enrollment>.

## 2019-20 1st-grade Chinese Immersion Placement

Mrs. Stephanie Avery is in the process of reviewing all student requests for placement in our Chinese Dual Language Immersion program for students entering 1st-grade next year. Placement confirmation emails will be sent out to all families who have requested the program as soon as possible in the next week. Please keep a close eye out for a confirmation email in your inbox. Please let Mrs. Avery know if you have any questions about the program by contacting her at [smccappin@renacademy.org](mailto:smccappin@renacademy.org)

## 2019-20 AM/PM Kindergarten Session Confirmation

Mrs. Stephanie Avery is in the process of reviewing all student requests for placement in our AM or PM kindergarten classes with Mrs. Holmgren and Ms. Boyd next year. Placement confirmation emails will be sent out to all families who have submitted a preference for AM or PM kindergarten as soon as possible in the next week to allow families to begin preparations for carpool and childcare. Unfortunately, due to high popularity not all families who requested AM will be able to have their student attend AM kindergarten. If you originally requested AM kindergarten but you would also be happy with PM kindergarten placement please let Mrs. Avery know as soon as possible. Please also contact Mrs. Avery at [smccappin@renacademy.org](mailto:smccappin@renacademy.org) with any questions about kindergarten or our school.

## Library Books due back Friday, May 17.

Don't forget! Please avoid a library fine and return all library books by Friday, May 17.

## Dance Showcase

We will be hosting our Spring Dance Showcase on May 8th at 4:30pm in the gym. We invite all our students to come see some of the wonderful dancers we have in our school, with some special guest performances by your classmates.



### Family Scouting 799

SERVICE-KINDNESS-LEADERSHIP-COMMITMENT

"Changing the World One Scout at a Time!"

Offering a quality Scouting program for both girls and boys, ages 5-18, Kindergarten-12<sup>th</sup> Grade. Our Cub Scout Pack 799 has girl dens and boy dens. Our Troop 799 has a Troop for girls and a Troop for boys. Scouts who are enrolled in a Pack or Troop at their church, can still be enrolled simultaneously in our Pack or Troop. We have lots of fun day camps, camp outs, and hiking activities planned for the summer. Come join the fun! Please contact our Chartered Organization Representative, Angela Walker, for more information: [awalker@renacademy.org](mailto:awalker@renacademy.org)

## Lunch Program Information and Reminder

As stated in the Lunch Charge Policy. During the last month of the school year, students with a delinquent account will be given an alternate meal until payment is made in full. All accounts with negative balances are expected to be paid before the last day of the school year. Any negative balances remaining after school finishes will remain the obligation of the parent/guardian until paid in full. At the discretion of school administration, negative balances that are not paid in full by the last day of school may be sent to collections at the cost of the patron. Patrons with account balances under \$10.00 will not be refunded. These balances will carry forward to the 2019-20 school year. Students who are withdrawn or graduate may request a lunch account refund for the sum that exceeds \$10.00. This request must be made in writing, within 60 days of departure. Alternatively, all funds may be transferred to a sibling's account.

The full Lunch Charge Policy can be found online at:

[https://renacademy.org/dynamic/content/1180/38/school\\_meal\\_charge\\_policy\\_eAP3h.pdf](https://renacademy.org/dynamic/content/1180/38/school_meal_charge_policy_eAP3h.pdf)

## Seamless Summer Lunch Program

Nutritious free meals are available for children ages 18 and younger at many Utah locations throughout the summer while school is out of session. For available locations visit the USDA website at <https://www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks> or call 1-800-453-FOOD(3663) or simply text FOOD to 877-877 to find summer meals near you. Information can also be found on the Utah State Board of Education website

<https://schools.utah.gov/cnp/sfsp>.



# FEC Announcements

FEC Presidency

MARY MECHAM President  
mmecham@gmail.com

**FEC Meeting**  
May 3rd @ 8am. All parents are welcome!

**BOGO Book Fair**  
May 6th - May 8th

## Renaissance Academy

### Spirit Night

Monday, May 13th  
5:00pm - 8:00pm  
Lehi Pointe Location



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Teacher



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



All parents are invited to join us for breakfast on Friday, May 17th. We want to thank each of you for all of your time, your support, and the talents that you've shared with us this year. We've had a great year, and couldn't have done it without you. We will also be announcing a new FEC Presidency for 2019-2020. We hope you will join us.

Thank you to Nanette Jones and the committee for a fun Mother/Son Game Night!!





Summer is just around the corner, but the Fall Carnival Committee is already hard at work. Help us out by purchasing items for the carnival's silent auction over summer break so they'll be ready to donate in the fall. All proceeds from the auction go directly back to the school for projects and educational activities, and the classrooms that donate the most items and the highest total value items will win a class party! Here are the themes for this year:

## Renaissance Academy

### 2019 Fall Carnival Classroom Donation Themes

#### Kindergarten

##### Full STEAM Ahead!

Anything related to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts or Math (Science kits, Puzzles, LEGOS, etc.)

#### First Grade

##### You're An Animal

Anything related to animals (Art, Games, Plush Toys, etc.)

#### Second Grade

##### Pretend Playtime

Anything related to Hands-On Play (Dress Ups, Kitchen Toys, Toy Tools, etc.)

#### Third Grade

##### Things That Go

Anything related to speed (Planes, Trains, Scooters, etc.)

#### Fourth Grade

##### Ready, Set, Wet!

Anything related to water fun (Squirrel Guns, Slip n Slide, Beach Stuff, etc.)

#### Fifth Grade

##### Home Sweet Home

Anything related to household utility and decor (Gadgets, Art, Emergency Prep, Food, Cleaning, etc.)

#### Sixth Grade

##### Family Fun

Anything your family would love to do together (Games, Puzzles, Passes, Gift Cards, etc.)

#### Middle School

##### Sweat It Out

Anything related to health and fitness (Sports, Gear, Outdoor, Spa, etc.)

## Summer Camps



### SUMMER 2019

- Cookie Decorating
- Basketball Skills
- Ballet
- Princess & Pirate camps
- Mandarin Chinese
- Sewing
- Multiplication Clinic
- Sign Language
- Spanish
- Drama
- Makeup Application
- Cheer

## SUMMER CAMP

### JUNE · JULY · AUGUST

#### Watch EventBrite for details . . .

Camps are still being scheduled and we are in the process of solidifying teachers. If you or someone you know would be interested in running a summer camp, please message [nbybee@renacademy.org](mailto:nbybee@renacademy.org)



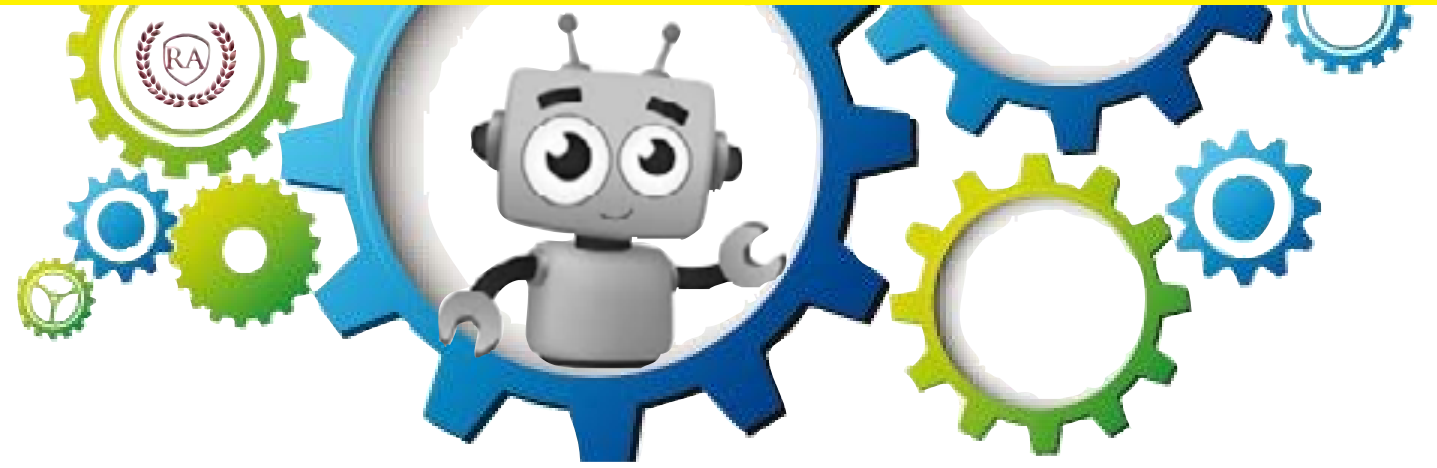


## SUMMER CAMPS FOR AGES 9-17

A 3-DAY EXPERIENCE THAT WILL TAKE CAMPERS OUT OF THIS WORLD ON SPACE ADVENTURES TO THWART DASTARDLY DEEDS, HELP THOSE IN NEED, AND OCCASIONALLY SAVE THE UNIVERSE AS WE KNOW IT.



ENROLL NOW AND GET MORE INFORMATION AT:  
[www.SpaceCampUtah.org](http://www.SpaceCampUtah.org)



## ROBOTICS CAMP

June 10 - 14, 2:00 - 3:30pm

Grades 2 - 5

Room #209

\$59

We will be doing daily engineering and programming challenges. Students will use creativity and problem solving skills to construct robots that complete certain tasks. It will be a fun-filled learning experience for everyone!

Register Now at:  
<https://renacademy.org/summer-camps>



## World Language

Our recent World Culture Night was a roaring success! We have received lots of wonderful feedback from those who were in attendance. We loved the opportunity to showcase your students' progress during their performances and are very proud of how well they all did! Our faculty really came together and helped make this an incredible event! Thank you to all of our wonderful parent volunteers who generously put countless hours into planning, creating and carrying out many beautiful cultural displays and activities. Next year's event looks to be even better and brighter! We are always open to feedback and suggestions. Please plan to attend World Culture Night next year if you were unable to attend this year.

The World Language team is wrapping up the year hoping to get through as much material and cultural activities as possible. Middle School (including 6th grade) will be having their in-house field trip this **Friday May 3rd**. We will be bringing in catered food to represent Chinese, Arabic and Spanish speaking countries. Please take the time to make your students' teacher aware of any food allergies your child may have. ¡Muchas gracias!

## Reading Corner

We have finished our state reading assessments for the year. Here are some school-wide results that might be of interest.

- 96% of students at Renaissance Academy showed growth from beginning of year to end of year in reading proficiency.

We met two goals this year that are reported to the state:

- School-wide reading proficiency will be above 60% - Our school had 80% of our school population above benchmark in reading proficiency.

- First grade will show 3% growth in reading proficiency between the beginning of year and the end of the year. Our first grade students showed a 7% growth from beginning of the year until the end of the year in reading proficiency.

We have a good year with reading progress in our school. In order to hit the ground running in the fall, we encourage all families to be reading over the summer, every day. We do not want to lose ground. There is nothing more relaxing than sitting out under a shade tree and getting lost in a good book.

Happy Reading!

## RA Happenings

### Congratulations to our state winners of the Inspirations Art Contest!

Jada Lynch - Honorable Mention  
Macy Feveryear - Honorable Mention  
Austin Cross - Honorable Mention  
Carter Flint - Honorable Mention  
Thomas Feveryear - 3rd Place  
Joshua Walker - 1st Place  
Jarom Walker - 1st Place  
Sydney Harding - 1st Place







# WORLD CULTURE NIGHT





# Teacher Spotlight Middle School

## Travis Story



### Teaching Career:

9 years teaching Math and PE at North Sevier Middle School  
2 years teaching Business Education at North Sevier High School  
2nd year teaching PE/Health at Renaissance Academy

### Additional Info:

- \*Back to Back State Champions in Basketball in 1996 & 1997 at North Sevier
- \*Served a LDS mission in Cleveland, Ohio
- \*Played basketball at Snow College
- \*Coached basketball at North Sevier High School 2006-2015

### Hobbies:

Spending time with my kids (Malarie 11, Mason 9, Madilyn 7, Miles 5), coaching Renaissance Basketball team, golfing, watching/playing Basketball, Baseball, Football, Love North Carolina Basketball and Utes Football/Basketball. I also enjoy building websites and anything techy.

## Camden Robinson

Mr. Robinson graduated from UVU in April 2015 with a degree in history education and began teaching the very next day. He has spent the last 3 years working with troubled youth and adolescents with addiction in various capacities in residential treatment facilities in the state. He spent the past year working as the Transition to graduation director and general education teacher at a small facility in central Utah.

Mr. Robinson is very passionate about history, particularly Native American history, and loves bringing his passion into the classroom in fun and interactive ways. He enjoys reading and furthering his knowledge of history in different ways and passing on this knowledge to his students.

When he isn't teaching he enjoys any outdoor activities that involve being on 2 wheels, especially cycling, downhill mountain biking, and riding his motorcycle. He also enjoys spending time with his fiancé Catherine and their Great Dane Oppenheimer.



## Larry Vidinha



Mr. Vidinha is a seasoned teacher with 30 years of experience in Missouri, Texas, California and Utah. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Education (chemistry, physics, math) from the University of Missouri, as well as a Master's Degree in Education from Central Missouri State University and a Master's Degree in Public Health from the University of Missouri. Mr. Vidinha is a former teacher of the year (Texas). He embraces a variety of student-centered learning strategies, to include discovery/inquiry based learning, collaborative learning and a curriculum with rigor and relevance. He views teaching as a calling, not simply a job. His philosophy of teaching is "the best way to learn is to teach" which his students learn quickly.

He is a U.S. Army veteran with combat tours in Panama and the Persian Gulf and is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command & General Staff College. He taught in the California State University system while on assignment from the Army. This is his fourth year at RA and he is expanding his science role by doing science enrichment in K-5 as "Mr. Tache.

Mr. Vidinha and his beautiful wife Marci, have four children and six grandchildren. He is active in his church, and personal interests include racquetball, coaching, scouting, reading, cooking and hiking with his grandkids.

## Stefani Knaupp

Stefani Knaupp is the Career and Technical Education teacher for middle school students at Renaissance Academy. Stefani is beginning her 16th year as a CTE educator and enjoys teaching students skills that are useful in education and in the work place.

This is Stefani's second year at Renaissance Academy, and she is looking forward to associating with RA's fantastic students, professional faculty, and supportive families.





## Chelsea Smith



Miss Smith is in her second year of teaching. Last year she taught 8th Grade Mathematics and Secondary Math 1 Honors at Timpanogos Middle School in Heber City. This year is her first year working with students with special needs. She is passionate about education, learning new things every day, teaching and supporting others, and collaborating with her peers. She loves mathematics, and particularly, working with students who need extra support with foundational skills and concepts. One of her goals is to make math a positive and fun learning experience so her students will grow to love problem-solving and learning, just like she does.

Miss Smith loves spending time with her friends, making new friends, and visiting her family back home in Michigan during breaks and holidays. She enjoys going to the movies, watching plays and musicals, working out, swimming, and attending Zumba and yoga classes. To relax, Miss Smith likes to read, cook and bake, organize, play guitar, and sing - with her sisters, as well as up front at church.

## Laurie Dukes

Mrs. Dukes grew up in Long Beach, California. She graduated from Brigham Young University with a Bachelor's in History Teaching in 1996 and earned a Master's in Literacy Instruction from UT Arlington in 2012. Mrs. Dukes has previously taught in Japan, California, Texas, and Saudi Arabia. She is excited to share her love of literacy with our Middle School students! She hopes that each and every student will develop a true passion for reading, writing, and lifelong learning.

When not at school, Mrs. Dukes enjoys reading and writing at home. She also loves digital crafting, cardmaking, getting out in nature to walk and hike, and traveling the world with her family.





**Monday**
**Tuesday**
**Wednesday**
**Thursday**
**Friday**


6  
 Cinnamon Roll  
 PB&J Sandwich  
 Grilled Cheese Sandwich

7  
 Pizza  
 PB&J Sandwich  
 Grilled Cheese Sandwich

1  
 Chicken Drumstick  
 w/Mashed Potatoes  
 PB&J Sandwich  
 Grilled Cheese Sandwich

2  
 BBQ Pulled Pork  
 Sandwich  
 PB&J Sandwich  
 Grilled Cheese Sandwich

3  
 Sack Lunch

13  
 Egg, Sausage &  
 Cheese Muffin  
 PB&J Sandwich  
 Grilled Cheese Sandwich

14  
 Pizza  
 PB&J Sandwich  
 Grilled Cheese Sandwich

8  
 Cheeseburger  
 Macaroni  
 PB&J Sandwich  
 Grilled Cheese Sandwich

9  
 Chicken Haystack  
 PB&J Sandwich  
 Grilled Cheese Sandwich

10  
 Sack Lunch

15  
 Chicken Sandwich  
 PB&J Sandwich  
 Grilled Cheese Sandwich

16  
 Country Fried Beef  
 w/Mashed Potatoes  
 PB&J Sandwich  
 Grilled Cheese Sandwich

17  
 Sack Lunch

20  
 Funnel Cake  
 PB&J Sandwich  
 Grilled Cheese Sandwich

21  
 Pizza  
 PB&J Sandwich  
 Grilled Cheese Sandwich

22  
 Meat & Cheese  
 Nachos  
 PB&J Sandwich  
 Grilled Cheese Sandwich

23  
 Corn Dog  
 PB&J Sandwich  
 Grilled Cheese Sandwich

24  
 Sack Lunch

27  
 No School  
 Memorial Day

28  
 Pizza  
 PB&J Sandwich  
 Grilled Cheese Sandwich

29  
 Chicken Nuggets  
 PB&J Sandwich  
 Grilled Cheese Sandwich

30  
 Cheeseburger  
 PB&J Sandwich  
 Grilled Cheese Sandwich

31  
 Sack Lunch



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>

**PARENT REMINDER**  
 STUDENTS WITH ANY AMOUNT NEGATIVE  
 WILL BE GIVEN AN EMERGENCY LUNCH UNTIL  
 AMOUNT IS PAID IN FULL IN THE MONTH OF MAY.

\*Menu items are subject to change\*