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Important Dates

Aug 11	Elementary class lists posted
Aug 14	Middle School student schedules available (with payment of MS fees)
Aug 17	Kindergarten Orientation 5:00-6:00pm
Aug 17	Back to School Night 6:00-8:00pm
Aug 18	FEC Picnic 6:00-7:00pm @ Lehi Pool (451 E 200 S, Lehi, UT)
Aug 18	FEC Pool Party 7:00-9:00pm @ Lehi Pool (FREE for RA students & families)
Aug 21	First day of school (grades 1-9)
Aug 21-23	Kindergarten assessments (sign ups available at Back to School Night)
Aug 28	Kindergarten class lists posted
Sept 15	FEC Carnival 4-7pm

K-3 Vision Screening will be conducted the first week of school from Wed-Fri, Aug 21-23. Please ensure your student brings their glasses to school and is aware of this screen. If your student does need/wear glasses, please ensure they bring them to school daily to maximize their learning and prevent further damage.

The Renaissance Academy Printing Press



Welcome to Renaissance Academy!

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We are excited to have you join our wonderful community of students, families and faculty for the 2017-18 school year. Here at Renaissance we are passionate about offering our students and families the very best education and experience possible. Our goal is to inspire and help students excel as learners, develop as unique individuals, and realize their potential to influence the world around them. This is made possible by excellent teachers, support staff, parent volunteers and an administration committed to helping each student achieve their best across all subjects and extracurricular activities and programs. We are also grateful to enjoy a dedicated Family Engagement Committee (FEC) and parent volunteers who tirelessly donate time, energy and money to support our community and facilitate many programs, fundraisers and other events throughout the year.

At the heart of our school is a strong sense of community and belonging. We continually aim to strengthen relationships between students, families, faculty and the community. This is an even greater priority in 2017-18 as we commence and celebrate our 12th year as a school. Our school vision at Renaissance is to “build the future by empowering [each] individual to realize their unique potential to influence the world around them.” To do this, we use innovative, individualized, and experiential learning methods in World Language and classical education. Our focus on creating a positive and engaging learning atmosphere will increase in 2017-18 with the continued implementation of Kagan engagement structures in our classrooms, more technology in every classroom with the addition of more portable iPad and chromebook labs, classroom chromebooks in 2nd-6th grade, iPads in the lower grades and Middle School, and continuing the popular Phoenix 200 Club positive behavior incentive program.

We encourage our students to see strengths in each other and teach them to foster good relationships. Programs such as our school counselor led social skills classes, appropriate boundaries education and lunch groups in the lower elementary grades, middle school student government and leadership elective courses, the MS HOPE squad and National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) facilitate the development of stronger individual character, resilience, positive self-concept and social interactions. In 2017-18, school counselor Mrs. Nettie Naumann plans to continue our ‘College Week’ initiative at Renaissance to provide more opportunities to expose, educate and prepare Renaissance students for their future.

In addition to core content areas, each day Renaissance students also increase their knowledge of world culture with daily foreign language instruction in Arabic, Spanish or Chinese. Beginning in first grade, students also have the opportunity to elect to learn from native speaking Chinese teachers and participate in our Chinese Dual Language Immersion program. Students have the opportunity to become fluent in a foreign language, extending their scope of influence as a world citizen.

Teachers and students are also encouraged to Experience Education through regular hands-on classroom and Wonder Day enrichment activities, and field trips directly related to grade-level curriculum. Field trips allow students to expand upon classroom concepts and relate them to real-world situations and career or life opportunities. Field trips are encouraged and required for all students at Renaissance to enhance student learning beyond the classroom. In 2015-16, a group of our Middle School students had the privilege to experience, learn about and tour Washington DC, Philadelphia and New York City. In 2017-18, we will be offering a Middle School Science Adventure and World Language field trip opportunities to students studying Spanish, Arabic and Chinese.

As an administration and faculty we are always looking for ways to improve and maximize the learning experience of our students at Renaissance. We continually review current programs and curriculum, introduce new programs and ideas, and increase extracurricular and character development opportunities offered to students. In 2016-17 Ms. Shelby Dieters, an extremely experienced and successful teacher of 15-years started in a new position as our Dean of Instruction. In 2017-18 Ms. Dieters will continue to provide full-time instructional support, modelling, and coaching to our talented team of teachers to help them further develop their pedagogical skills, increase in creativity, expand ideas and possibilities in the classroom, and most importantly promote increased student engagement and achievement.

Some other exciting new programs you will see in 2017-18 include the expansion of programs associated with our much anticipated Voyager Simulator, the continued development and implementation of our Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) program to increase individualized student instruction, incorporation of Space Tech, MS Leadership course opportunities and College Week, and MS Science Adventure and World Language Trip opportunities. We will also continue to offer a wide range of after-school programs and summer camps.

Our 12th year in 2017-18 is a great time to join our school community and is going to be a year full of exciting development, growth, academic and community-building events. I look forward to meeting and getting to know each of you joining us this year. I have no doubt it is going to be another great year full of enrichment and learning at our school. If you have any questions about the school, our programs or how we do things and help our students Experience Education at Renaissance, please do not hesitate to contact me at smccappin@renacademy.org.

Stephanie McCappin Avery
Dean of Students and Families

About Renaissance Academy



Vision

We build the future by empowering individuals to realize their unique potential to influence the world around them.

Mission

Inspiring students to excel by applying innovative, individualized, and experiential learning methods in World Language and classical education.

World Language

Renaissance Academy prides itself in a focus on language studies that is “exemplary among foreign language programs” (Renaissance Academy Charter). All students at Renaissance Academy are enrolled in daily World Language classes that focus on interpersonal communication. We believe that students must be given the opportunity to practice communicating regularly in a second language, and a large percentage of the time spent in World Language class is dedicated to speaking with others. This ties in with our emphasis on Experience Education.

Experience Education

We believe that the best education comes through experience. Whether it’s on field trips, through in-class experiments, presentations and projects, doing local service projects, visiting college campuses, or during after school programs, students at Renaissance are constantly learning via dynamic experiences that enrich the curriculum and give a variety of opportunities for growth and success.



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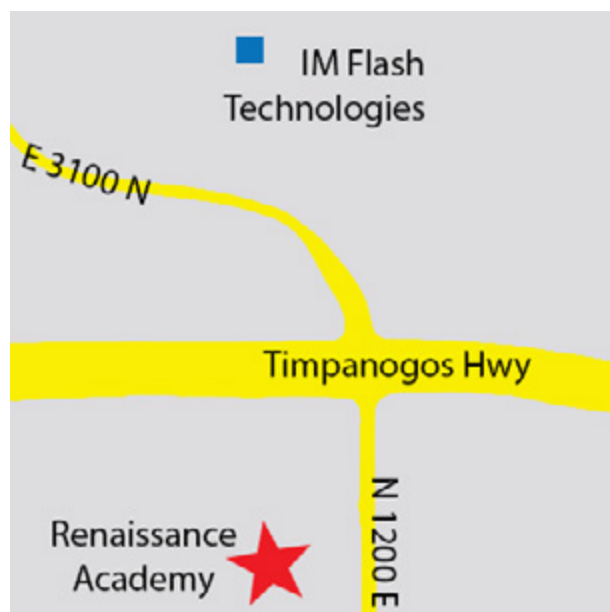
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Announcements

2017-18 Kindergarten Assessments

Kindergarten assessments will be held Monday 21st - Wednesday 23rd August. Kindergarten assessment sign up sheets will be available at Back to School Night on Thursday 17th August. Please ensure you sign your student up for their assessment. To help your student prepare for kindergarten, please see the information below about some of things that will be assessed:

- Letter and sound recognition (upper and lower case letters)
- Ability to write letters
- Ability to write own name
- Phonological awareness and first sounds recognition
- Shape recognition and creation
- Left to right reading tracking and sweeping
- Understanding of concepts (letters, numbers, symbols and words)
- Number identification and one-to-one correspondence (i.e., counting, quantity, numeral quantity and quantity discrimination)

School Supply Lists

School supply lists can be found on our website at <https://renacademy.org/school-supplies>. If you have any questions, please contact the specific grade-level teachers.

Carnival

Mark your calendars! The RA Fall Carnival will be Friday, September 15th from 4-7 PM. This is a fun family event that you won't want to miss with a dunk tank, over 20 booths, bounce houses, a silent auction, and more! All proceeds will go directly back to our kids.

For new families to the school, this is our biggest fundraiser of the school year!

If you have any questions or would like to help, please email Nanette or Wendy at renaissancecarnival@gmail.com.

CALLING ALL BUSINESSES, FAMILIES, AND INDIVIDUALS...

If you, your family, or your company would like to host a booth with a small game/activity, REGISTER NOW! We have limited slots available and they are filling up fast. If you're interested please e-mail renaissancecarnival@gmail.com.

You would be responsible for set up, manning the booth, providing the activity, and prizes. It may sound like a lot, but in return you're not only serving in your community, but you're advertising your product/business!





2017-2018 MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT FEE SCHEDULE

REQUIRED FEES - 9TH GRADE			✓	ELECTIVES FEES			✓
Book Fee	\$10	✓		Art Foundations 1	\$25		
Science Lab Fee	\$10	✓		Art Foundations 2	\$25		
9th Grade Field Trip Fee	\$70	✓		Painting	\$25		
PE Fee	\$10	✓		Musical Theater 1	\$10		
World Language Fee	\$10	✓		Musical Theater 2	\$10		
Student Planner	\$5	✓		Concert Choir	\$10		
REQUIRED 9 TH GRADE FEES TOTAL	\$115			Ballroom Dance	\$10		
REQUIRED FEES - 8TH GRADE			✓	Dance 1	\$10		
Book Fee	\$10	✓		Digital Literacy	\$10		
Science Lab Fee	\$10	✓		Creative Coding	\$10		
8th Grade Field Trip Fee	\$70	✓		Video Productions	\$10		
PE Fee	\$10	✓		Journalism	\$10		
World Language Fee	\$10	✓		Yearbook	\$10		
Student Planner	\$5	✓		Study Skills	No fee		
REQUIRED 8 TH GRADE FEES TOTAL	\$115			Life Skills	No fee		
REQUIRED FEES - 7TH GRADE			✓	Mathletics	No fee		
Book Fee	\$10	✓		Supplemental Math	No fee		
Science Lab Fee	\$10	✓		Supplemental Language Arts	No fee		
7th Grade Field Trip Fee	\$70	✓		Peer Leadership	No fee		
PE Fee	\$10	✓					
World Language Fee	\$10	✓					
Intro to CTE Fee	\$10	✓					
Student Planner	\$5	✓					
REQUIRED 7 TH GRADE FEES TOTAL	\$125			ELECTIVE FEES TOTAL			

FEE SUMMARY

STUDENT NAME	GRADE	FEE DESCRIPTION & TOTAL	
TOTAL OF FEES PAID			CASH: CHECK #:

There are no required fees for K-6. Fee waivers are available in grades 7-9. To see if you qualify for a Fee Waiver please visit <http://www.schools.utah.gov/law/School-Fee-Forms.aspx>

Dress Code

Philosophy

The use of a dress code is an important part of a distinctive Renaissance Academy education. These standards and guidelines for dress and grooming are purposefully employed to create a learning environment that encourages serious study and fosters the development of self esteem.

The dress code accomplishes this by:

- Decreasing distractions created by modern fashion and socioeconomic differences
- Instilling students with discipline and self-respect
- Eliminating social distinctions
- Maintaining a healthy and positive school image
- Providing a visible and public symbol of commitment to high academic standards

General Guidelines

1. Students are required to adhere to the standards of the dress code during school hours and when participating in any on-campus or other school sponsored activities, unless stated otherwise by school administration.
2. Students must present a modest, clean and neat appearance at all times.
3. Clothing must be clean, in good repair and worn properly.
4. Clothing that is baggy, low-rise, over/undersized or low cut is not permitted.
5. Clothing items may not have visible brand names, logos or words of any kind (except school logo). Lace, sequins or decorative embroidery is not permitted.
6. Clothing must be an approved solid color (see above 'clothing color scheme' section). No contrasting color stitching, exposed zippers, lace, sequins or decorative embroidery is permitted.
7. Renaissance Plaid is permitted for some articles of clothing (where specifically stated). Renaissance Plaid is ("Blue/Red" in the French toast catalog). No other plaid is permitted.
8. Hair must be neat, groomed and clean cut. No extreme hairstyles or unnatural colors (i.e., mohawks, faux hawks etc.) Student who present with extreme hairstyles and colors will be sent home until the situation is rectified.
9. Sunglasses are not permitted inside the school building.
10. Visible tattoos are not allowed.



Clothing Color Scheme

The Renaissance Academy student dress code color scheme is as follows:

1. Tops, shirts and dresses may be red, navy blue, light blue, light yellow or white.
2. Pants may be khaki or navy blue.
3. Renaissance Plaid (available through 'French Toast').
4. Sweaters, sweater vests, cardigans, and blazers may be worn in any approved top color.
5. Hoodies may be navy blue or red only (zip-up and pullover styles are both accepted).



Tops, Shirts & Dresses

1. Approved styles for girls: collared shirts (polo and oxford), collared blouses, polo dresses.
2. Polo dresses may be worn in any top color and may not be shorter than 2" above the knee.
3. Approved styles for boys: collared shirts (polo and oxford).
4. Tops may be long or short sleeved.
5. Tops must be in approved colors i.e., red, navy blue, light blue, light yellow or white.
6. Undershirts in approved colors may be worn under an approved dress code top, which must be buttoned up. Jumpers may only be worn with an approved dress code top.



Bottoms

1. Approved styles for girls: pants, shorts, skorts, skirts, capris, jumpers.
2. Approved styles for boys: pants or shorts.
3. Must be an approved solid color for bottoms: khaki or navy.
4. Skirts and jumpers may also be Renaissance Plaid.
5. Skirts and jumpers may be no shorter than 2" above the knee. Shorts may be worn under these items for modesty; however, they must not show.
6. Shorts may be no shorter than 4" above the knee.
7. Pants may be cargo style, cuffed or straight legged. Knit pants, athletic pants and sweat pants are not acceptable.

Outerwear

Some types of outerwear may be worn in the building for personal comfort over a dress code complaint collared shirt. Sweaters, sweater vests, cardigans, blazers may be worn in any approved top color. Students may also wear a solid color (zip-up or pullover style hoodie) in navy or red. Hoods on sweaters or sweatshirts may not be worn in the school building. An Official RA logo hoodie will be available for purchase at 'Back-to-School Night'. Jackets/coats worn to and from school, and during outside recess are not considered part of the dress code. These items may not be worn in the building. Students will be asked to remove all non-dress code winter/outerwear items when in the school building.

Shoes

1. Shoes must have a closed toe, back or back strap that allows for daily school activity.
2. Shoes should be conservative in style, and basic (black, brown or white) or coordinating in color (coordinating is defined as any dress code approved color) .
3. Athletic shoes worn to school must also be conservative in style, and basic or coordinating in color as defined above.
4. The following types of shoes are not permitted: with wheels, predominantly fluorescent in color, flashing lights, electronics, character logos, heels greater than 2".
5. Flip-flops and slippers are not permitted.
6. Athletic shoes may be required in Middle School for P.E.

Other

1. Belts are optional. They must be a solid color brown, black or navy blue. Buckles must be small with no graphics or logos.
2. Socks must be matching and solid unadorned white, black, or navy blue.
3. Girls may wear smooth, opaque or cable knit tights in approved top or bottom colors. Tights may not be worn as pants or shorts.
4. Ties may be worn in solid navy or Renaissance Plaid
5. Hats, beanies and scarves are not to be worn in the building-except for special events.
6. A minimum amount of jewelry is acceptable. Girls may wear one pair of earrings no larger than a quarter. Boys may not wear earrings. Pierced jewelry in other body parts is not allowed.
7. Make-up is permitted for girls. It should look natural and be non-distracting. Boys may not wear make-up unless sanctioned by a faculty member or administrator for a specific school activity.
8. Hair accessories are acceptable for girls. They should be conservative and may be any matching dress code color.

Dress Code Standards

There are three dress code standards at Renaissance Academy: daily dress, performance dress and spirit dress. The Dress Code General Guidelines and shoe guidelines apply for all standards.

Daily Dress

Daily Dress is the standard guideline for school attendance Monday-Friday. Students may wear any approved clothing outlined in the policy.

Friday Dress

Spirit Dress and Jeans are permitted and may be worn on Fridays. Spirit shirts are available for order from our FEC (Family Engagement Committee) at 'Back to School Night' and other events throughout the year.



Performance Dress

Performance Dress is a higher standard of dress reserved for field trips and special events. School-wide events that require performance dress will be announced by administration. Any faculty member may designate performance dress for a classroom or grade level special event. Performance dress standards are as follows:



Girls

- Top: white collared blouse or navy polo dress. May be long or short sleeved.
- Bottom: navy or RA Plaid skirt, skort, shorts, pants, capris, jumper.
- Socks/tights: navy, white, or black.
- Tie: navy or RA plaid (optional but encouraged).
- Outerwear: approved colors.

Boys

- Top: white collared polo or oxford shirt.
- Pants/shorts: navy.
- Socks: navy, white, or black.
- Tie: navy or RA Plaid (optional but encouraged).
- Outerwear: approved colors.

Spirit Dress

Daily dress as described above may be worn. Students may also choose to wear a Renaissance Academy logo t-shirt, sweatshirt or hoodie. This includes shirts worn for Renaissance approved clubs, activities or performances. Students may also wear blue denim bottoms on these days. Socks may be any color. Spirit dress days do not occur at a regular interval. When school administration designates a Spirit Dress Day it will be announced in advance to the campus community.

Students who arrive at school NOT in dress code clothing

1. Students in grades 1 - 9 who arrive at school dressed in clothing items other than those included in the dress code will be instructed by faculty members to go to the office and call home to request appropriate dress code attire be brought to school.
2. Once a student has contacted their parents to have appropriate dress code clothing brought to them at school they will be sent back to class with a sticker/stamp indicating to other faculty members that the dress code issue has been addressed.
3. When the dress code items arrive at school students will be called to the office and asked to change.
4. Kindergarten students - Rather than kindergarten students being sent to the office to call home if they are 'out-of-dress code', kindergarten teachers or office staff will contact the parents directly regarding 'out-of-dress code' incidents.
5. If a student is identified as a repeat offender (i.e., required to call home on numerous occasions for different clothes) who continually disregards the student dress code the following will occur;
 - a. A warning will be given, parents will be emailed indicating that the next infraction will result in an after school detention;
 - b. Students may receive a maximum of 3 after school detentions for dress code violations;
 - c. Upon receipt of a 4th dress code detention more serious behavioral consequences will be considered.

RENAISSANCE ACADEMY

USS VOYAGER STARSHIP SIMULATOR

Enrollment for the 2017-2018 School Year Farpoint Program Starts in August.

What is a Starship Simulator?

The RA spaceship is the USS Voyager. It is an experiential education classroom with flexible use for the school, but designed specifically with the needs of our Farpoint Space Education Program. Renaissance Academy students have first priority and primary access to all Farpoint programs and the simulator.

Why does Renaissance Academy have a starship simulator?

The educational experiences that are possible in a spaceship simulator align with the Renaissance Academy mission of empowering individuals to realize their unique potential and to influence the world around them.

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The Farpoint Space Education Center Program for the 2017-2018 School Year

- *The Young Astronauts Club for Grades 3-6:* Young Astronauts attend monthly after school classes, workshops, and starship missions in the USS Voyager.
- *The Voyager Club for Grades 7-12:* Voyagers attend monthly after school classes, workshops and starship missions in the USS Voyager. Voyagers are allowed to volunteer and work behind the scenes helping Farpoint's staff with the simulated space missions.
- *Math Double Dosing:* Math Double Dosing is exactly that – a daily double dosing of math held every Monday – Thursday from 3:00 – 4:00 P.M. in Mr. Williamson's classroom. The program is available to sixth graders only and reinforces math concepts taught during the school day.
- *Computer Programming:* Farpoint offers computer programming classes using the Google CS Scratch Programming curriculum. Each eight week course focuses on a different topic. Classes are held Saturdays between 8:00 – 9:30 A.M. The classes are open to students in grades 4 – 9. Advances courses are offered to more experienced student programmers in grades 7 – 12.

The 2017-2018 Farpoint Curriculum

This school year's Farpoint program is called: The Greatest Unsolved Mysteries of the Universe. In their monthly meetings, our Young Astronauts and Voyagers will romp through the mysteries of cosmology. Each month we will address a key cosmological question, such as whether or not there are parallel universes and multiple dimensions, what exactly makes up the universe, and why gravity is so much weaker than the other forces. Mr. Williamson will highlight the bizarre ramifications of contemporary physics with a focus on how these great mysteries can be solved with math and science.

To learn more about these programs, please visit:

Young Astronauts: youngastronautclub.org

Voyager Program: voyagerclub.org

Computer Programming/Private Missions: spacecamputah.org



2017-2018 Academic Calendar

Renaissance Academy 2017-2018 Calendar

August/September

M	T	W	T	F
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

October

M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

November

M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

1st Term
August 21 - October 27
46 Days

2nd Term
October 30 - January 19
46 Days

3rd Term
January 22 - March 23
43 Days

4th Term
March 26 - June 1
45 Days

December

M	T	W	T	F
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4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

January

M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

February

M	T	W	T	F
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5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28		

March

M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

April

M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

May

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	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	1

August 21 - First Day of School
September 4 - Labor Day
October 19-20 - Fall Break
October 23 - Professional Development
November 22 - Teacher Comp. Day

November 23-24 - Thanksgiving Break
December 18 - January 1 - Christmas Break
January 15 - Martin Luther King Day
February 19 - Washington-Lincoln Day
March 5 - Professional Development

April 2 - Snow Make-up Day
April 3 - Teacher Comp Day
April 4-6 - Spring Break
May 28 - Memorial Day
June 1 - Last Day of School

Getting Involved

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Board Meetings

Renaissance Academy Board Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month (July and December meetings are held on an as-needed basis). Board Meeting Agendas and Minutes can be found on the school website at www.renacademy.org/board-meetings.

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FEC Meetings

The FEC (Family Engagement Committee) 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.

Join our Facebook group at

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



Message from the FEC President

Hello!

The Family Engagement Committee, also known as the FEC, is organized completely of parent volunteers. Moms, Dad, and caregivers, just like you! We are dedicated to enhancing the educational and social environment at the school. We do this through fun activities, programs and communication with the Administration.

This year we have lots of fun activities planned. Coming up soon is our annual Back To School Pool Party. This gives kids the chance to see their friends from school, or hopefully meet some new ones. This event is free to all Renaissance families, so we hope to see you there on August 19th!

In September, we host the biggest event of the year, our school Carnival! This is one of the best events hosted at the school. Every year, parents, students, grandparents and neighbors come together to play at booths, bounce houses, and the "fan favorite": dunk your teachers in the dunk tank! We will have food trucks, treats, prizes and silent auction items available. We hope you'll join us!

Other events and programs that the FEC sponsors throughout the year, include:

Red Ribbon Week (Say No to Drugs and Bullying!)

White Ribbon Week (Media/Internet Safety)

Spirit Night at Classic Skating

Spelling Bee

Daddy/Daughter Dance

Food Donation Drive

Teacher Appreciation Week

Book Fair

Battle of the Books

and more!

Our monthly FEC meetings are held the first Friday of each month, 8am, at the school. All parents are welcome to attend. Toddlers are welcome and refreshments are typically provided. FEC meetings are a great way to stay informed of all the upcoming events at the school. You can also find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/renaissancefec/>

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Lunch Room Message

National School Lunch, School Breakfast and Special Milk Programs

Salt Lake City, UT – The Utah State Board of Education, Child Nutrition Programs today announced their policy for free and reduced price meals and free milk for children unable to pay the full price of meals/milk served under the National School Lunch, School Breakfast, After School Snack, and/or Special Milk programs. If the Local Education Authority (LEA) participates in the program, they will have a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party. School nutrition programs throughout the state will be distributing program information and accepting free and reduced price applications after July 1st for 2017-2018 school year.

The household size and income criteria used for determining eligibility this year is listed below. Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals/free milk. Children or households currently approved for Food Stamps (SNAP), Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or Family Employment Program (FEP) are eligible for free milk or free meal benefits once the LEA is made known. LEAs will approve these children or households for free meals through the direct certification process and no application is required for free meal benefits. Households will be notified by the LEA of their eligibility and children will be provided free meal benefits unless the household notifies the school that it chooses to decline benefits. All children in these households are eligible for free meal benefits and if any child(ren) was not listed on the eligibility notice, the household should contact the school to have benefits extended to that child(ren). If the child(ren) or household receive benefits under Assistance Programs or other source programs are not notified by the school of their free meal benefits, the parent or guardian should contact their school.

Application forms or instructions to complete an online application form for those not directly certified have been sent home including a letter to parents or guardians. To apply for free or reduced-price meals or free milk, households should fill out the application and return it to their school or district office. The information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials. Children's names, eligibility status and other information provided on the paper application or obtained through direct certification may be disclosed to certain other Federal, State, or local agencies as authorized by the National School Lunch Act (NSLA).

For the school officials to determine eligibility, the household must provide the following information listed on the application: names of all household members; last four digits of the Social Security Number of the adult completing the application, or a statement that the person does not possess one; the income received by each household member with income frequency and income source noted; and the signature of an adult household member certifying that the information provided is correct.

Applications may be submitted at any time during the year to the school. If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household situation changes, the family should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for free or reduced-price meals or free milk.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price policy, a designated approving official at the LEA will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he/she may wish to discuss the decision on an informal basis with the approving official. If the parent/guardian wishes to make a formal appeal, he/she may make a request either orally or in writing to the LEA hearing official by contacting the local school food service supervisor for more information. The policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure.

Foster children who are legal wards of the court or state are eligible for free meal benefits. If a household has foster children and wishes to apply for meal benefits for such children, the household should complete the application.

When known to the Local Education Authority, households will be notified of any child's eligibility for free meals if the individual child is Other Source Categorically Eligible because the child is categorized as: homeless, migrant or runaway as defined by law; or enrolled in an eligible Head Start, Even Start (pre-school and pre-kindergarten children) as defined by law.

The information provided by the household is confidential and will be used only for purposes of determining eligibility and verifying data, unless a waiver releasing the use of the information for other specific programs is signed by the parent or guardian. Families directly certified will receive a waiver release form for their signature with the notification letter. The household name and address will be given to the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) unless "No" is checked on the back of the application.

Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants & Children (WIC) may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Individuals should complete an application for free and reduced price meals and return it to the school where the child is enrolled. The family will be notified of the child's eligibility.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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The Income Eligibility Guidelines for free and reduced price school meals and free milk are shown below. These guidelines are used by schools, institutions, and facilities participating in the National School Lunch Program (and Commodity School Program), School Breakfast Program, Special Milk Program for Children, Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service Program and are effective from July 1 through June 30 every year. The Income Eligibility Guidelines are also located online at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Governance/notices/iegs/IEGs.htm>.

Income Eligibility Guidelines				
Effective from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018				
Household Size	Reduced price meals -- 185%		Free meals -- 130%	
	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly
1	22,311	1,860	15,678	1,307
2	30,044	2,504	21,112	1,760
3	37,777	3,149	26,546	2,213
4	45,510	3,793	31,980	2,665
5	53,243	4,437	37,414	3,118
6	60,976	5,082	42,848	3,571
7	68,709	5,726	48,282	4,024
8	76,442	6,371	53,716	4,477
For each additional family member add	7,733	645	5,434	453



SILENT AUCTION BASKET THEMES

Prizes for the classes that contribute the most items and whose donations total the most value!!

Kindergarten

Welcome Baby

Think Boy, Girl, Gender Neutral

1st Grade

All Things Disney

Think Princesses, Star Wars

2nd Grade

Reading

3rd Grade

Pamper Yourself

Think Essential Oils, Lotions, Spa Certificates

4th Grade

Sports Fanatic

Think Memorabilia, Tickets

5th Grade

Family Night Fun

Think Game Night, Movie Night

6th Grade

**Emergency
Preparedness**

Middle School

Sweet Tooth

Think Chocolate, Treats, Bakery Certificates