

RAPP

April 2018

Important Dates

4/12	3rd Grade Field Trip (Aquarium)
4/13	FEC Meeting 8am
4/16	6th Grade Planetarium Visit & Workshops
4/16-20	DIBELS Testing
4/18	Board Meeting 7pm
4/19	Daddy/Daughter Dance 6-8 pm
4/21	FEC Tile Paint Day 9-11 am
4/24	5th Grade Maturation Program
5/3	1st Grade Field Trip (Ogden Dinosaur Park)
5/3	FEC Tile Paint Night 6-8 pm
5/4	FEC Meeting 8 am
5/9-11	Bookfair
5/7-24	SAGE Testing
5/11	Middle School Field Trip
5/14	Middle School La Caille Dinner
5/14-18	MS Field Trip - Week Without Walls (Northern California)
5/16	Board Meeting 7pm
5/17	Kindergarten Field Trip - Butterfly Release
5/25	Dance Festival
5/28	Memorial Day (NO SCHOOL)
5/29	K-2 Field Day 1-3 pm
5/30	3-5 Field Day 1-3 pm
5/31	6-9 Field Day 1-3 pm
5/31	Kindergarten Graduation
5/31	NJHS Recognition 5-6 pm
5/31	Middle School Graduation 6-7 pm
6/1	Last day of school (out at 10:15)

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Announcements

2018 Yearbooks

Order your 2017-2018 RA Yearbook.

Hardcover: \$32; Soft cover: \$24

The pre-order deadline is Friday, April 20

The personalization deadline is also Friday, April 20.

Yearbooks will be distributed the last week of school.

Yearbook pre-orders can be placed on-line: <https://renacademy18.picaboo.com/>



We need your PICTURES! 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? Fun field trip? Crazy hair day? Class party? Or other fun activity? Please send it our way.

Emergency Procedures

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

Parents/guardians and other school volunteers and visitors, please remember you are required to sign in at the office and wear a 'volunteer/visitor' badge when you are on school premises. 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. In case of emergency, if you have not signed in at the school office as required, we do not know you are in the building and will not be looking to account for your whereabouts and safety (i.e., in case of fire or lock down). Please remember, all volunteers must also have a current background check to volunteer at school.

Please contact Emily Depallens at esimons@renacademy.org if you would like to confirm if your background check is current.

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.

After School Procedures

Please coordinate with your students and car-pools before school as to 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.

Family Engagement Committee (FEC)

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.

Get involved by joining our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/renaissancefec/.

Due to Spring Break, April's FEC Meeting will be held on Friday, April 13th at 8am.

Tile Mural

Want to leave your mark on the school? Want to be part of Renaissance Academy history? Well, you CAN! Be part of a historic Tile Mural at Renaissance Academy. Students, families, staff and alumni are all invited to participate and we hope you will too. Tiles can be purchased online in the FEC Store: www.renacademy-fec.org.

Personal Tiles - \$25. You design and paint at one of our paint parties. All supplies will be provided. Tiles will be professionally fired and installed at the school during the summer.

Dedication Tiles - \$15. Want to honor a special teacher or staff member? You can purchase a dedication tile that will be painted professionally, but you get to choose the text!

Paint Party Dates at Renaissance Academy:

Saturday, April 21st, 9AM-11AM

or

Thursday, May 3rd, 6PM - 8PM

Tiles are selling quickly, so purchase soon!

Daddy/Daughter Dance

Go bug your dad, grandpa, or favorite grownup pal to be your date to this Renaissance Academy Spring Daddy Daughter Dance, Sadie Hawkins style!

Date: April 19, 2018

Time: 6:00pm- 8:00pm

Dress casual in a matching shirt with your date and come for fun!

Be sure to pick up your tickets at the front desk. There will be a raffle to win an exclusive date night with your Dad, along with refreshments, activities, photo booth, and dancing instruction.

*For questions see the FEC Facebook page or contact Ami Stokes the event's coordinator (385) 309-8400.

What's going on at Renaissance?

Willy Wonka Performance



Culture Moment

At Renaissance Academy, each student has the unique opportunity to learn a new world language! The languages we teach here are Spanish, Arabic or Chinese. We love to celebrate different cultures and learn about other customs from around the world!



Let's Learn a New Phrase!

English	Winning doesn't always mean being first. Winning means you're doing better than you've done before. – Bonnie Blair
Arabic	سابقا فعلته مما أفضلت فعل انك ي عني الافوز. لا اول تكون ان دائما ي عني ل الافوز al-fawz la ya'ani da'iman 'an takun al-owal. al-fawz ya'ani 'inak tafael 'afDal mimma fa'altu sabiqan
Chinese	獲勝並不總是意味著第一。獲勝意味著你比以前做得更好。 huòshèng bìng bù zǒng shì yìwèizhe dì yī. Huòshèng yìwèizhe nǐ bǐ yǐqián zuò dé gèng hǎo
Spanish	"Ganar no siempre significa ser el primero. Ganar significa que estas haciendo las cosas mejor de lo que las has hecho antes."

Reading Moment, Reading Corner

We have the final results of our Reading Minute Contest. We had many students who really dedicated themselves to reading this month. Last year, our total minutes read were 300,142. We well surpassed that this year with 353,920 minutes. This is an accomplishment!

Here are the particulars:

Individual Winners:

First Place Winner: 6th Grade - 104,298 minutes
Second Place Winner: 4th Grade - 66,227 minutes
Third Place Winner: Middle School - 43,693 minutes

First Place Winner: Jerin Luangrath - 13,995 minutes
Second Place Winner: Seth Dobson - 11,260 minutes
Third Place Winner: Lexi Simpson - 5598 minutes

Class Winners:

Grade Level Winners:

Kindergarten: Fondell p.m. - 6434 minutes
1st Grade: Christiansen Pandas - 14,826 minutes
2nd Grade: Harman Monkeys - 13,205 minutes
3rd Grade: Ahlstrom Sheep - 20,991 minutes
4th Grade: Wyatt Oxen - 22,640 minutes
5th Grade: Rice - 12,620 minutes
6th Grade: Scheerer Apollo - 51,074 minutes
Middle School: Dukes - 44,795 minutes

Kindergarten: Raquel Roach - 1,346 minutes
1st Grade: Carter Wilson - 2,117 minutes
2nd Grade: Kash Poyfair - 2,514 minutes
3rd Grade: Gabriel Jones - 4,795 minutes
4th Grade: Jerin Luangrath - 13,995 minutes
5th Grade: Brahm Bina - 2,468 minutes
6th Grade: Seth Dobson - 11,260 minutes
Middle School: Lexi Simpson - 5,598 minutes

We are very proud of our students. We are also proud of our parents who support reading in their homes. Happy Reading!!!



Faculty Spotlight

Special Education



Stephanie Johnson, Special Education Director

I grew up in northern California. In 2nd grade I volunteered for a special program that allowed me to get my wheel chair drivers license. I was so excited to go through the training and earn the right to push my friend Steven around the playground at recess. To say I was proud of that honor would be an understatement. (I wish I still had that card.) From an early age I loved working in special education. This is just one of many stories that marked my pathway towards this career. Life has an interesting way of leading us where we need to be.

I truly believe in the following teaching motto, and have found it to be true: Students don't care about how much you know, until they know how much you care. Along with sharing my caring for my students, I also love helping students learn and grow and progress. I find great joy in this process.

Fun fact: When not at school, I enjoy spending time with my husband and three adult children. We are great friends and this brings me much joy as well!



Melissa Christensen, Special Education Teacher

I am Melissa Christensen, a Utah Native. I've lived in Utah my entire life; growing up in Kaysville. I have 2 younger sister who currently live out-of-state with their families. I miss them so much, especially my beautiful young nieces: Ellie (10), Aubrielle (2), Maggie (2 months). I'm married and live in Roy with my husband and his son. We enjoy fostering rescue/shelter dogs and currently have 2 that we adopted through the shelter process.

I have been in Special Education for 14 years in the area of K-6 and love it because of the small group work and the occasional chances to work with wonderful students for more than just one year. I believe that all students can grow and make progress no matter what challenges they may face. That belief keeps me working in Special Ed.

Fun fact: I enjoy classical music and have played the violin since I was in the 5th grade, even though I ran over a violin in high school once on the way to a competition and had to purchase a new one. My Parents were not happy with me!!



Pam Welton, Special Education

My name is Pam Welton. I am married with four children and fourteen grandchildren with one on the way. I have a BA and an MA from California State University, Chico. I combined my two favorite careers of social work and teaching English when we moved to Utah. My husband was hired as the LDS Forest Manager so we left our home in beautiful Lake Almanor, California. He has recently retired. I received my special education license and ESL endorsement from BYU. I try to give students all the tools they need to succeed in school, but the learning is ultimately up to them. When a student decides to excel, nothing can stop their progress.

Fun fact: I love playing the piano, gardening, going to the movies and family time when we can all get together. All twenty-four of us went on a cruise before our oldest grandson left for his mission in Argentina.



Kari Hamilton, Special Education Intern

I have lived in Utah for almost my entire life, except for the 9 months that I lived in Vermont. I have four younger siblings and love spending time with them. I graduated with my Bachelor's Degree from BYU in April 2017 and I am currently working on my Master's Degree. My favorite thing about teaching is watching my students become more confident as they accomplish tasks that they thought were impossible. It is so fun to watch them get excited about learning and their progress. I love building positive relationships with my students and cheering them on as they accomplish their goals.

Fun Fact: I've been to Austria and Germany!



APRIL 2018

Renaissance Academy

Lunch \$2.50
Reduced \$.40

Monthly \$55
Monthly \$8.80

Monday

No School 2

Breakfast
Bowl 9

Apple
Cinnamon
Texas Toast 16

Breakfast
Burrito 23

Cinnamon
Roll 30

Tuesday

No School 3

Pizza 10

Pizza 17

Pizza 24

Wednesday

No School 4

Chili Cheese
Fries 11

Pig in a
Blanket 18

Hamburger 25

Thursday

No School 5

Sweet &
Sour
Chicken 12

Cheeseburger
Macaroni 19

Egg roll with
Fried Rice 26

Friday

No School 6

Sack Lunch 13

Sack Lunch 20

Sack Lunch 27

IMPORTANT REMINDER TO PARENTS

I hope your students have been enjoying the new options and menu for this year. As we're heading to the last 2 months of school keep a close eye on your students account since as stated in our Lunch Charge Policy during the last month of the school year in May students with a delinquent accounts of any amount will be given an alternate meal until payment is made in full.

Served M-Th

PB&J Melted Cheese Sandwich
Fruit/Salad Bar
Milk

Online Payments

<https://secureinstantpayments.com/sip/?ID=21717>

"Menu items are subject to change"