

# RAPP

*January 2019*

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## Important Dates in January

- 1/4 FEC Meeting 8 am
- 1/11 Spirit Day at Swig
- 1/14-18 Mid-Year DIBELS Assessments (K-6)
- 1/16 5th-grade field trip - Utah State Capitol
- 1/18 MS field trip - Drama Conference
- 1/18 Term 2 Ends
- 1/21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No school)
- 1/22 Term 3 Begins
- 1/24 Kindergarten field trip - Museum of Natural Curiosity
- 1/25 Battle of the Books Mock Battle
- 1/25 7th & 8th field trip - Utah State Capitol

*The Renaissance Academy Printing Press*



# RA Happenings



## Family skate night



# Field Trip!

On December 14th, 2018 the 6th grade loaded into 2 buses and headed to Clark Planetarium. The exhibits are brand new and everyone was engaged in learning astronomy, or meteorology, robotics, asteroids or other fantastic hands-on activities new to the Planetarium.

All of us grabbed 3D glasses before entering the IMAX theater and experienced a thrilling blast off into space on the Space Shuttle Endeavor to fix the Hubble Telescope. Many students actually reached out to grab that stray tool, or tried to touch the stars as they passed by. We saw nebula's and newly forming solar systems within star nurseries as seen through the Hubble's clear and distinct lens. The images were so colorful and absolutely amazing.

I think everyone returned home a bit humbled by the magnitude of celestial objects around us and the incredible accomplishments of human beings trying to make sense of the vastness of space.



# Phoenix 200

Congratulations to our December Phoenix 200 winners! The following students have been awarded a fun game day which includes human Hungry-Hungry Hippos and more!

Ben H	Eden M	Tyler J
Chance O	Ella H	Whyatt K
Crew B	Enoch C	Adelle G
Derek N	Ezra B	Alex B
Ellora R	Gage H	Alivia M
Evan H	Gwen A	Aratt R
Ian P	Jackson H	Audrey P
Jade D	Jamis G	Caleb S
Jasmine B	Jaxon G	Cambria J
Julia M	Jerry L	Cash P
Kross L	Jonah K	Ciana D
Layla S	Kallie H	Connor O
Leah B	Kannon L	Darius O
Levi T	Kate G	David H
Liam D	Kate H	Elvin L
Liana C	Katy G	Grace H
Lincoln G	Liam F	Grace T
Lydia C	Libby L	Jane G
Macy F	Lillie A	Jayne R
McKailey Y	Lily A	Kade T
Rebecca T	Logan F	Kajetan H
Sadie H	Logan J	Kambria H
Trystan V	Lynlee S	Kate F
Wyatt H	Matteo H	Keeleigh N
Andra G	Max R	Lincoln O
Andy A	Mya M	Makay H
Avie B	Naomi C	Marisa G
Bodey L	Naranzaya J	Mason H
Brayden D	Quinsi W	Myles K
Cade J	Savannah G	Parker S
Carter F	Sheila S	Quinton J
Carter J	Sigur S	Ryker B
Charlie B	Sophia B	Savannah H
Cruz P	Sophie L	Seth D
David C	Spencer B	Teagan E
Denika R	Tate B	Tyani C

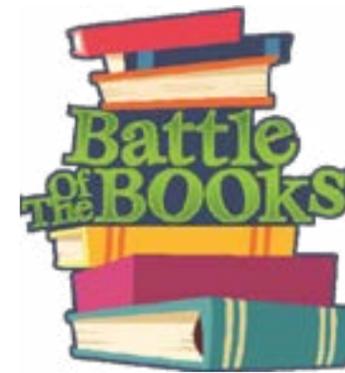
# FEC Announcements



## Food Drive

A huge thanks to all of the families who so generously contributed to the food drive!

The results were outstanding. We were able to collect 3545 pounds of food for Tabitha's way! Last year we collected 3200. Since we beat our goal, students were awarded free dress for a whole week! Thank you all for your donations!

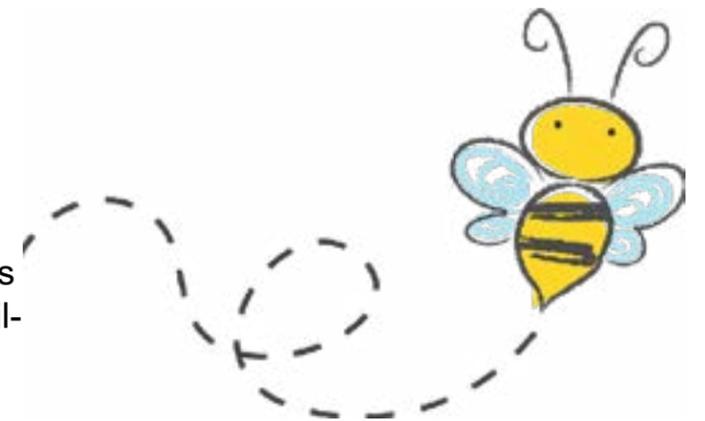


## Battle of the Books

For Battle of the Books Participants: The Annual Mock Battle will be held on January 25, 2019 at 12:30 in the School Library. Please remind your team parents if you want to participate. Happy Reading!!

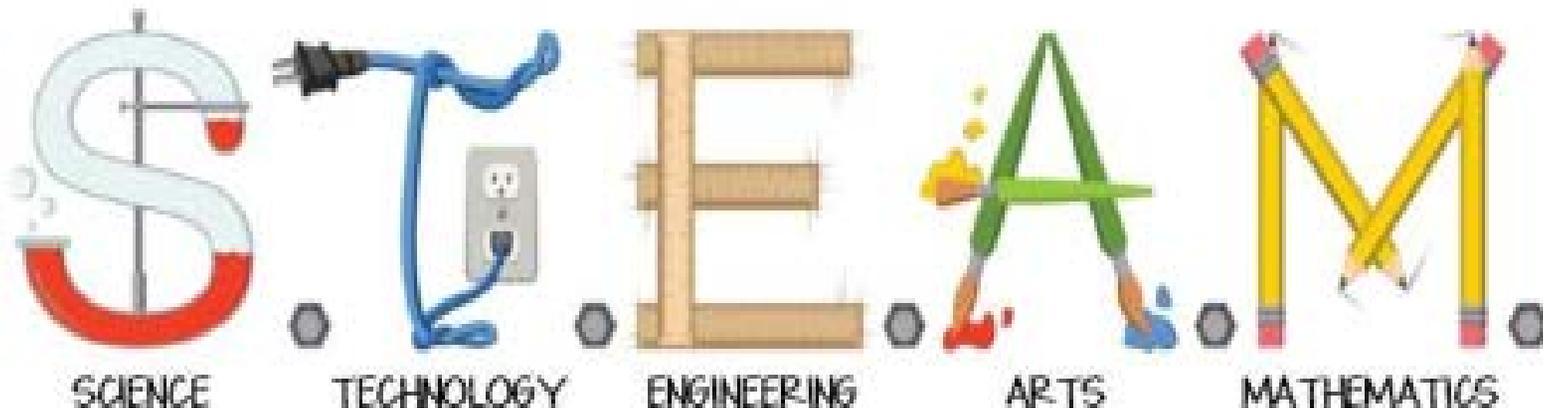
## Spelling Bee

The School-Wide Spelling Bee will be held on the evening of Thursday, February 21. Class and grade level Spelling Bees will be held in early February. For students anxious to get a head start, grade level lists are available at [renacademy.org/spelling-bee-list](http://renacademy.org/spelling-bee-list).



# STEAM Festival

Thursday, January 10th - 6:00pm - 8:00pm



**Hands-on activities**

**Student led experiments**

**Student's Inspirations Art Contest entries on display**  
**Presentations by: Hutchings Museum, UVU, and more**

**For more information or to Volunteer, contact Jessica McGraw: [bookgeekjess@gmail.com](mailto:bookgeekjess@gmail.com)**

# Swing



# SPIRIT

Date

**January 11**

# DAY

Come to the

**Traverse**

**Location!**

# 15%

of all  
**proceeds**  
go towards

**Renaissance Academy**

Heartfelt   
**THANKS**

## TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

The FEC committees and activities are only possible because of countless volunteers, and we want to say THANK YOU to the parents, grandparents, guardians, and even siblings who are dedicating their time at our school.

Our fall Book Fair was a huge success because of amazing volunteers: Kathie Barfuss, Brooklyn Watson, Heather Keele, Karen Bina, Phronsie Bury, John Bury, Heather Spencer, Kazumi Sing, Candy Fife, Fiorella Castro, Nahir Parra, Wendy Reed, Amber Guymon, Heather Crozier, Melissa Despain, Sherise Robertson, Kristin Barlow, Holly Kai, Tessa Partridge, and of course, our librarian, Mr. Drew Wright!

Our students loved RED RIBBON WEEK and we want to thank Jessy Feveryear and Kim Skarda for organizing a SUPER week. Special thanks to Jamie Besaw and Jana-lee Goebel for helping with lunchtime activities.

White Ribbon Week was a great way to help educate both students and families at Renaissance Academy about Internet Safety. Thank you Jamie Besaw and committee for organizing information and activities to help us "Get Real!"

Annette Exon has been diligently collecting, organizing and posting our Lost and Found items every week for the last two years. We are so thankful for her and her time. Show your gratitude by collecting your lost treasures today!

Wendy Reed, Jennifer Wilson and Janalee Goebel have all helped with our Friday Food Cart. The Friday Food Cart is a cart full of goodies that gets sent to our teachers and staff members each Friday as a way to say Thank You and to brighten their day. If you are interested in taking the cart around, please contact the FEC on Facebook. As a bonus, all the treats are supplied for you, so you just get to show up and spread sunshine!

And last, the FEC would love to thank YOU, the families of RA, for generously donating food and other supplies to our local food pantry. We were overwhelmed by the generosity shown and were excited to donate 3,545 lbs this year! That's a new record! Also, we sincerely thank Alyson Harper who has graciously organized the drive for the past three years!

We know that for every volunteer listed there are 10 more we've missed and more who are donating to classrooms, volunteering for reading groups, and spending count-less hours serving. We THANK YOU! You help make our school the BEST!

Also, don't forget you can log your volunteer hours at: [www.helpcounter.net](http://www.helpcounter.net)

# Teacher Spotlight

## 3rd Grade



### Jill Strate

Jill graduated from UVU in 2018 and is so excited to take on a new and challenging career as a teacher. Jill has lived in Lehi for 12 years but grew up in South Jordan. She has two kids who have attended Renaissance for the past 6 years; Ella in 5th grade, and Carter in 2nd. She has 2 dogs, Peanut and a new puppy Bailey.

Jill loves spending time with family, traveling, exploring new cities, baking, reading, and crafting. She has a passion for teaching and takes pride in seeing academic growth in her students. She takes pride in providing challenging work for students and seeing them accomplish their goals. She accommodates different learning styles by getting to know students individually and allowing them to learn on their own levels. Jill encourages student's creativity and fosters an engaging, creative, safe and fun atmosphere in her classroom.

"Every child is entitled to the promise of a teacher's optimism, enthusiasm, time and energy."

- Carol Ann Tomlinson

### Erin Steiner

Miss Steiner hails from Rogers, Arkansas. She is a Razorback fan, no matter how terrible they may be! Woo Pig Sooie! You can take the girl out of the south, but you can't take the south out of the girl!

Miss Steiner graduated from Brigham Young University in 2010 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. She earned a Master of Science degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Western Governors University in 2013. Miss Steiner currently attends the University of Utah where she is pursuing a Master of Science degree in Educational Leadership and Policy, specifically K-12 Administration. She only has her internship to complete before she will graduate with her second master's degree.

Miss Steiner has taught second grade for the last 8 years and is excited to be teaching third grade for her 9th year of teaching. Miss Steiner loves learning and helping others grow and be the best they can be! She is ecstatic to be working with such amazing families at Renaissance Academy!

When she is not at school or work, she can be found at a live concert, playing softball, singing karaoke, or just relaxing at home with her two rescue cats (Stanley and Hendrix).



### Julie Ahlstrom

Mrs. Julie Ahlstrom is Renaissance Academy's 3rd grade teacher for English and Writing in a Chinese Immersion split. She is enjoying her class very much and working with the Renaissance directors and staff. She has found the third grade children to be sweet, inquisitive, and trying their best. She loves challenging her students to be creative. The students in her class have enjoyed being able to create skits to perform in class. She loves reading books with her class and encouraging her students to create their own stories and poems. She believes reading out loud with our children is the best practice for parents who want their children to succeed.

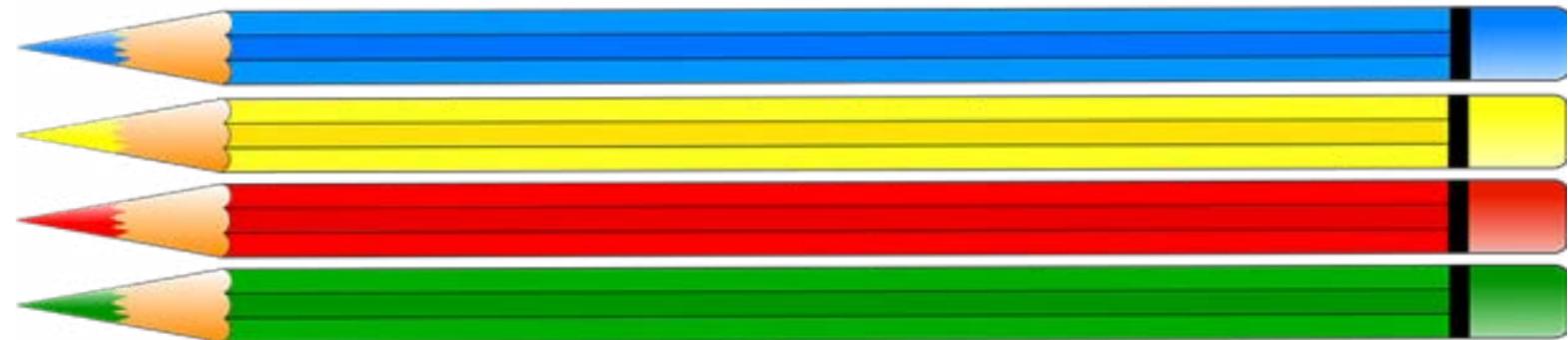
She served a mission to Argentina and then graduated with a degree in Elementary Education from BYU. Her minor was in Language Arts. Mrs. Ahlstrom has a wealth of teaching experience, having taught 5th grade at Saratoga Shores, 4th grade at Vineyard, and 1st grade and Kindergarten at Wasatch in Provo.

Mrs. Ahlstrom was born and raised in Provo, Utah, the 3rd of nine children, six brothers and 2 sisters. She married Douglas Ahlstrom and raised seven children mostly in the Tooele area. She has 16 grandchildren, with 2 on the way, and loves having them visit.

She loves playing racquetball and going hiking for exercise. Among her interests are quilting, oil painting landscapes, talking with people, and camping.

### Wendy Wu

Ms. Wu was born and raised in China until she moved to the US in 2011. Her hometown is a big city in the northeastern part of China, where winter takes almost half of the year. She went to college in Beijing and lived there for 5 years. She received her M. Ed. from University of Maryland and now is teaching 3rd grade Chinese immersion classes at Renaissance Academy! She enjoys being a teacher in this lovely school and spending her time with the cutest kids in the world! She also loves travelling, she has been to many places of the US and she is planning to visit more! She has a sweet puppy at home whom she spends most of her time with after work. Everyone knows that Ms. Wu doesn't speak English well, so whenever you see her at school, try to speak Chinese!



# After School Programs

## Basketball

The 2018 Renaissance Phoenix Boys Basketball team had a great year as they returned to the playoffs for the fourth year in a row! The final game of the season was an epic battle against Athlos Academy in Herriman, to determine seeding for the playoffs. "It was basically, win and we were locked into the playoffs, lose and we would be tied with Athlos," stated Coach Story. We were down early in the game. Nothing seemed to be falling. We battled back and ended up winning 31-30 with a layup by Easton Hawkins with 52 seconds left to secure the victory. "This was an intense game with tons of highs and lows. I'm so proud of the way we competed all year and this was a great moment for our players," said Coach Story. This year the Phoenix also had an opportunity to have an A and B team compete in the league. Having two teams compete every night was a huge benefit to our players as we continue to grow and develop into the type of program we desire. This gave everyone plenty of opportunities to grow and develop against many types of competition. The 2018 season was a huge success. Thanks to all of our players, parents, teachers, assistant Coach Robinson and our fans! We couldn't have done it without you!



This is RA's second year running the cheerleading program. Over the last two years, our squad has learned dances, cheers, half time routines, stunts, and new tumbling skills. Although we are not a tumbling skills. Although we are not a competition team, we do get to cheer for our boys and girls basketball teams. In addition, every year in December, we perform at a holiday showcase along with other dance programs here at Renaissance such as Ballroom and Ballet. RA's cheerleading squad also had a successful fundraiser in December, selling candy cane grams to raise money for uniforms. The cheerleading squad's goal is to ignite school spirit and support other extracurricular programs!

## Cheerleading



## SKILLS CAMP

**6th - 8th Grade Boys / Girls**

**Monday - 3:00 to 4:15 pm**

**Friday - 2:15 to 3:30 pm**

**2nd - 5th Grade Boys / Girls**

**Wednesday - 3:00 to 4:15 pm**

**Friday - 1:00 to 2:15 pm**

**Session #1 - January**

**Session #2 - February**

**Session #3 - March**

**Session #4 - April**

**Cost \$43.00 per session**

**Payable @ <http://renacademy.org/afterschool-clubs>**

**Contact Info:**

**Travis Story (435) 590-8966**

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# World Language

Welcome back parents! We are approaching the end of the second term. Before the break 2nd grade had their World language Wonderday. It was an amazing time to explore other cultures and how they celebrate holidays. The kids had a blast learning about La Befana (Italy), St. Lucia (Sweden) and writing a letter to Santa (Greenland).



Exciting things are happening in Arabic! Natakallam, a non-profit that connects Syrian refugees with Arabic learners, granted us a full-scholarship for our Middle School Arabic classes to Skype with a Syrian refugee and practice their Arabic as a class for 9 sessions. Our class speaking partner is a 25 year-old Syrian living in Germany where she just got accepted to complete her Bachelor's degree in English. We are looking forward to connecting with her and further humanizing the culture and language for our students!

1st Year Arabic classes have been learning and flourishing with the basics: getting-to-know-you, items around the classroom, numbers, animals, and hobbies! While 5th Grade recently presented some amazing family posters, and Middle School has been pushing their Arabic abilities using a curriculum similar to BYU's Arabic program. All Arabic classes enjoyed their second-annual holiday henna activities, where students learned about the tradition and art of henna and get their very own! If you have any questions please contact Jordan Wilson at [jwilson@renacademy.org](mailto:jwilson@renacademy.org)

We want to give a warm welcome to our new Spanish teacher Sra. Carey Ventura!! She is teaching kindergarten, 2nd grade, 3rd grade and 4th grade. We are so excited to have her join our team!! If you have any questions about the World language program please contact Angie Cobiella RA's new World Language Coordinator.

Our second grade Spanish class has just finished learning all about fruits! Ask them about their favorites! Third graders in Spanish can talk all about animals and the talk about the calendar!

Fourth graders are learning to describe parts of the house both inside and outside. Fifth grade Spanish and 1A students have been learning how to describe what people look like and their personalities. 1B has been learning to talk about chores and things around the house. 2A has been learning how to talk about past vacations. 2B has been perfecting a new grammatical tense (the imperfect) and are experts at talking about what life used to be like in the past. All classes have been learning holiday songs in Spanish.

All Spanish classes use Quizlet.com for at-home vocabulary practice. Please contact your child's Spanish teacher if you have any questions about the vocabulary practice at home! The Spanish teachers can be contacted at:

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[bbeebe@renacademy.org](mailto:bbeebe@renacademy.org)  
[cventura@renacademy.org](mailto:cventura@renacademy.org)



## Reading Corner

One good strategy for helping our students to become more fluent in their reading, is re-reading. If a student is struggling with a piece of reading, have them re-read it out loud a couple of times. Make sure they understand the meaning of any word they mispronounce, or try to skip over altogether.

When learning to play basketball, one must practice foul shots repeatedly. If one wants to become good at playing the piano, they must practice the same tune again and again to master the piece. Reading gets better with practice, as well. When your students are doing their daily reading practice at home, get involved. Have them read aloud and listen to them...take turns reading pages with them. Ask them to tell you about the story. Engaging with your children in their reading, will help them to be better readers and will also help them see the importance that your family places on reading.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>2019</b></p>	No School <b>1</b>	Chicken Fajitas <b>2</b> PB&J Sandwich Grilled Cheese Sandwich	Pig in a Blanket <b>3</b> PB&J Sandwich Grilled Cheese Sandwich	Sack Lunch <b>4</b>
Waffles <b>7</b> PB&J Sandwich Grilled Cheese Sandwich	Pizza <b>8</b> PB&J Sandwich Grilled Cheese Sandwich	Lasagna Bites <b>9</b> PB&J Sandwich Grilled Cheese Sandwich	Cheeseburger <b>10</b> PB&J Sandwich Grilled Cheese Sandwich	Sack Lunch <b>11</b>
Biscuit, Sausage & Gravy <b>14</b> PB&J Sandwich Grilled Cheese Sandwich	Pizza <b>15</b> PB&J Sandwich Grilled Cheese Sandwich	Beef Tacos <b>16</b> PB&J Sandwich Grilled Cheese Sandwich	Pineapple Chicken <b>17</b> Tenders PB&J Sandwich Grilled Cheese Sandwich	Sack Lunch <b>18</b>
No School <b>21</b>	Pizza <b>22</b> PB&J Sandwich Grilled Cheese Sandwich	BBQ Meatballs <b>23</b> PB&J Sandwich Grilled Cheese Sandwich	Chicken Haystacks <b>24</b> PB&J Sandwich Grilled Cheese Sandwich	Sack Lunch <b>25</b>
French Toast Sticks <b>28</b> PB&J Sandwich Grilled Cheese Sandwich	Pizza <b>29</b> PB&J Sandwich Grilled Cheese Sandwich	Chili Beans, Rice & Corn <b>30</b> PB&J Sandwich Grilled Cheese Sandwich	Fried Chicken <b>31</b> PB&J Sandwich Grilled Cheese Sandwich	

Served M-Fri  
 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>



"Menu items are subject to change"