



# January

## RAPP

2020

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### This month:

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| Jan 13    | Term 3 starts                        |
| Jan 13-23 | DIBELS testing                       |
| Jan 15    | RA Board Meeting 7 pm                |
| Jan 16    | STEAM Festival 6-8 pm                |
| Jan 20    | Martin Luther King Day - No school   |
| Jan 22    | FatCats Saratoga Spirit Night 5-8 pm |
| Jan 30    | 5th-grade Maturation Program 1:30 pm |



# Message from the Dean

1. Returning Student Enrollment - Please re-enroll your returning students as soon as possible for the 2020-2021 school year!

We are beginning our re-enrollment and lottery process for the 2020-2021 school year. In order for us to determine how many positions will be available in the upcoming lottery, all current Renaissance Academy students are required to confirm their enrollment for the next school year by completing an online re-enrollment process. This includes students who will not be returning to Renaissance, this helps us to anticipate new enrollment and staffing needs.

Please [click here](#) to access the re-enrollment tool and confirm your students position next year, the process is simple and takes less than 5 minutes. New User profiles will need to be created, as all information from previous years has been deleted. This is also where you will enter any incoming siblings for next year. Please complete this process by the end of February. Re-enrollment of your student will ensure that their spot is not released and offered to a new applicant through the lottery held on a date to be determined in March. We are happy that you have entrusted Renaissance Academy with your student's education.

If you have any questions about our re-enrollment process, please contact our Enrollment Specialist, Mrs. Susi Blackhurst at [sblackhurst@renacademy.org](mailto:sblackhurst@renacademy.org).

2. Open for 9th-grade in 2020-2021 - Please enroll your returning 9th-grader



We hope to offer and are enrolling returning students for 9th-grade next school year in 2020-2021. If you have a current 8th-grade students and you would like them to attend 9th-grade next year, please ensure you enroll them as a returning student in our lottery system. We plan to offer 9th-grade next year if we have a confirmed enrollment of 20+ students returning and new students.

We are planning to offer all required courses and electives for both regular and 9th-grade Chinese Immersion students. Please enroll your returning 8th-grader as soon as possible to help us plan for 9th-grade next year!

3. New Students - Immediate Openings & Future New Families

We invite you to help us grow our school and share the many opportunities we offer students - both immediately and in 2020-2021! This year we will continue to enroll new students interested in attending our school throughout the year. We do still have some seats open in several grades and classes that we would love to fill with your family, friends or neighbors! If you have friends or neighbors who might be interested in moving to RA this year or joining us next year, invite them to check out our school website at [www.renacademy.org](http://www.renacademy.org), contact our school office at 801-768-4202, and/or email me directly at [savery@renacademy.org](mailto:savery@renacademy.org) with any questions, to schedule a tour, and/or to find out if a seat is available in their respective grade level.

### **Some reasons to attend RA that set us apart:**

- An extremely talented and dedicated faculty of teachers, support staff and paraprofessionals
- World Language Program (Chinese Immersion, Spanish and Arabic programs)
- Space Academy (School day program & After-school club)
- Mr. Tasche Science Program (K-5)
- Small class sizes & strong student/teacher relationships
- Fabulous and dedicated parent volunteers and FEC (Family Engagement Committee)
- Social emotional learning curriculum taught by licensed social workers in all classes
- Full-time Reading Specialist and Reading/Math Intervention Team
- Field Trips (multiple per year in all grade levels K-8)
- After-school activities and summer camps
- Phoenix 200 Club Positive Behavior Program
- Experiential learning through Wonder Day activities

#### 4. Term 2 Grades and Student Reports

Congratulations to all students, teachers and families for completing Term 2! I cannot believe we are already into semester 3 and the second half of the school year. Please keep an eye on your emails this week, student report cards will go out via email this coming Friday 1/17.

5. Aspire Login - (How to check your student's progress, missing work and grades). As we begin term 3, I encourage all families to ensure they know how to check their students grades and academic progress in Aspire.

You can easily check your students academic progress and grades online through our student information system Aspire. We encourage you to be involved in your students education and to learn and to check aspire regularly/ at least weekly. Please contact your students teacher if you are struggling to access your students grades through Aspire.

To create a login for your student:

- a) Click on [this link](#).
- b) Click on 'Request a Username'
- c) Enter your student ID number (same as their lunch number and can be obtained from their classroom teacher), date of birth and then create an account
- d) Check your students grades and missing work regularly. Voila!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Class Spelling Bees are fast approaching! Grade-level bees will take place this month and our school-wide Spelling Bee will be held on February 20 at 7pm. (You can click on the links below for lists.)

Happy spelling and good luck!

LEVEL ONE

LEVEL TWO

LEVEL THREE

### Battle of the Books

Battle of the Books will be having a mock battle for all grades and teams on *Friday, January 17th from 12:30-1:30*.



### STEAM Festival!

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math)



Our school-wide STEAM Festival is this Thursday from 6:00-8:00 pm. All students have worked hard to create projects and demonstrations to display. We also have a lot of guests coming to present some fun activities and displays for our families. I hope you will all bring your families and invite your friends and neighbors to attend what promises to be a fantastic event!

# WORLD LANGUAGE

Hello Parents! We are so excited to report that we raised over \$1900 during the Pulsera Project bracelet sale. We are so grateful for all your support and we were so happy to see all the excitement in the kids faces as they bought their pulseras and purses and got to see the personal artist who had made it for them. As the new year begins as well as a new term we are excited for the rest of the year and all the fun things to come. We will soon begin preparations for the end of year World Culture Night. We will begin working with each grade level to learn their songs for the big night. Please also be on the lookout for further emails and information about our big night.

5th grade and MS parents please check in with your students and make sure they have refreshed their school supplies. This is a good time to refresh pencils and notebook/papers. As always if you have any questions please let us know through email.

## Fatcats Spirit Night!

Get ready for a night filled with bowling, mini-golf, arcade games and more! We're hosting our first Spirit Night at FatCats in Saratoga Springs (212 W Pioneer Crossing) on Wednesday, January 22nd from 5-8pm. Invite your friends and family - you're not going to want to miss this one!

\*Find the flyer on our FEC page\*



## *Reading Corner with Tracy Scott*

This guide, published by the State of Utah, lists benchmark skills children should attain as they progress in their learning. The guide also suggests opportunities that parents can take at home to help support the things their students are learning at school.

[Click here to view the guide!](#)



# Martin Luther King Jr Day



Every year we get the chance to celebrate the amazing Martin Luther King Jr. on the 3rd Monday of January. This year is the 25th anniversary!

In respect to his day (for which we get a day off from school - to ideally participate in some service), here are some fun facts about him:

Occupation: Civil Rights Leader

Born: January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, GA

Died: April 4, 1968 in Memphis, TN

Best known for: Advancing the Civil Rights Movement and his "I Have a Dream" speech!

\* King was the youngest person to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.

\* At the Atlanta premier of the movie Gone with the Wind, Martin sang with his church choir.

\* There are over 730 streets in the United States named after Martin Luther King, Jr.

In his first major civil rights action, Martin Luther King, Jr. led the Montgomery Bus Boycott. This started when Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus to a white man. Because of the boycott (which lasted over a year), segregation on buses came to an end!

This year for MLK Day (January 20), we challenge you to do a bit of service in memory of this great man who gave everything to make a difference.

# Lunch menu

 **LUNCH**

## JANUARY 2020

### RENAISSANCE ACADEMY

Lunch \$2.50    Monthly \$47.50  
 Reduced \$.40    Monthly \$7.60  
 Staff/Guest \$3.75

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
NO SCHOOL 1	NO SCHOOL 2	NO SCHOOL 3	NO SCHOOL 4	NO SCHOOL 5
6 Strawberry Funnel Cake PB&J Sandwich Meat & Cheese Sandwich	7 Pizza PB&J Sandwich Meat & Cheese Sandwich	8 Cheeseburger PB&J Sandwich Meat & Cheese Sandwich	9 BBQ Chicken PB&J Sandwich Meat & Cheese Sandwich	10 Sack Lunch
13 Donut PB&J Sandwich Meat & Cheese Sandwich	14 Pizza PB&J Sandwich Meat & Cheese Sandwich	15 Chili Cheese Fries PB&J Sandwich Meat & Cheese Sandwich	16 Pork Burrito PB&J Sandwich Meat & Cheese Sandwich	17 Sack Lunch
20 NO SCHOOL	21 Pizza PB&J Sandwich Meat & Cheese Sandwich	22 Hot Dog PB&J Sandwich Meat & Cheese Sandwich	23 Nachos PB&J Sandwich Meat & Cheese Sandwich	24 Sack Lunch
27 Pancake on a Stick PB&J Sandwich Meat & Cheese Sandwich	28 Pizza PB&J Sandwich Meat & Cheese Sandwich	29 Chicken Nuggets PB&J Sandwich Meat & Cheese Sandwich	30 Spaghetti PB&J Sandwich Meat & Cheese Sandwich	31 Sack Lunch

**Served M-Th**  
Fruit/Salad Bar  
Milk

**A La Cart**  
Milk \$0.50  
PB&J Sandwich \$1.25  
Pizza \$1.25 (Only Tuesday)

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

"Menu items are subject to change"



# Last month at Renaissance Academy...



Ms. Carsey and Mrs. Depallens played host to two adorable shelf Elves!



First grade teachers were mutually excited for Christmas Break & looked adorable in matching onesies.



In an intense game before the break, our boy's basketball team went up against some of our faculty! At half-time the score was 20-24, and ended at 48-49 with faculty taking the win! Mr. Robinson bet his beard on the win - thankfully we pulled through.



Ms. Atkinson's class went around the school to sing Mele Kalikimaka in festive leis.



This year's Donation Drive beat last years number by over 1,100 pounds! Thank you to everyone who helped out!



We had our company luncheon at Tucano's and had a great time eating & socializing!

# IMPORTANT WEBSITES

[Renaissance Academy Website](#)

[Renaissance Academy Facebook Page](#)

[The Official Renaissance Academy FEC Facebook Group](#)

[Grade Level School Supply Lists](#)

[Space Academy Website](#)

[Renaissance Academy After-school Activities](#)

*Follow our Instagram page [@renacademy](#) for glimpses into our student's days, get to know the faculty a little more, and stay in-the-know for upcoming events/fundraisers!*