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Important Dates

1/5	FEC Meeting 8am
1/8-12	DIBELS Testing
1/9-10	Willy Wonka Auditions (3-6 Grade)
1/11	Kindergarten Field Trip (BYU Bean Museum)
1/12	Phoenix 200 Club Field Trip (‘Paddington’)
1/15	Martin Luther King Day (NO SCHOOL)
1/17	Board Meeting 7pm
1/18	Inspirations Award Night
1/19	Last Day Term 2
1/20	Week Without Walls deposit due
1/22	Term 3 Begins
1/22-26	HOPE Week
1/23	3rd Grade (Patel)/5th Grade (Jones) STEM Activity
1/30	5th Grade Field Trip (Biz Town)



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Announcements

6th-9th grade Week Without Walls Trip - Northern California, May 2018

Dear Parents and Students,

This year's Week Without Walls trip for 6th-9th graders will be to Northern California, the redwood forest, and Six Flags. Students will visit the Tech Museum of Innovation, Stanford University, ride cable cars and visit Chinatown and Fisherman's Wharf in historic San Francisco, and much more! For a full list of the exciting and educational itinerary, please see the presentation found at: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1y2v5EzUvLX3oL-cZbZmLpNB86rVE_DP1J/view?usp=sharing

If you would like the opportunity to raise funds for your trip, we are looking for host families for a group of students from China who will be attending our school for a short time in the beginning of the new year. Students can earn \$250 per guest towards their trip. If you are interested in becoming a host family, please fill out the survey found at: <https://goo.gl/forms/pDHIEuU3hXnP9nir1>

If you would like to register for Week Without Walls, deposits are due by January 20th. The registration link can be found at <https://renacademy.org/afterschool-clubs>.

We hope to have you join us!

HOPE/Kindness Week

HOPE/Kindness week will be January 22-26!

If you have any questions, please contact our counselor, Nettie Naumann at nnaumann@renacademy.org.

Willy Wonka Try Outs

Willy Wonka Auditions for 3rd - 6th Grades are coming up! Auditions will be January 9th and 10th: sign up for an audition time on the music room door! For more information, visit the drama website: <https://my.uen.org/myuen/253592>.

World Culture Night

We will be having a World Culture Night on Tuesday, February 6 from 6-8pm. Parent volunteers are needed and greatly appreciated! If you would like to volunteer, please email Brittany Beebe at bbeebe@renacademy.org.



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.

Family Engagement Committee (FEC)

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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 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/renaissancefec/>.

Inspirations

What do you wonder about? What do you imagine? Here's your chance to show the world! It's time for our annual Inspirations Art Contest! This year's theme is 'Wonder.' The categories are: literature; visual arts; photography; and 3-D art.

Important dates:

January 11 – Deadline for artwork/entries

January 18 – Awards night

Mark your calendars! Submission forms will be available via the FEC Facebook page. This will be a fun and exciting contest and we can't wait to see what everyone comes up with.



Annual Food Drive

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the food drive this year. Together we donated a grand total of approximately 3,200 lbs! Great job everyone!!

Middle School - 162 lbs

6th Grade - 163 lbs

5th Grade - 332 lbs

4th Grade - 426 lbs

3rd Grade - 331 lbs

2nd Grade - 605 lbs

1st Grade - 609 lbs

Kindergarten - 540 lbs

← winners!

Spelling Bee

Class Spelling Bees will begin after the new year. For students anxious to get a head start, grade level lists are posted below, on the FEC Facebook page and on our website at <https://renacademy.org/spelling-bee-2018>. More study help can be found at www.spellingbee.com/word-club.

[1st Grade Spelling List](#)
[2nd Grade Spelling List](#)
[3rd Grade Spelling List](#)
[4th Grade Spelling List](#)

[5th Grade Spelling List](#)
[6th Grade Spelling List](#)
[7th Grade Spelling List](#)
[8th Grade Spelling List](#)



What's going on at Renaissance?

Chinese Guest Students

Our school was recently given the opportunity to host several students from China. Students attended classes with our students during the day and participated in a variety of activities with their host families in the evening. Our students were able to practice their Chinese, make new friends, and learn firsthand about another culture. There were several invaluable lessons learned that cannot be taught in the traditional classroom. At the end of the week we held a farewell assembly with cultural performances we had prepared for each other, singing songs in each others languages, learning each others dances and martial arts traditions. This was followed by a video showing pictures from their stay and a farewell party. Many tears were shed as students and families said goodbye to their new friends as they returned halfway around the world. The feedback on this experience was so positive that we have decided to do it again! We plan to host 2 groups each year. If you would like to apply to be a host family for the group we have coming January 28 - February 7, please complete the following survey at <https://goo.gl/forms/IPTjAK4dEzaRKzWb2>.



Middle School Walkathon

What's better than a walk with friends on a beautiful Fall day? Walking with friends for a good cause!

On Tuesday, November 21, our Middle School students participated in the Walk for Water Walkathon. We had perfect weather for our 4.4 mile walk along the Murdock Canal Trail. The purpose of our walk was to raise funds for the Iron Giraffe Challenge, which helps to build wells in the villages of South Sudan. We not only met our \$1,000 goal- we far exceeded it! Students raised \$1,790, which is the equivalent of bringing clean water to over 150 people every day. We appreciate the students' enthusiastic participation in the Walkathon. We hope this experience has helped them recognize their own power to make a difference in the world!



Pulsera Project

Our school raised \$2,260.00 to the Pulsera Project! Señora Calderoni just wanted to say THANK YOU to students, parents and our community! With BYU's support, we reached our goal of \$2510.00. The money raised from this pulsera sale will empower almost 200 Nicaraguans with employment opportunities, educational programs, scholarships, micro-loans, and other community projects that lead them towards brighter futures. MUCHAS GRACIAS!



1st Grade DLI Project

The first-grade DLI students are published authors! We worked very hard to on this book and completed all the steps of the writing process. We are very proud of our creativity and hard work!



6th Grade Terra Cotta Army Project

6th grade DLI students learnt about Terra Cotta Army in Ancient China. We learnt about its background history, and made our own small Terra Cotta Army with model clay.



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 'Paddington 2' on Friday, January 12th at Thanksgiving Point Megaplex. We plan to leave the school at 9:30 am and to return by 12:30 pm. Students should wear regular spirit dress to school on Friday 1/12. Please email me at smccap-pin@renacademy.org to give permission for your student to attend this field trip. Students will be transported to and from Thanksgiving Point by bus. Please also email to indicate if you would like to help out as a field trip chaperone. Please keep note of the student list over the next few weeks as names are added to participate.

Zane Barfuss (K)
Savaya Martinez (K)
Capri Huang (K)
Ollie Goebel (K)
Brodey Shipley (K)
Olivia Martinez (K)
Evie Harris (1)
Lydia Turley (1)
Caryss Hess (1)
Amaya Aguilar (1)
Shanmukh Tumula (1)
Felicity Long (1)
Benjamin Holladay (1)
Hunter Allen (1)
Tian Epperson (1)
Braxton Partridge (1)
Lilliann Avila (1)
William Compton (1)
Jaxon Griner (1)
Devyn Holladay (1)

Jace Thompson (1)
Jocelynn Hunter (2)
Christy Bean (2)
McKay Jackson (2)
Hailee Nunley-Olsen (2)
Mikayla Duffany (2)
Paityn Bass (2)
Daisy Grow (2)
Lauryn Lee (2)
Eleri Jaten (2)
Logan Gray (2)
Jamis Griner (3)
Jerry Liu (3)
Ally Sheffield (3)
Liam Foster (3)
Quinton Hollingshead (3)
Sophie Lambert (3)
Gavin Hughes (4)
Jacquelyn Biggs (4)
Hunter Hill (4)

Carlos Vargas (4)
Rachel Anderson (4)
Shanelle Hunt (4)
Wyatt Bowman (4)
Kyla Poyfair (4)
Nadia Guerrero (4)
Lucky Vangala (4)
Paxton Bentley (4)
Jerin Luangrath (4)
Sophia Charles (4)
Emerson Covey (4)
Bella Swindler (5)
Finn Ollivier (6)
Connor O'Hara (6)
Anthony Cook (6)
Ryan Walker (7)
Gustavo Garcia (7)
Caitlin Motter (8)
Dylan Hunter (8)

The Phoenix 200 Club is our school wide positive behavior program whereby teachers look to present tickets to students demonstrating good behavior, going above and beyond, and following our school expectations of Be Successful, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Honest, Be Kind & Be Safe. Once a teacher gives a good behavior ticket to a student, the student then brings the ticket into the office. They get to sign their name in the "Celebrity Book" and then the pick a random number out of a box. Whatever number they get, they write their name on the Phoenix 200 Club board on the corresponding number. Once there is a row of at least ten students, those specific students are the winners of the "Mystery Motivator" for that round. The "Mystery Motivator" could be things such as a field trip, a gift card, a special lunch, etc. Once we get a winning group, we erase the board and start again allowing all students the opportunity to continue to receive good behavior tickets and the chance to be winners of the mystery motivator.

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	“It’s our choices that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities.” - Harry Potter
Arabic	"قدراتنا مذبكثير أكثر، حقا نخدمنا تظهر لاتي خياراتنا انها" (<i>inaha khayaraatna ilati tuth-hir ma naHnu Haqan, akthar bi-katheer min qudaraatna</i>)
Chinese	真正显示出我们是怎么样的人的，是我们做的“选择”，而不是我们的“能力” (<i>zhēn zhèng xiǎn shì chū wǒ mén shì zěnn me yàng de rén de, shì wǒ mén zuò de “xuǎn zé”, ér bù shì wǒ mén de néng lì.</i>)
Spanish	“Es nuestras decisiones que muestran lo que realmente somos, mas que nuestras habilidades.

Reading Moment, Reading Corner

This is an excerpt from a Love and Logic Parent Newsletter. Maybe it will bring some perspective as you work with your children at home after everyone has had a long, hard day!

“After a difficult and frustrating day at work, don’t you wish your spouse would greet you with the following?

Honey, I got an email from your boss. She says that you haven’t been working up to your potential. She also mentioned that your reading is really poor and that you’ve had a bad attitude about completing your projects. That’s why we are going to sit down together and work on some practice samples. Now... I’m only doing this because I love you.

My guess is that few readers would vote for this treatment as an effective way of promoting deeper marital intimacy and improved work performance!

Far too many children struggle all day long with reading... and other subjects. Then they face even more frustration when they get home. When this happens, their reading performance rarely increases, but their disdain for books does!

In my travels across the country, I see families torn apart by this stress. Kids get angry and upset. Parents get frustrated and depressed. Instead of being an island of calm from the tense world, the home becomes part of it.

May I suggest another approach? What if this strategy saved your relationship with your child AND helped them develop a much better vocabulary, understanding of language structure, and attitude toward reading?

Read to them, and have fun doing it. Do this even if they’re in high school! Do it as often as possible. Don’t stand over them and force them to read. Don’t nitpick their reading performance. Just enjoy your time together as you read... to them. Take the pressure off!”



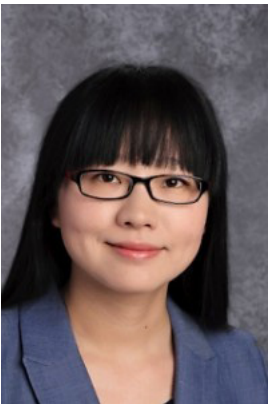
Faculty Spotlight



Veraunica Wyatt, 4th Grade Chinese Immersion Partner
Hello all! Here is a little bit about me. This is my fourth year teaching fourth grade and my third year teaching the English side of DLI at Renaissance Academy. My favorite thing about being a teacher is the kiddos! They are so much fun and have some many great things to share, not to mention their funny comments and jokes. Right now my kids are working on designing a t-shirt for their upcoming book report! I am so excited to see how they interpreter their books!

I married my great husband Brandon, December 5, 2014. I grew up in Utah with my five brothers and two sisters. I love animals, especially dogs and tigers! My favorite books are Number the Stars by Lois Lowry and Tiger’s curse by Colleen Houck, I love to travel and one day I hope to travel all around Europe.

Fun fact: I am the only left handed person in my family.



Lisha Zhou, 4th Grade Chinese Immersion Teacher
Nihao, I’m Lisha Zhou, 4th Grade Chinese teacher. This is my third year of teaching, and I really enjoy it. My favorite thing about teaching is to see kids make progression. It’s so rewarding to see kids acquire a science term that is difficult even for native Chinese speakers, read Chinese stories aloud without pinyin, express their opinions concisely, share their interesting experiences, and write beautiful Chinese characters. Their progression also motivates me to put more effort in teaching. I want kids to engage, and learn through fun activities, so I try my best to design fun games and interesting projects.

Fun fact: During my spare time, I love hiking. I’m so excited to find that there are so many excellent places for hiking in Utah.



Courtney St. Clair, 4th Grade Teacher

My name is Courtney St. Clair. This May, I moved to Orem, Utah with my husband, from Arizona after graduating from the University of Arizona. My husband and I are high school sweethearts and have been married for over two years. I am the oldest of three kids. I have a younger brother serving an LDS mission in the Cape Verde islands. My younger sister is a senior in high school and received a full ride academic scholarship to college. My father is an interior designer and owns his own company called David Jackson Interiors, Inc. My mother also works, and is a head manager at a packaging company in Casa Grande, AZ. Everyone in my family is very close and supportive of each other. Every chance we get we love to spend time together.

One thing, in my classroom, that I make sure I emphasize to my students is that we are all one big family. I want my classroom to feel like a safe place where we all meet to learn and support one another. I never thought I would end up being a teacher, but I am so grateful that this career chose me. I absolutely love what I do. My favorite part of teaching is just being able to learn from my students on a daily basis. Currently, we are working on fun writing project. Students are learning how to write opinion pieces. Due to the holiday season, we are writing about which we would rather be; a reindeer or an elf.

Fun fact: I am very passionate about baking. I have always wanted to one day own a cupcake shop in a small tourist town.



Amanda Gailey, 4th Grade Teacher

I was born in California and lived in Tennessee, Texas, Oregon, Washington, France and Washington DC before moving to Utah. My husband and I have two daughters and a son that keep us busy with homework, ballet, and martial arts. I do Hapkido in my spare time as well as travel. My family and I have taken trips to Hawaii, Alaska, and most recently China. I am now teaching 4th grade after working with adults in technology as well as early learners in preschool and Kindergarten.

The classroom mottoes include: "I can do hard things" and "I can manage myself". My fourth grade class is having fun learning about the 5 Utah Native American Tribes, doing a Hydroponics science experiment, and writing an opinion essay on whether Elves or Reindeer are better.

Fun fact: I am allergic to onions, battling cancer, and was an engineer before becoming an educator. I also speak French and love the ocean!



Samantha Jones, 5th Grade Teacher

Hello! My name is Sami Jones. I am a fifth-grade general education teacher here at RA! I have lived in Utah my entire life including 10 years here in Lehi. I am married to an awesome athletic MBA candidate and we have a 10-month-old son named Adam. As a family, we love board/card games, movies, and spending time with friends. This is my very first year teaching and I love it here and I love the fifth-grade! A rule in our classroom that I encourage each of my students to follow daily is to "Accept Challenges" (#PositiveAttitude). Life is full of challenges and it may be tempting to take the easy way out or to give up, but for me and my class, we strive to accept those challenges with a positive attitude! My favorite thing about teaching is when I see a student's hard work and effort pay off.

They are so proud of their work and they are happy, truly happy. And it makes me happy that they are succeeding. This month we are learning how to become leaders and how our actions always affect others. Ms. Nettie and I have been working together to create fun and engaging activities for the fifth-grade students to get involved in the RA community. Am I happy to come to school every day because of this school and my students! (Shout-out to Mrs. Jones class: You guys are AWESOME! Keep working hard and stay happy!)

Fun fact: I love to create. I love to make and build anything from blankets to snowmen even to food, especially food with chocolate in it!



Bonnie Yin, 5th Grade Chinese Immersion Teacher

I am the fifth grade Chinese Immersion teacher here at Renaissance Academy. I am from Suzhou, China, but have also lived in Idaho for four years. This year is my second year teaching and living in Utah! I got my master degree in Curriculum & Instruction and also got an elementary teaching license in Idaho. My classroom motto is "Be respectful to everyone!"

Fun fact: I am going back to China to visit my family this coming summer! I am so excited because I haven't been home in 4 years!



Aimee Mitton, 5th Grade Chinese Immersion Partner
I am the fifth grade Chinese Immersion partner teacher here at Renaissance Academy. I graduated from BYU and have been teaching ever since. I love working with the students and especially enjoy teaching social studies. I have worked at various schools in Utah.

Fun fact: I love running, music and puppies of all sorts.



Nathan Rice, 5th Grade Teacher
My name is Nathan Rice and I moved to Lehi from Adelaide, Australia in August to give our family a new adventure. My wife, Karlie, and I have 4 amazing children – Chloe, Zayla, Jackson and Lulu . Chloe and Zayla attend Renaissance in 5th and 3rd grade. We are really enjoying the experience of being in a different country and Utah is such a great place, with so many things to do.

My philosophy towards education is that happy children will be able to learn best, so I aim to build really positive relationships with my students from day one and focus on developing those relationships throughout the year, as well as providing a safe and inclusive learning environment. In my classroom I like to emphasize that it's ok to make mistakes, but we

do need to learn from them. I have a few favorite things about teaching. First, seeing a student's eyes light up when they learn a new concept; second, being able to have hilarious moments with students when something funny happens in the classroom, and also playing games with students at recess times. I love teaching and feel really grateful to have been able to come here with my family and get to know the Renaissance community.

While we are in the US, we are planning on visiting lots of new places, including embarking on a 2 month long road trip during summer break. I have Jazz season tickets (albeit in the nosebleeds!!), which I am very happy about because basketball is a passion of mine. Chloe is excited to be in the cheer team and Zayla is looking forward to trying out for the school play. We are really grateful for how welcoming and friendly everyone has been towards us – thank you all so much!

Fun fact: This is my first time teaching boys – my first 8 ½ year of teaching in Australia was at an all girls school! It's definitely different, but I am loving it!



Erin Sume, 5th Grade Aide
I'm the fifth grade aide. I'm attending UVU with a major in Theatre for Children and Youth. I hope to be a therapist and use Theatre as a healthy outlet for emotions. I'm looking to work with kids who may have special needs or with troubled backgrounds. I love working at Renaissance Academy, so far. The teachers I work with are awesome and the kids are so fun! I enjoy getting to know and memorizing each student's name at Renaissance Academy.

Fun fact: I love to sing, play uke and guitar, write stories, hike, and laugh lots!



2018 BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Day.	Opponent	Place	Girls Time:	Boys Time:
Jan. 8th	Mon.	Lakeview	@ Lakeview	5:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 10th	Wed.	Freedom	@ Freedom	5:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 17th	Wed.	APA Salem	@ APA Salem	5:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 22nd	Mon.	American Heritage	@ American Heritage	5:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 24th	Wed.	Lincoln	@ Lincoln	5:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 29th	Mon..	Lakeview	@ Lakeview	5:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 31st	Wed.	Freedom	@ Freedom	5:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 5th	Mon.	APA Salem	@ APA Salem	5:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 7th	Wed.	American Heritage	@ American Heritage	5:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 12th	Mon.	Lincoln	@ Lincoln	5:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.

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Lunch \$2.50
Reduced \$.40

Monthly \$55
Monthly \$8.80

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

1

Pizza

2

Pig in a
Blanket

3

Oven Fried
Chicken

4

Sack Lunch

5

Pancakes

8

Pizza

9

Pork Rib
Sandwich

10

Chicken
Fajitas

11

Sack Lunch

12

No School

15

Pizza

16

Chicken
Haystacks

17

BBQ
Meatballs

18

Sack Lunch

19

Bacon & Eggs
Scrambler

22

Pizza

23

Pineapple
Chicken Tenders

24

Rice Chili
Bowl

25

Sack Lunch

26

Cinnamon
Roll

29

Pizza

30

Tacos

31

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"