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Important Dates

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- 11/9 NJHS Meeting 3:15-4:00pm
- 11/10 Student Picture Retake
- 11/10 3rd Grade Field trip - This is the Place Park Native American Experience 9am-1:30pm
- 11/10 FEC Classic Skate Night
- by 11/11 Battle of the Books Registration
- 11/11 Veterans Day
- 11/14-18 White Ribbon Week (Internet Safety)
- 11/16 Board Meeting 7pm
- 11/17-19 MS Play Production of "Annie Jr" 7pm
- 11/18 MS Play Cast Party 12:15-2pm
- 11/21 4th Grade Field trip - Natural History Museum 9am-2pm
- 11/21 5th Grade Thanksgiving Feast
- 11/22 5th Grade Maturation Program
- 11/23-25 Thanksgiving Break



ANNOUNCEMENTS



New Volunteer and Visitor Check-in System

ALL SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS AND VISITORS MUST SIGN IN AT THE OFFICE WHEN ON CAMPUS

We have a new visitor and volunteer check-in/out system in our front office. If you are at school for any reason (whether it be 5-minutes or two hours), please make sure to check in and receive a yellow visitor badge at the office immediately before moving past the office. Visitors and volunteers are now required to complete the following important steps before entering our school;

1) Sign in and out manually in the visitor/volunteer folder on the ledge next to the office window

This manual sign in/out is required to allow us to account for all individuals on location in the school in an emergency situation. In the case of an evacuation, the folder allows any office member to pick it up on their way out of the building. Please remember, if you do not sign in and out of this folder, we will not realize you are in the building and will not be looking to ensure your safety and whereabouts in the case of an emergency.

2) Check in and out using our electronic system and receive a stick-on visitor badge

Please also check in and out using your drivers license at our computer check-in station located inside the office doors (located next to the laptop used to track volunteer hours). To check in, scan your drivers license, have your picture taken and receive a printed bright yellow visitor badge containing your photo ID, name, date and time. Please wear this visitor badge in an easily visible location close to your left shoulder. You will receive a new badge with that day's date every time you come back to visit or volunteer at school.

Please let me know if you have questions about our new volunteer/visitor electronic check-in and -out system.

*Please do not forget to check out on both systems before you leave the school

This requirement is for your own safety as well as the safety of our students. We need to know who is on campus at all times. Please remember, all volunteers must also have a current background check to volunteer at school, please contact Emily Simons at esimons@renacademy.org if you would like to confirm if your background check is current.



Term 1 Report Cards - Friday November, 4

Elementary Students (Kindergarten-6th)

To increase parent/teacher communication and help our students be successful, all students will receive a copy of their Term 1 Report Card to take home in their backpack this Friday 11/4. All students are required to have their report card signed by a parent/guardian to demonstrate it made it home and then return it to their classroom teacher next week. If all students in a class return a signed report card BEFORE Friday 11/11, that class will be awarded a free dress day on Monday 11/14. Once a student has shown their teacher a copy of the signed report card they will be instructed to take the report card home permanently.

Middle School Students (7th-9th)

Middle school students are also required to have their Term 1 report card and unofficial transcript (9th graders only) signed by their parents and then returned to Mr. Robinson next week. Middle school students will receive a grade level free dress day on 11/14 if all students in their grade have turned in a signed report card. Middle school students will also have the opportunity to earn a BONUS free dress day on Tuesday 11/15 if all MS reports are signed and returned by Friday 11/11.

*Parents please remember to check your students backpacks on Friday 11/4 for their Term 1 Report Card, carefully review it with your student and sign and return it to their classroom teacher as soon as possible next week.

We appreciate your support in helping our students be successful and achieve their potential at school. If you have any questions or concerns about your students grades for Term 1 please do not hesitate to contact your student's teacher.

Field Trip Donations

ELEMENTARY 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 trips at least four times a year. Field trips at Renaissance are made possible and funded completely by parent donations. When a field trip donation is made, the money goes directly to the nominated students grade level field trip fund and is used solely for this purpose. We are still in the first half of the year and 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!

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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 the trips some may have to be canceled. Please help make these field trips a reality for our student/s by making a donation to your students 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 '1st grade field trip donation' etc).

Below you will see a detailed summary of our 2016-17 elementary field trip schedule and associated costs by grade level. 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.

Grade Level	Scheduled Field Trips	Date
Kindergarten	Hee Haw Farm	October
	BYU Monte L Bean Life Science Museum & Live Animal Show	January
	Loveland Living Planet Aquarium	April
	Swinging Canyon Hike	May
	Total Expenses	\$2,500
	Revenue	\$1,736
	Kindergarten donations needed	\$764

1st Grade	Smith's	September
	Hogle Zoo	October
	Scera Play - Alice in Wonderland	February
	Ogden Dinosaur Park	May
	Total Expenses	\$2,500
	Revenue	\$1,720
	1st Grade donations needed	\$780

2nd Grade	Smith's & Dentist's Office	August & September
	Hare Krishna Indian Temple & Salem Pond	October
	Scera Play - Alice in Wonderland	February
	Clark Planetarium	March
	BYU Museums	April
	Total Expenses	\$3,500
	Revenue	\$2,300
	2nd Grade donations needed	\$1,200



3rd Grade	Rock Canyon Hike	October
	This is the Place Park - Native American Experience	November
	Museum of Natural Curiosity	February
	Loveland Living Planet Aquarium	April
	Total Expenses	\$3,500
	Revenue	\$1,700
	3rd Grade donations needed	\$1,800

4th Grade	Museum of Ancient Life	September
	Natural History Museum	November
	Mountain Man Week (at school)	January
	Aquarium (at school)	February
	BYU Monte Bean Museum	March
	Camp Floyd	May
	Total Expenses	\$3,000
	Revenue	\$1,617
	4th Grade donations needed	\$1,383

5th Grade	Provo Canyon Hike	September
	Utah Capitol	October
	Chinese field trip	February
	Biz Town	May
	Lehi Legacy Center	May
	Total Expenses	\$2,300
	Revenue	\$1,055
	5th Grade donations needed	\$1,245

6th Grade	Clark Planetarium	October
	Polar Bear Swim, Legacy Center	December
	Hale Center Theater, 'Seven Brides for Seven Brothers'	March
	World Language Restaurant Experience	March
	Science field study water collection	April
	Total Expenses	\$2,500
	Revenue	\$870
	6th Grade donations needed	\$1,630



Science Fair

The Renaissance Academy Science Fair is getting under way. Teachers have been distributing registration forms and parent instruction packets to students who are going to participate in the Science Fair. All forms and a really easy to follow Science Fair Workbook are online. Look for the FEC Facebook page, they have them for easy download there, or contact Peggy Taylor (ptaylor@renacademy.org) for Elementary Science Fair Forms and Larry Vidinha (lvidinha@renacademy.org) for Middle School Science Fair Forms and information. The registration forms can also be found at the end of this newsletter.



The registration forms are due November 18, 2016 and the Science Fair will be Thursday, January 12, 2017 from 6pm-8pm. Last year was really fun and I think everyone that participated and came to look at all the presentations were awed by the imagination and science that Renaissance students demonstrated.

If you would like to volunteer to judge the entries, decorate, set up or clean up please let FEC Secretary Amber Guymon know (acguymon@gmail.com).

Dress Code During Winter

It's now winter - don't forget to send your student to school with a dress code appropriate warm layer to wear indoors!

Parents/guardians, please remember to send you students to school wearing dress code appropriates sweaters/sweatshirts and cardigans to wear in the school building. Non-dress code coats or sweaters are not permitted to be worn in the school building and classrooms. Please respect our school dress code. Students wearing non-dress code outer layers will be asked to remove their non-dress code items. Thank you!



White Ribbon Week - November 14-18

Renaissance Academy is hosting White Ribbon Week this year. This is a week where we will focus on helping students make healthy choices in media and technology. This year's theme is "Let's Get Real." We will be helping students find a healthy balance between screen time and "real life" activities by giving them specific tools and challenges. Each morning we will share a "Reality Boost" message followed by a coordinating activity during lunchtime and an end of the week slide show*. We hope parents will take the opportunity to talk to their kids about what they learn throughout the week.



***Please help us with our Slideshow!** We want pictures of your student(s) participating in Real Life (non-screen) activities. Pictures can be anything from reading a book, playing sports or an instrument or just having fun with family/friends. Please send pictures to whiteribbon.ra@gmail.com

Daily "Reality Boost"

Monday: "I will swap media time for a real-life experience each day"

Tuesday: "I will always talk to a trusted adult right away about anything that doesn't seem right"

Wednesday: "I will use technology to show kindness and respect to everyone."

Thursday: "Not everything I see online is real."

Lunchtime Activities

Monday: Students can write their favorite real life (non-screen) activity on paper pennants to be displayed in the hallways that week.

Tuesday: Review the 10-minute rule, teach them Tic-Tac-Toe(Turn it Off, Tell a Trusted Adult, & Turn to something active), followed by some version of Tic-Tac-Toe Games

Wednesday: Students can throw bean bags into a box/target labeled "Be a Winner, Be kind Online"

Thursday: Take a Reality Quiz



2016-17 Basketball Game Schedule

Date	Time	Opponent	Location
Wednesday, Nov 2	5:00pm	Ascent Lehi	1999 W 900 N Lehi, UT
Monday, Nov 7	6:00pm	Summit Academy Ind.	15327 S Noell Nelson Dr. Bluffdale, UT
Wednesday, Nov 9	7:00pm	Channig Hall	APA Campus 2, Lone Peak Parkway, Draper, UT
Monday, Nov 14	5:00pm	Ascent Lehi	1999 W 900 N Lehi, UT
Wednesday, Nov 16	5:00pm	Summit Academy Draper	13200 S 1225 E Draper, UT
Monday, Nov 21	5:00pm	APA Draper	APA Campus 2, Lone Peak Parkway, Draper, UT
Monday, Nov 28	5:00pm	Summit Academy Draper	13200 S 1225 E, Draper
Wednesday, Nov 30	6:00pm	Summit Academy Ind.	15327 S Noell Nelson Dr., Bluffdale, UT
Monday, Dec 5	7:00pm	Channing Hall	APA Campus 2, Lone Peak Parway, Draper, UT
Wednesday, Dec 7	6:00pm	APA Draper	APA Campus 2, Lone Peak Parway, Draper, UT



Parking

Please do not park your cars in the parking lots of local businesses surrounding our school.

Business owners have repeatedly asked us as a school community (i.e., you as parents) not to park in their parking lots. We as an administration, also request that you respect our neighbors and do not park in the parking lots other than our own school lot. Please be advised, if you continue to park in any of the surrounding parking lots not belonging to Renaissance, you risk receiving a pricey parking ticket if reported to police by the local business owner.

Sick Students Should Stay Home

Please remember to keep your students at home if they are unwell. We would like to keep as many students and faculty members as healthy as possible for as long as possible! Students who are sent to school and who are visibly sick, contagious, or who throw up at school will be sent home.



Lost & Found

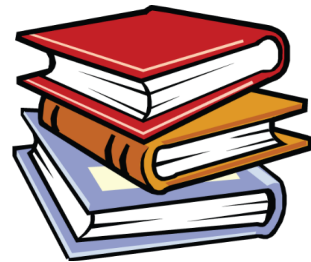
Please remember to check lost and found if your student is missing their coat, lunch bag or box. Chances are it might be in lost and found. We currently have a lot of lost lunch boxes piling up daily. Parents, please encourage your students (and yourself) to check the lost and found frequently. We would hate to donate any items you don't realize are lost or that you have to re-purchase. Lost and found is located in the gym and office (small items only).

After School Procedures

Please coordinate with your students and carpools before school where and when you will be meeting for after-school pickup. The overhead speaker is only to be used in case of an emergency. For your information, students are not permitted to use the office phone until 3:15 pm after school.

Battle of the Books

Battle of the Books Sign ups going on right now until November 11! If you are interested please fill out the form online at renaissancebob.blogspot.com and get reading. The book lists for each grade can also be found at the above listed blog. HAPPY READING!!!



Middle School Play

The Middle School performances of "Annie Jr." will be held on...

Thursday, November 17 at 7:00pm

Friday, November 18 at 7:00pm

Saturday, November 19 at 7:00pm

RA Sweatshirts

If you would like to purchase a Renaissance Academy sweatshirt, please see Emily Simons in the front office or email her at esimons@renacademy.org. All sweatshirts are \$25. They come in navy blue or red and can be zip-up or pullover style. They are available in youth and adult sizes.



Phoenix 200 Club

Congratulations to our latest group of Phoenix 200 Club Winners! The following students are invited to enjoy a movie field trip to see the new movie 'Trolls' on Friday 11/4 at Thanksgiving Point Megaplex. We will be attending the 10:50 am movie session and plan to leave the school at approximately 10:15 am to return by 1pm. Students should wear regular spirit dress to school on Friday 11/4. Please email me at smccappin@renacademy.org to give permission for your student to attend this field trip. Students will be transported to and from Thanksgiving Point in cars driven by faculty and parent chaperones who have cleared driving and safety requirements. Please also let me know if you would like to help out as a parent chaperone and driver.



Jaydaa Morsy (K)
Jerzie Mower (1st)
Elise Ku (1st)
Sebastian Epperson (1st)
Kannon Lehmborg (1st)
Zoe Teng (1st)
Jacob Rodriguez (1st)
Drew Allen (1st)
Lucy Martinez (1st)
Tyson Bookout (1st)
Ben Stokes (2nd)
Matthew Speirs (2nd)
Ben Curley (3rd)
Lyla Barlow (3rd)
Felipe Freire (4th)

Carson Jones (4th)
Canyon Murie (4th)
Breken Roberts (4th)
Zack Orten (4th)
Ryker Bement (4th)
Hunter Dieters (5th)
Anthony Cook (5th)
Ben Jensen (5th)
Luke Luangrath (5th)
Aiden Freestone (5th)
Sophia Groom (5th)
Jane Goebel (6th)
Abril Harris (6th)
Emma Rodriguez (7th)
Spencer Vidal (8th)

Important Meetings

HOPE Squad Meeting

HOPE Squad Meetings will be the first Wednesday of every month from 3:15-4:00 in Mr. Swanson's portable (portable 2). The next meeting will be **Wednesday, November 2nd**. All HOPE Squad Members are required to attend.

Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 16th at 7:00pm**. The agenda will be posted prior to the meeting online at <https://renacademy.org/board-meetings>.



FEC Announcements

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, November 4th at 8:00am.**

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

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Teacher Spotlight

We have many AMAZING teachers here at Renaissance Academy!

We are hoping to highlight those that go above and beyond this year with a new program. Thanks to Hampton Inn at Thanksgiving Point we will be presenting one FABULOUS teacher a month with a free overnight stay! We need to hear from you about the rewarding experiences you are having with the teachers. Parents and students please email us why your teacher deserves to be spotlighted and enjoy this fun stay-cation! RAHamptonSpotlight@gmail.com.

This month's winner is: Mrs. Dominguez

Mrs. Dominguez is one of our fabulous 2nd grade teachers. Thanks to the Hampton Inn at Thanksgiving Point for the free night stay!

As one of her students said-Mrs. Dominguez deserves to win because she is fun, awesome, and kind to me.

One parent found that Mrs. Dominguez puts a genuine interest in each and every one of the kids in her class. Her son enjoys having her as a teacher, and loves going to school just to see Mrs. Dominguez.

We love having Mrs. Dominguez at Renaissance!





RA HAPPENINGS

'WHIP' Childhood Cancer Awareness Assembly



Meet the Aguilar Family

This is the Aguilar family! Lucas Aguilar is our Super Hero. He is a 2nd grade student in Mrs. Maliwauki's class. Lucas has been battling leukemia since he was 3-years old. In 2014, Governor Herbert declared October 11th as Lucas Aguilar Super Hero Day!



Make a Wish Foundation

We had a guest speaker from the 'Make a Wish Foundation' that came to talk to the students during the assembly. He told the students all about the foundation and the different kinds of wishes that children can make.



Red Ribbon Week



**"A HEALTHY
ME IS DRUG
FREE!"**



Red Ribbon Week is a week that brings awareness to and promotes living a drug free life.

During this week, we had an assembly where BYU athletes came during Red Ribbon Week to talk about what it means to be "Cougar Strong."



HALLOWEEN PARADE



**THRILLER
FLASH
MOB**

Jr. Academy Learns About Pumpkins

Autumn brought the study of season changes, colors, life cycle of plants, and Pumpkin Math!! Four parents bravely volunteered to help with our cross-curricular math and science project and we were off! After agreeing on the hypothesis that “Pumpkins have different numbers of seeds not depending on their size,” we measured height and circumference of pumpkins, measured the volume of ‘guts’, and counted seeds. Each table grouping charted their data on a combined chart to be studied and compared.

Our hypothesis was proven accurate: The size of the pumpkin does not correlate or determine the number of seeds.



7th Graders Learn About Navajo History and Culture

Mr. Robinson’s 7th grade Utah Studies classes were given the opportunity to listen to 2 guest speakers from the Navajo Nation as they wrap up their Native American tribes of Utah unit. The students were able to hear the language spoken by native speakers and learn more about the Navajo Clan systems, they were also able to ask questions about history, culture, food, and even Navajo jewelry and Turquoise.

Guest Speakers: Ammon Ranger and Walita Begay



Field Trips

2nd Grade at the Hare Krishna Temple

Second grade had a blast at the Hare Krishna temple in October! They took a tour of the temple and learned how to meditate, raced llamas, then ended the day with a lunch at Salem Pond.



Kindergarten at Hee Haw Farms

The first field trip of the year for Kindergarten was FANTASTIC! It was the first bus ride for many of the students and that in itself was a thrill!



They rode in an old time hay-wagon and saw an interesting group of animals



They saw a GIANT pumpkin and were able to choose a pumpkin to take home! It was a great day at Hee Haw Farms!





Meet our Special Education Team!



Kim Beck, Special Education Director

Mrs. Beck and her family live in Pleasant Grove. She has three children, Chandler, Cydnie and Hunter. She LOVES traveling the world. This past summer she spent a month traveling through India and Nepal. Last year she

visited Vietnam. During the past five years she has gone to Haiti three times, and Africa once on Medical/Dental humanitarian trips. She has been lucky enough to travel a lot during her life, so her bucket list includes all the rest of the world that she has not yet seen.

Mrs. Beck graduated from the University of Utah in 1993 with a degree in Public Relations. She never imagined herself being a teacher, but 8 years ago while volunteering at her children's school, the Special Education Director asked if she would work with him as a para-educator. She was "thrown directly into the fire"

when asked to teach several small math classes to students grades 3rd – 8th who were struggling, as well as tutor students in reading and organization skills. She has always loved children, and helping these students feel successful as she assisted them in understanding difficult concepts, was an incredible experience. She has been in Special Education ever since.

Mrs. Beck says of her philosophy, "for children with disabilities, education is a challenge. It is my job as an educator to ensure that they get the most of their years in school and that they leave for the "real" world feeling valued, competent, and capable of doing anything they want to do. I want them to understand that they have great aptitude and ability for some things that a score on a test many never indicate. I will teach them the skills they need to succeed, and together we will discover their passion.



Stephanie Johnson, Special Education Teacher

Mrs. Johnson has been working with students with special needs for 9 years; this is her fourth year as the teacher. She loves helping students learn and grow. Seeing students progress and gain confidence brings her much joy.

Mrs. Johnson is married with 3 children. Because Mrs. Johnson has raised a child with dyslexia and ADHD, she has a personal experience with Special Education and the IEP process which gives her a unique perspective and understanding as a teacher. Mrs. Johnson likes to hang out with her family, bake and read when she has "free" time.





Karen Sue Nielsen, Special Education Teacher

Mrs. Nielson grew up in the sleepy town of Laie, on the island of Oahu. Her father was in the military, so they traveled a lot and lived in Hawaii, Germany, Massachusetts, Colorado, and Washington. She graduated from BYU, majoring in Elementary Education and Child Development and Family Relations. She completed a Masters of Education degree with a special education emphasis while teaching in Washington. She has been able to teach children for many years, spanning all ages, preschool to resource room high school. She also taught for a Title 1 Reading Program. She left the district program to raise a growing family amounting to 8 children. To accommodate her family, she organized and taught a home grown preschool program for 14 years. She reentered formal teaching in Washington, taught special education in middle and high school, then a develop-

mental 3rd and 4th grade class. She also became a district trainer for a crisis prevention/intervention training, a nationwide organization.

Her family has lived in Utah, Washington, and California; however, they consider Hawaii as home away from home. She loves to travel and has visited numerous European countries and LDS church and American history sites across the United States.

Mrs. Nielsen has always loved working with children. She says, "I feel a connection to children who are uniquely challenged. I am always hopeful that I can be an advocate for good in their behalf. School can be as exciting as taking a trip to Disneyland (minus the long lines) when you are on a journey with people who care, respect, and provide opportunities to be successful. I love my job and am so excited to be with students and teachers who care about living, loving, and learning."



Kayli Johns, Special Education Aide

Mrs. Johns is from California but has lived in Utah for the past 12 years. She has been married for 25 years. Her husband is a History professor at Brigham Young University. She has three children; Mitchell is 22, and twins Matthew and Jenna are 20. She also has a son in law, Kade. Her daughter is married and she and her husband are both

attending SUU while coaching high school volleyball and football respectively. Her son Matthew is on a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She has been working at Renaissance Academy on and off for about three years. She absolutely love working with children that have special needs. She says, "I love a challenge and will rise to any opportunity to help a child better access their world."



Catherine Robinson, Special Education Aide

Catherine Ranger is a special education aid at Renaissance Academy. She is engaged to Mr. Robinson, the history teacher. The middle school students know her as "lady Catherine." She was born in Salt Lake City, Utah and grew up in Window Rock, Arizona. She moved back to

Utah when she was 8 years old and currently resides in Orem. She has 5 brothers and 5 sisters. For fun she likes to freelance as a makeup artist. Her favorite thing about working at Renaissance academy would be helping each student achieve success! From solving a math problem to acing a test. She is excited to be a part of the special education department at Renaissance academy.



Meet our Kindergarten Team!



Amanda Gailey, Kindergarten Teacher

This is Mrs. Gailey's third year as a kindergarten teacher at Renaissance Academy. Prior to Renaissance she taught kindergarten enhancement classes as well as the three and four year old preschool programs at Learning Dynamics in Utah. In California she worked for

Santa Clara County in Special Education. She received bachelors and masters education from the University of California at Santa Barbara and Georgetown University.

Outside of her professional pursuits, Mrs. Gailey highly involves herself in the medical community working with researchers at the National Institutes of Health in

the DC area on cancer studies and future cures. This is a work dear to her heart since her mother is a breast cancer survivor, her father recently passed away from a genetic cancer, and she herself is a VHL warrior battling cancer.

Mrs. Gailey loves to learn about cultures and travel. She has traveled to France, Italy, Spain, Belgium, the Netherlands, Mexico, Costa Rica and all but 5 of the United States. She speaks French and has been a member of the Pi Delta Phi French Honor Society since 1997. She is happily married and has three amazing children (two of which go to Renaissance) with whom she loves to spend time, especially traveling to museums, the outdoors, Disney, to see family or their favorite, the ocean.



Keri Holmgren, Kindergarten Teacher

Mrs. Holmgren was born and raised in Southern California. She graduated from BYU in Early Childhood Education. She has dual teaching certificates in Early Childhood Education and in Elementary Education. She lived for over a year in

the Philippines where she gained a great love of other cultures and languages. Although this is her first year at Renaissance Academy, she has also taught second grade and kindergarten in the Alpine School District.

Mrs. Holmgren loves learning and wants all of her students to love learning, too.

Mrs. Holmgren and her husband have four children. She loves doing adventurous activities with her family such as river rafting, hiking, zip-lining, and riding roller coasters. She also likes to spend time with her family playing board games and family video games. When she's not spending time with her family, she enjoys reading, especially children's books, learning about other cultures, and doing genealogy.





Pam Hooker, Kindergarten Teacher

Ms. Hooker was born and raised in northern Utah, along with her two older sisters and her younger brother. They grew up singing and harmonizing together as siblings and with their dad playing the guitar and mom being our loving support, they performed at various functions throughout their growing up years. Their dad taught them each to play the guitar and she still loves singing. She performed in musicals and assemblies in school and later was in community plays and productions. As a mom and a grandma, she carries on the tradition of her kids and her singing, playing guitar, and enjoying music which has accompanied many of their best memories! A hunger to learn and to share learning is in her DNA and is a driving factor in why she teaches.

She appreciates Renaissance Academy and the variety of methods used to educate and enrich the individual. There are so many experiential growth opportunities available! The school offers numerous outlets for personal expression and ways to develop specific interests and talents. The students are friendly and treat educators with respect. The administration is approachable and supportive and strive to foster a positive, collaborative community. The staff is skilled and energetic. These are just a few reasons Ms. Hooker appreciates teaching at Renaissance Academy.

Besides teaching, she loves to read, travel, listen to good music and crochet. She still loves to learn and delight in new experiences.



Serene Bean, Kindergarten Aide

Mrs. Bean has been married to her husband John for 23 years. She has 5 children. The oldest is 22 and the youngest is 6. Her family has lived in 7 different states and have lived in Utah for almost 10 years. She has had all her children at Renaissance since the school opened. She has been a stay at home mom until her youngest started school and that's when

she started working here. She is on the Board of Trustees for Utah County Academy of Sciences(UCAS) High School. She also works with EF High School Exchange Year and helps find families to host students from all over Europe and Asia. Her family is currently hosting Paula from Germany. Some things she likes to do are running, hiking and exploring places especially in Utah. She loves watching movies and learning ASL. In the future she would love to run another marathon.



Amber Murie, Kindergarten Aide

Amber Murie has been an aide at Renaissance for a month now and is a great addition to our staff. Ms. Hooker said of Amber, "her energy and enthusiasm are uplifting and motivational to students and staff alike. Through her friendly attitude

it is easy to see she loves her job and making positive contributions to all with whom she works. Kindergarten teachers all appreciate Amber's willingness to assist in any way needed. We're lucky to have her at Renaissance!"



MESSAGE FROM THE LUNCH ROOM

The Food Service Department of Renaissance Academy is so happy to see you!

This is an overview of how we will start the year 2016/17. We are proud to be part of the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Movement. We serve a beautifully balanced, strictly monitored, healthy, delicious lunch EVERY DAY this year.

This year we will offer a box lunch on Friday between 12:15 and 12:45. We will provide tables for the students to sit and enjoy their lunch. If your student desires a box lunch for Friday, please have them get on the "Friday" count when the teachers take Thursday lunch count. If your student raises their hand for a lunch, they need to take the time to pick it up, as they may be charged for the lunch previous to pick up.

We will also offer a box lunch for field trips, this year. These will need to be ordered at least one day prior to need. Students can put their name on the teachers list for that specific field day. These must be ordered. I have no way of automatically calculating the needs of the students.

Every morning the teacher will take a raise of hands count for that day's lunch. The students need to realize how very important it is to raise their hands if they desire lunch. This count determines the amount we prepare. This count is not connected to any other program i.e. student accounts, free or reduced lunches, etc. If they do not raise their hand, the count is short, and someone, at the end of serving, will, unfortunately get a substitute meal.

We OFFER five items. Protein (Meat Meat Alternate) Grain (Whole grain Breads, Rice, Pasta, etc.)Fruit or Vegetable State regulation for a reimbursable meal says that K through 8th Must take 1/2 cup, 9th must take 1 cup of fruit or vegetable. Fluid Milk we offer 1% White milk and Skim chocolate or strawberry. They can choose at least three of the five items, but they must take the quantity required by the State/Federal guidelines. One of the choices MUST be the fruit or veggie. It is my hope that they will take all five items offered. They can take several items from the salad bar but they need to consider the other students and eat what they take. Please talk to your students and help us to help them to make healthy choices. They need to consume the three choices.

We have managed to keep our price point at \$2.50 for one more year. Extra milk is \$.25. Extra main dish is \$1.00 and available ONLY after student has purchased the full balanced meal. And, only available if we have enough product to cover extra entrées'. We may offer other healthy choice, extra items, such as Capri Sun Drinks or snacks for \$.50. If you do not wish for your student to take extra items you must make it clear to them, as we have no way of monitoring or flagging the student. We do not offer entrées' to students under 3rd grade, but, they can purchase the side items such as Capri Sun Drinks.

We will do the lunch payments the same way as last year. There will be payment envelopes available across from the front office. Please place the check or cash in the envelope and seal it. Fill out the required information on the front of the envelope, so that the money can be properly credited. Drop the envelope in the box marked Lunch Money. I pick up the deposits each morning by 8:30 am. If the payment is not in the box prior to 8:30 am it will not be credited until the next day. Encourage your students to use this method, instead of bringing the money through the lunch line. We will accept payments and milk money in the line, but it cannot be credited at that time. We do not have a cashbox and cannot make change. If you have questions on your student accounts please try to contact me at a time other than during serving, as it disrupts the flow of the line. If you choose to use the online payment option, payment must be made the day previous to need. I download every morning by 9am. I cannot download same day payments. To set up your accounts follow the instructions and links for Aspire and for SIPlive (online pmnts).



If your student is eligible for Free (\$.00) or reduced (\$.40) lunch, there are several ways to apply. The best way is to follow the links on Aspire and fill it out electronically. This is the best option because eventually the app has to be entered online anyway. If you absolutely cannot fill out the application online, you can pick up a hard copy application across from the front office, and submit it directly to the Food Service Department. NOTE: Fee Waivers and Free and Reduced are two separate programs and applications. You must put in two separate applications.

As a courtesy, we try to stamp hands if the account balance is getting low (\$5.00). Your student can choose the reminder or decline the stamp. We have been sending the student to the office to call a parent if the account is \$2.50 negative. If the account goes \$5.00 negative, your student will be offered an emergency lunch, which consists of Milk, Bread and Fruit and Salad Bar. You can monitor your students' account on Aspire.

If your student has special dietary needs you must provide the doctor approved special diet statement and acceptable substitutions. This application must be signed by a doctor or specialist as listed on the application. Allergies are generally classified as pick and choose. We offer enough of a variety that most can choose at least three of the items that will fit within their dietary needs. Be aware that we are not a peanut free school. We do provide a peanut free table.

If you have questions or concerns feel free to contact the Food Service Manager.

Thank You
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