

# RAPP



May 2017



## Important Dates

5/1-19	SAGE Testing	5/17	Board Meeting 7 pm
5/1-5	Book Fair - Mon-Thurs. 7:45-4 pm and Fri. 7:45-1 pm	5/19	Dance Festival 11 am
5/3	Chick Fil A Spirit Night	5/19	3rd grade program
5/4	5th grade field trip - Biz Town	5/22	Kindergarten Presentation - AM K 10:15 am and PM K 12:15 pm
5/5	FEC Meeting 8 am	5/23	3-6 Elementary Field Day (afternoon)
5/10	NJHS Meeting 3:15-4 pm	5/24	K-2 Elementary Field Day (afternoon)
5/12	MS field trip - Lagoon and Momentum Climbing Gym	5/25	MS Field Day
5/12	4th grade History program 10:45am	5/25	Kindergarten field trip - Canyon Hike
5/15	1st grade field trip - Ogden Dinosaur Park 8:15-2:45 pm	5/25	NJHS Recognition Presentation 5pm
5/15	9th grade field trip - La Caille 4:30 pm	5/25	9th grade MS Graduation 6pm
		5/26	Last day of school - Students out at 10:15 am

The Renaissance Academy Printing Press



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## **2017-18 New Student Enrollment and Registration**

New student enrollment for the 2017-18 school year has begun. Our lottery has been run and we currently have student wait lists in all elementary grades. 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 for 2018. 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>.

## **SAGE Testing Schedule 2017 - Testing begins next week - May 1-19**

End of year SAGE testing begins next week for all students in 3rd - 9th grade. Please see our 2017 SAGE testing schedule below. If at all possible, please try to ensure your students are present at school during their scheduled testing times. Please avoid checking them out if possible during testing times to allow students to concentrate and do their best without interruption. Please also encourage your students to eat a substantial and healthy breakfast before coming to school to allow them to concentrate and do their very best to demonstrate the skills and knowledge they have attained at school this year. Students in 3rd grade are testing in Language Arts (reading and writing) and Math, while students in 4th-9th grade complete online assessment in Math, Language Arts (reading and writing) and Science. Allow you will see a significant amount of time has been allocated for each assessment below, this is a generous time allocation to also allow breaks, set-up and clean up of chrome books. The recommended testing times for the SAGE tests in Math, Science and Reading is 90-120 minutes while Writing is 60-90 minutes. Please note that most students typically finish the assessments in less than the recommended testing times (i.e., 90 minutes or less) and in the lowers grades students are permitted short breaks as needed.

Please see our 2017 SAGE testing schedule online at <https://renacademy.org/sage-testing>

## **SAGE Opt-Out Form 2017**

If you do not wish your 3rd-9th grade student to take the SAGE tests beginning next week, please complete and sign opt-out form and return it to the office as soon as possible. Opt out forms are available on our school website at <https://renacademy.org/sage-testing>

## **Shop Amazon Smile**

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Renaissance Academy whenever you shop on AmazonSmile. Amazon has a large variety of gifts that are perfect for Mother's Day including electronics, jewelry, clothing, and more. Click this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-3365730>.

## Summer Camps 2017 - Sign up now!

If your students or anyone you know (neighborhood friends, family etc) are interested in attending a camp at Renaissance this summer, check out our online summer camp brochure and registration opportunities by clicking the links below. RA is hosting weekly summer camps and math and reading support. Join RA teachers for Wizard Camp, Chinese Immersion, Drama Camp, Princess Camp, Lego Camp, and MUCH MORE! 10% discount for registering multiple students- use code "sibling"

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

Please contact Julie Walker at [jwalker@renacademy.org](mailto:jwalker@renacademy.org) with any questions or concerns associated with our 2017 Renaissance Summer Camps offerings and schedule.

Please see the following link to access our Renaissance Summer Camps newsletter: [https://renacademy.org/dynamic/content/1221/58/summer\\_camps\\_rapp\\_2017.pdf](https://renacademy.org/dynamic/content/1221/58/summer_camps_rapp_2017.pdf)

Please see the below link to access our Renaissance Summer Camps registration page: <https://renacademy.org/summer-camps>

## 6th - 9th grade student activity - Friday 5th May - 'Alcatraz Escape Games'

Our MS Student Government has organized another 6th-9th grade after school escape room activity next Friday 5th May. Please see details below.

Alcatraz Escape Games

12674 S. Pony Express Rd.

Draper UT 84020

1:45-3:00 pm

Discounted price for RA students: \$20 plus tax (reg \$25).

\*Please note all students are expected to find their own transport to and from Alcatraz Escape Games. Please contact Julie Walker at [jwalker@renacademy.org](mailto:jwalker@renacademy.org) for more information or if you are interested to helping chaperone our students at this activity.

## FEC Parent Volunteer Recruitment for 2018

Our wonderful parent organization the FEC is beginning to recruit volunteers to join event committees and support our school and students in 2018. If you or anyone you know is interested in getting more involved at Renaissance next year, please contact 2017 FEC President Alyson Harper at [alysue23@gmail.com](mailto:alysue23@gmail.com) or 2018 FEC President Mary Mecham [mmecham@gmail.com](mailto:mmecham@gmail.com) to find out about the types of service opportunities available, and to register your interest and availability. We have opportunities for all parent schedules and are flexible, understanding and appreciate all parent volunteer support!

# FEC Announcements



## FEC Presidency

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## FEC Meeting

The FEC meets on the first Friday of each month at 8:00 am in the teacher lounge at the school. Every parent at Renaissance Academy is a member of the FEC and we would love to have your input, your ideas and your help. Feel free to join our meetings any time.

The next meeting will be held on **Friday, May 5th at 8:00am.**

Get involved by joining our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/renaissancefec/>

## Teacher Spotlight



April's Hampton Teacher Spotlight Staycation winner is Mr. Drew Wright! Mr. Wright is known by all as our fantastic librarian. Students may first meet Mr. Wright in the library, but he is a man of many hats at Renaissance Academy. He teaches grades 2-6 typing, coaches both ballroom teams, helps with DIEBLS and SAGE test-

ing, and can often be found helping with many of the after school activities at the school. Parents are quick to point out how helpful Mr. Wright is, "He doesn't just stick to his job description he branches out and helps everyone." "Not only is he amazing with the kids, but he goes above and beyond to help students, parents, faculty, and after school activities and programs. He is a great asset to the school."

Mr. Wright grew up in Utah and graduated from UVU before coming to Renaissance Academy. He has been with Renaissance since its opening and has taught middle school and 2nd grade as well.

Here's one example of his kind heart, "A couple of months ago my daughter (7th) came to school and right before she walked in she spilled flavored water on her shirt. It was purple. She was so embarrassed. In first period Mr. Wright noticed her and asked her why she wasn't smiling. She told him the problem and he said that he missed her bright smile. She was so happy. He left then came back when class was over and gave her a shirt that he bought. He buys extra clothes and if he sees a student in need then he gives them things."

Thank you Mr. Wright for all you do!



## Uniform Swap

The FEC will have a Give/Take table at the dance festival on May 19. Feel free to bring any gently used uniforms that you want to donate, and if you see something you need, feel free to take it. This is a give/take uniform swap. No money exchanged.

## Help Wanted!

The FEC has big plans to raise money and fund important projects for our school, and we need someone who likes to count every penny to help us do it. If you secretly love to categorize expenses and create color-coded pie charts, you have what it takes to be our FEC treasurer. (Just kidding, no pie charts required!) Please contact Mary Mecham (mmecham@gmail.com) for more information.

## Volunteer Appreciation

We know you've done lots of big things and lots of little things that help make our school great. The FEC wants to treat you to a delicious breakfast on Friday, May 12 at 8:00am in the Art Room. All parents/grandparents/guardians who have volunteered this year, in the classroom, on a committee, or in any capacity are invited!! We hope to see you there.

WE'RE GETTING TOGETHER TO SAY

THANK YOU

FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK!

YOU'RE INVITED TO ATTEND A  
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BRUNCH

MAY 12 | 8:00AM

IN THE ART ROOM



# RA HAPPENINGS

## **Españolandia**

Our Spanish students in grades 6-9 had the opportunity to go to Españolandia at BYU last month! Españolandia is a Spanish Language Fair in which students have the opportunity to practice what they have learned.

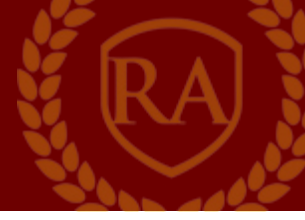


## **5th Grade Patriotic Program**

Our fifth graders put on a Patriotic Program for the parents where they sang various patriotic songs as well as presented what they learned about American History.



# FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



## Ms. Tracy Scott



Ms. Scott is the Reading Specialist at Renaissance Academy. She was born and raised in Salt Lake City, Utah. She has five children, four girls and one boy. But, things always equalize in the universe...she now has six grandsons! She enjoys spending time with her family. They are some of the finest people she knows.

Her favorite things about working at Renaissance Academy, are the faculty, staff, and

students that she has the privilege of associating with on a daily basis. She says "it is very rewarding to watch the students grasp the concept of reading and take off." Her favorite life motto is "Die, or die trying." The reading program is done mostly in the hall where we have the opportunity to pull students out one on one or in small groups. We have been able to arrange our staff of reading aides and grade level aides so that all students have time for one on one reading with an adult on a weekly basis. This is helpful to our students. Ms. Scott said, "I love my job and enjoy the time I spend here every day!"

## Mrs. Trudy Messick



Mrs. Messick is the lead aide, library aid and also helps out in the office here at Renaissance. She has lived in Utah most of her life in places like Salt Lake, Provo, Price, Brigham City, Sandy, and now Highland. For about 3 years of her childhood, she lived in California, close to Knott's Berry Farm and Disneyland.

Something interesting about Mrs. Messick is that she has written a few books and a bunch of children's songs that are available on cassette tape.

Her favorite thing about Renaissance is that the students get to be involved in so many different activities all year long and have the opportunity to be involved in many after school activities as well. A few of the things she likes to say at school are: "Are you be-havin'?" "You can do it" and "Math is FUN!"

## Miss Dorian Kinder



Miss Kinder is our music and drama teacher for the whole school! She is originally from McHenry, Illinois which is a Chicago suburb. She has a sister who also lives in Lehi and looks almost exactly like her, but they aren't twins. People frequently

get them mixed up.

Her favorite thing about Renaissance Academy is the awesome students! When asked what her favorite thing about teaching is, she said, "helping kids work together to achieve a common goal!" Currently, her advanced drama class is beginning rehearsals of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night. The students will not only act in the play, but they will also be in charge of costumes, props, lights, microphones, set, and audio cues.

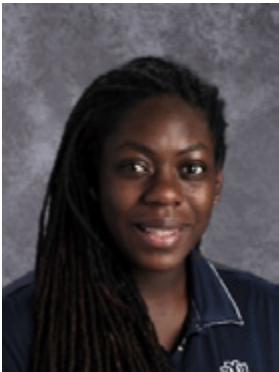


## **Mrs. Marsha Trottier**



Mrs. Trottier is our art teacher for all of the grades here at Renaissance, so she gets to know most of the students. She is originally from Virginia. She loves biking, swimming and, of course, creating art! She is the recipient of the prestigious award of Junior High Art Educator of the Year for the State of Utah. In addition, her work, as well as that of her students', has been displayed throughout the state and published in art books and journals. Her classroom motto is a quote by Walt Disney who says, "it's kind of fun to do the impossible." Her favorite thing about teaching is seeing the students be creative.

## **Mrs. Porshe Hansen**



Mrs. Hansen teaches Elementary P.E. as well as Middle School journalism. She enjoys teaching movement skills to her elementary students as well as writing skills to her middle school students. She is originally from East Orange, New Jersey. She used to run track at BYU. She loves the people she works with, She said, "I love the teachers here. It's nice to work with nice people." When asked what her favorite thing about teaching is she said, "I love the kids! Seriously, kids are why I do this." Her motto is "work hard, have fun."

## **Mr. Drew Wright**



Mr. Wright is the Librarian here at Renaissance Academy. He teaches typing to grades 2-6 and also coaches ballroom! He has traveled the world with ballroom dance and has even competed against several of the stars on Dancing with the Stars! His favorite thing about teaching is, "inspiring kids to love to read, as a second grade teacher I gave books to them for their birthday gifts that were selected for each students interest. As the Librarian I try to keep this same thing alive as we give away prizes for Reading Week, and other reading activities. I love to take kids on new adventures while we read." His teaching motto is "everyone can do it! No is not an option! Just keep reading!"

## **Mrs. Stefani Knaupp**



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