

RAPP

May 2016



"Hi! I'm Blaze!"

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Important Dates in May

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5/4-6 Book Fair, Buy 1 get 1 free*
5/5 Final MS NYC/DC Trip Meeting 6:30-7pm
5/5 MS Orientation Evening 7pm
5/6 FEC End-Of-Year Social 8am (Library)
5/6 5th Grade Job Fair & Biztown Parent Interviews
5/9-16 DIBELS End-of-year testing
5/9 9th Grade Field trip - La Caille 4:30pm
5/12 5th Grade Field trip - Biz Town
5/12 MS Drama II Assembly (A)
5/12 MS Drama II Performance (A) 7pm
5/13 MS Field Trips - Lagoon & Momentum Climbing Gym
5/15-20 MS NYC/DC Trip
5/17 1st Grade Field Trip - Ogden Dino Park
5/18 BYU Cougars Assembly
5/18 Board Meeting 7pm

5/20 Dance Festival 11am-12:15pm
5/20 FEC Uniform Swap (after dance festival)
5/23 Kindergarten Graduation
5/24 Kindergarten WL Presentation
5/24 3rd Grade Field trip - Recycling Center
5/24 4th Grade Field trip - Camp Floyd
5/25 Elementary Field Day (K-5)
5/25 6th Grade Field trip - Timpanogos Cave
5/25 MS Drama II Performance (B) 7pm
5/26 6th-9th Grade Field Day
5/26 MS Drama II Assembly (B)
5/26 Kindergarten Field trip - Canyon Hike
5/26 NJHS Recognition 5-6pm
5/26 MS Graduation 6-7pm
5/27 Summer Early out 10:15am
5/30 Memorial Day - Summer Break Begins!

*Wed/Thurs 7:45am-4pm, Fri 7:45am-1pm

The Renaissance Academy Printing Press



Announcements

Summer Camps

Come join us for some summer fun! Please visit our website to see our Renaissance Summer Camps 2016 Edition of the RAPP for information and costs of all camps offered.
<http://renacademy.org/rapp>



Renaissance Summer Camps 2016 registration is now up and running on our school website at <http://renacademy.org/> (credit card payments only). Alternatively, come register and pay for your students in the office (cash or check only).

Please contact Julie Walker at jwalker@renacademy.org with any questions or concerns.

Washington DC/NYC Trip MEETING

There will be a meeting on Thursday, May 5th at 6:30 pm (right before the MS orientation night). We ask that all parents, students and chaperons who are going on the trip to attend the meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Julie Walker at jwalker@renacademy.org.



Book Fair

It's here! The Book Fair that we have all been waiting for. It is the Buy One Get One Free Book Fair. It will be Wed 7:45-4, Thurs 7:45-6, and Friday 7:45-1. We hope to see everyone there.



Library Book Check Out

The last day to check out library books will be May 13th, and the last day to return books will be May 20th. Please pay all fines for missing books or late fees by May 20th.

After-school Care/Homework Buddies Program

We are trying to gauge interest in an after-school homework buddies program for working parents or students who need someone to help them with their homework. In addition, there would be fun activities once homework is done to entertain students until mom or dad can pick them up. To indicate interest or for more information, please contact Julie Walker at jwalker@renacademy.org.

The Renaissance Academy Food Service and Healthy, Hunger Free Program for Utah would like to keep you informed of the location for Seamless Summer Meals. If you are interested please follow the link.

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks>

*The USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



Announcements

Reading Groups - Parent help needed!

Parents, our students and teachers need your help and support for Reading Groups! We appreciate all of you who are already coming regularly to help and support our students and teachers. You are invaluable! Any parents out there who might have an extra hour or two a week (or fortnight, or month) that could be spent at school in your students classroom would be much appreciated. Please contact your students teacher directly to set up a mutually convenient time to come support our students and teachers!

Math Tutor

Our wonderful math aide is available after school for private or small group tutoring. \$20/hr private, \$10/hr small group sessions. Contact Ethan Swanson at es-wanson@renacademy.org or 801-698-0272 for availability.



Electronic Devices and Toys

Electronic devices and toys are not permitted outside during recess/lunch (with the exception of school distributed middle school ipads). Please remember that students should not be bringing electronic devices or toys to school to play with during recess times. Electronic devices and toys are not permitted in the playground or for use during AM/PM recess or lunch recess time. Electronic devices should only be brought to school for use during specific times when supervised and specifically given as a reward by their classroom teacher (i.e., such as for use during 'Fun Friday' time, class rewards or parties).

Chinese Tutoring

Chinese tutoring is available from many of our Chinese DLI teachers (contact them individually via email) or April Wang (not an RA employee but currently tutoring students from other schools). April can be reached at 801-888-1917. Rates vary. Contact teachers directly.

SAGE Summative Testing - May 2-20

Our Spring SAGE Summative testing period will begin next Monday 2nd May through Friday 20th May. All students in 3rd - 9th grade (with the exception of those opted out) will complete SAGE assessments for Math, Science, Language Arts (Reading, Language and Listening) and Writing. Please see our SAGE testing schedule below and take note when your student/s will be testing.

Please encourage your students to concentrate and do their best on their SAGE tests to ensure we get an accurate indication of our students academic achievement this year. Each individual SAGE score helps us identi-

fy how we can better educate your child in each subject area, as well as helping us as a school to identify broader areas for improvement, development and training. Please also ensure your student/s get a good night sleep and eat a big healthy breakfast before they come to school to help them remain alert, concentrate and achieve optimal performance on the tests.

Please let me know if you have any questions about SAGE by emailing me at smccappin@renacademy.org.

Please see the next page for the SAGE testing schedule.



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SAGE Testing Schedule - May 2-20

	Day	Time	Who/Test
Week 1	Monday 5/2	8:00-10:39 (P1-P3)	7th Reading, Listening & Language
		12:12-3:00 (P5-P7)	8th & 9th Reading, Listening & Language
	Tuesday 5/3	8:00-10:30	6th Writing - Prompt 1 Opinion/Argument
		1:00-3:00	7th MS Writing - Prompt 1 Opinion/Argument
	Wednesday 5/4	8:00-10:00	6th Writing - Prompt 2 Informative/Explanatory
		1:00-3:00	8th & 9th MS Writing - Prompt 1 Opinion/Argument
	Thursday 5/5	8:00-10:00	4th Writing - Prompt 1 Opinion/Argument
		12:30-3:00	5th Reading, Language & Listening
	Friday 5/6	8:00-10:00	3rd Writing - Prompt 1 Opinion/Argument
		10:30-12:15	8th & 9th Writing Prompt 2 - Informative/Explanatory
Week 2	Monday 5/9	8:00-10:00	4th Writing - Prompt 2 Informative/Explanatory
		1:00-3:00	7th Writing - Prompt 2 Informative/Explanatory
	Tuesday 5/10	8:00-10:30	6th Reading, Listening & Language
		12:30-3:00	5th Science
	Wednesday 5/11	8:00-10:00	3rd Writing - Prompt 2 Informative/Explanatory
		8:00-10:30	7th Math
		12:30-3:00	8th & 9th Math
	Thursday 5/12	8:00-10:30	4th Science/LA Reading, Listening & Language
		8:00-10:30	7th Science
		10:30-2:00	8th & 9th Science
	Friday 5/13	8:00-10:30	5th Math
Week 3	Monday 5/16	8:00-10:30	3rd Reading, Language & Listening
		1:00-3:00	5th Writing - Prompt 1 Opinion
	Tuesday 5/17	8:00-10:30	4th Math
		12:30-3:00	6th Science
	Wednesday 5/18	8:00-12:00	3rd Math (1 hour pause for assembly)
		1:00-3:00	5th Writing - Prompt 2 - Informative/Explanatory
	Thursday 5/19	8:00-10:30	4th Science/LA Reading, Listening & Language
		12:30-3:00	6th Math
	Friday 5/20	8:00-11:00	Finishers (all subjects)



RA Happenings



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Renaissance Academy Trivia

- The first sports team at RA was Lacrosse.
- The first overnight field trip was to Kansas to visit a Space Center.
- The first play performed at RA was "One Thousand Cranes."
- The school had a real lock down the very first year because a man was spotted at the back of the school with a rifle. It turned out to be a duck hunter who had been hunting in the ditch since he was a boy.
- At the opening ceremony of the school, doves were let off into the sky.
- There are nine students at our school who have attended since they were in kindergarten and are now in ninth grade. They made it for ten years...and they are very smart.
- The preferred drink of teachers at RA is Diet Coke.
- There are three teachers who have never moved from their original rooms. They are: Janice Jenkins, Dorian Kinder and Marsha Trottier.
- The original Language Arts Curriculum was Spalding.
- The nearest restaurant to RA when it first opened was Wendy's in Highland.



RA Happenings

JR Academy Sign Language

Our Kindergarten Jr. Academy has been learning sign language the past two quarters. Students now know how to sign the alphabet, yes and no, signs for restroom and drinks, the colors, and nearly 30 other words! They enjoy practicing and dancing to the "ABC Rap"! Way to go, Jr Academy!



Teacher Spotlight

4th Grade Team



Mrs. Styler
Mrs. Hanks
Mrs. Wyatt
Mrs. Gilbert
Ms. Zhou
Mrs. Bina



Mrs. Hanks, 4th Grade Teacher

Mrs. Hanks is from Fort Collins, Colorado. This is her second year teaching at Renaissance. She and her husband, Justin, have a black kitten named Hiccup. They love to hike, camp and be outdoors. She loves traveling, reading and watching movies. Because Mrs. Hanks loves movies, her classroom theme is all about movies. On her front wall in her classroom there is a saying from the Lego Movie "Everything is awesome when you are part of team". She likes to think of the students and she are part of a team. They need to work together to learn and grow. They are a team! Mrs. Hanks said her favorite thing about teaching is, "to hear a student say 'oh...I get it now!' The moment when everything clicks and they understand what I am trying to teach. It is always a great feeling to know they are learning and growing."



Teacher Spotlight

Mrs. Wyatt, 4th Grade Chinese Immersion Partner

Mrs. Wyatt is the English immersion teacher for the 4th grade. She married her husband last December. This is her second year teaching fourth grade and her second year at Renaissance Academy. She grew up in Utah with my brothers and two sisters. She loves animals, especially dogs. Her favorite book is Number the Stars, which they will be reading as a class! She loves to travel and one day hopes to travel all around Europe. The motto in her classroom is the golden rule as well as "shoot for the moon and you'll land among the stars." Her favorite thing about teaching is her students and the chance to get to know them and their personalities. She loves chatting and joking with the students.



Ms. Zhou, 4th Grade Chinese Immersion Teacher

Ms. Zhou is from China. During her spare time, she loves hiking. She came to the U.S. three years ago to further her education. After gaining her master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from UT Austin, she came to teach at Renaissance Academy. This is her first year teaching Chinese immersion. Although it's much more difficult than she expected, she enjoys it! For Ms. Zhou, 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 her to put more effort in teaching. She wants the kids to engage, and learn through fun activities, so she spend a lot of time designing fun games and interesting projects.



Teacher Spotlight



Mrs. Styler, 4th Grade Teacher

Mrs. Styler is originally from Montana and considers herself a country girl. She has lived in many places including Saudi Arabia. She loves outdoor adventures, downhill skiing, playing tennis and traveling. She has a husband and four grown children. Her favorite subject is science and one of her favorite adventures was taking students to dive and explore sea life off the shores of the Red Sea in Saudi Arabia. Mrs. Styler's motto is to "follow your dreams."

Mrs. Gilbert, 4th Grade Aide

Mrs. Gilbert was born and raised in Las Vegas, Nevada. She is the youngest of 5 children. She loves playing sports, especially volleyball and softball. When she graduated from high school she moved to Provo to attend BYU where I graduated with a Bachelor degree in Social Work. She served a mission for her church in Costa Rica. While attending BYU she met my husband and they now have 5 kids. Now, she loves watching her kids play sports. Mrs. Gilbert has worked at Renaissance for 4 years and she enjoys working one on one with different kids. She loves to see them learn and succeed. The most rewarding time is when she is trying to explain something to someone and they get that "ah ha" look in their face and she can tell that they finally understand what she is trying to teach them.



Mrs. Bina, 4th Grade Teacher

Mrs. Bina was born and raised in Wisconsin. She and her husband met in high school and have three children. She loves to go hiking and exploring! She loves to travel and take her families on adventures whenever possible. Mrs. Bina said, "I love to teach because it allows me to help students explore new subject matter and grow academically. I enjoy observing students as they grasp new topics or conquer new challenges. Nothing makes me more happy than hearing young people express a love of learning or a new found understanding of a subject."



Phoenix 200 Club

Congratulations to our latest group of Phoenix 200 Club Winners! The winners received a Field Trip to see The Jungle Book at Thanksgiving Point. Here is a list of our latest winners:

Brita Ward
John Perrin
Samantha Sharifi
Rachel Topham
Libby Ludlow
Logan Fisher
Sam Fonoimoana
Brockton Ursic
Jude Frye
Jerin Luangrath

Railey James
Trevor Jensen
Tayden Dyches
Lehman McKinney
Quincee Stevens
Shaylor Anderson
Stetson Jones
Ryker Bement
Sofia Boyle
Jackson Baird

Oliver Roper
Lauren Hansen
Zachary Richter
Zack Orten
Andrew Allen
Jackson Stillman
Roman Barfuss
Jett Peterson
Luke Luangrath
Micah Rollins

Kyan Barney
Finn Olivier
Aidan Freestone
Chloe Strong
Elvin Liu
Parker Stewart
Eleda Bryan
Maddie Wilkinson
Olivia Barlow
Will Dodson



Congratulations to our next group of Phoenix 200 Club Winners! Our winning students this round will receive a 2016 Megaplex Theaters Kids Summer Movies Punch Pass and Costa Vida Lunch gift certificate for themselves and a friend. The 2016 Megaplex Kids Summer Movies pass gives the student entrance to sessions of each of the following movies over Summer Break; Alvin and The Chipmunks: Road Chip, Minions, Pan, Paddington, Hotel Transylvania 2, Home, Goosebumps, Penguins of Madagascar, Shaun the Sheep, The Peanuts Movie. Student movie punch passes and Costa Vida Gift Certificates will be available for collection from the office on Monday 5/2.

Brayden Dieters
Jesenia Peterson
Brit Miner
India Bina

Trevor Jensen
Brinley Beck
Ari Frye
Ryker Bement

Brailyn Dunkley
Ashtynn Fairbanks
Oliver Shakespear
Max Osmond



FEC Announcements

Volunteer Social - Friday, May 6

We will be having our Volunteer Social on Friday, May 6 at 8:00 a.m. in the Art Room. We would like to invite and thank all of those that have volunteered with the FEC this year. Please come and mingle with us as we express our appreciation for you! We couldn't do it without you!

FEC Meeting

Come and join us for our monthly Family Engagement Committee meeting on Friday, May 6, 2016 in the faculty lounge at 8am.



The FEC would like to send out a BIG THANK YOU to all our AMAZING volunteers who have helped out in any way this year. We would like to invite you to join us at our end of year Volunteer Social. It will be held Friday May 6th, 8:00 AM in the ART Room. We would love to thank you in person, hope to see all of you there!

Our amazing team of dedicated Class Coordinators have been an essential part in the success of our FEC this year by:

- 1- Providing effective communication between the FEC and class parents
- 2- Shown an ongoing commitment to serve when help is needed
- 3- Their sensational attitudes!

We are very grateful for our Class Coordinators and their commitment and service they have dedicated to our school this year. We enjoyed working with all of you!

Back to School Pool Party

Do you like to Plan ahead? So does the FEC! We will be hosting a Back to School Pool Party on August 27th from 5-9. This will be held at the Lehi Outdoor Pool. Bring a picnic to eat at the park next to the Pool from 5-7, and then FREE entrance to the Pool will be from 7-9. This will be a fun way to "splash" back into school, so save the date!

FEC Parent Volunteer Recruits Needed for 2016-17

If you are a fan of FEC-sponsored programs such as Red Ribbon Week, Battle of the Books, Classic Skate Night, Inspirations, Daddy/Daughter date, the Spelling Bee and (coming next year) a Back to School Family Swim Night, WE NEED YOU!

Our Fall Carnival funds all of these enriching activities and it's time to get started, believe it or not. It's a huge job to pull off but we've had so much success (last year we made enough to fund an extra field trip for every grade!) and we want to keep the momentum going. Many hands make light work and we need all kinds of helpers - organizers, creators, gatherers, workers, and just-be-there-ers. Please email renaissance-carnival@gmail.com and we'll figure out how to use your skills/interests to help our biggest school fundraiser.



THANKS - and remember: we do it for our kids!!!



FEC Announcements

FEC Uniform Swap - Friday 5/20

We will not be holding a uniform swap/sale at 'Back to School Night' next year, instead the FEC is holding an end-of-year FREE uniform swap (no money will be exchanged) on Friday 5/20 immediately after the Dance Festival. Bring any quality and good condition dress code clothing your students no longer fit and swap it for something you will use. Alternatively, come donate your 'too small' clothes and help out another Renaissance family. Please do not bring clothes you would not want your students to wear (clean clothes only, no stains, white (not gray) etc).

RA Sweatshirts

If you would like to purchase a Renaissance Academy sweatshirt, please see Emily Simons in the office or email her at esimons@renacademy.org.

Attention all Volunteers!

Are you logging your hours? Please pop into the front office before heading to your volunteering! Use the laptop to select your name and sign in. We need to have you sign in for safety reasons, and the program will automatically track your hours throughout the year for you! If you would like to log past hours from home go to www.helpcounter.net/volunteer.



Is Your Smith's Rewards Card Linked to Renaissance Academy??

Smith's Rewards Program is one of our BIGGEST fundraiser's each year and helps to fund the many activities that are sponsored by the Family Engagement Committee.

All cards AUTOMATICALLY unlink at the end of each year (this is new this year). Please link your card to Renaissance Academy. This can be done on their website:

<https://www.smithsfoodanddrug.com/topic/community-rewards-3>

Linking to our school does NOT effect your Gas Rewards so please take a minute and make sure you are linked to R.A.

Traffic

Please use caution during drop off and pick up times. Drive slowly as there are children crossing the streets. **Do not** park in the Learning Dynamics parking lot next door. Please do not use your cell phones any time during pick-up and drop-off.

