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Message from the Dean

Renaissance Families,

Welcome back for another month full of learning and fun in November! Check out some important reminders and information below. Feel free to reach out at savery@renacademy.org or contact your students teachers directly anytime if you have questions or concerns about our school.

1. COVID Update - Wednesday, November 11th

To keep all stakeholders informed, I have included our current RA COVID statistics below. I am communicating as quickly as possible with all families and staff when I hear that your children have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, either on-campus or outside of school. Thank you for all you are doing to help your children stay in school, coordinate with teachers to keep up on missed work while they are in quarantine, and communicate to let us know when they have been exposed to COVID outside of school. Our goal at Renaissance is to stay open as long as possible and to keep educating your children both on-campus and online.

Staff/student positive test results in the last two weeks (10/27-11/11) - 1x student/staff

Students/staff quarantined due to exposure off-campus to someone who has tested positive for COVID (11/11) - 24x students/staff

2. Masks at School - Please double check your student has a clean mask on when you drop them off!

As we know, all students, parents and staff are required to wear a mask when they are inside the school building. Thank you for your cooperation and diligence in helping your students remember to wear and bring their masks to school. I have been so impressed with how well each student has handled wearing a mask while on-campus! We barely have to remind our students they are such pros!

However, we are starting to go through a lot of disposable masks in the front office when students forget to bring them to school. Please ensure your student/s have multiple cloth masks, and bring a new clean mask to school to wear every day. Thank you for your support and help to keep our school open!

3. AAPPL Testing - November 9th - December 11th (3rd-8th Chinese Immersion Students)

Our Chinese Immersion students in 3rd-8th grade are in the process of completing their state required language proficiency assessment AAPPL (ACTFL Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages) over the next few weeks. The AAPPL test assesses student Mandarin language proficiency, including speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. Various skills are tested in different grades. Our on-campus hybrid students will complete this assessment when they are at school. Full-time online Chinese DLI students will complete the assessments online at home.

Your students Chinese teacher should have sent home a schedule of when your child will be testing. As much as possible, please try to ensure they are at school on those days and not checked out for any appointments etc. It makes it extremely challenging for teachers to coordinate make-up tests for students if they are absent. If for some reason your student is required to quarantine during the AAPPL testing window, their Chinese teacher and I will coordinate to move their test to 'at-home testing mode' and they will be able to complete it online from home. Please reach out to your child's Chinese teacher directly with any specific questions about AAPPL testing.

4. How to check your students grades and missing working on 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 the link - <https://renaissance.usoe-dcs.org/Login.aspx>
- 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

5. Lost & Found

Just a reminder to please mark all student sweaters, jackets, lunch boxes, and other personal belongings with your student's name. This makes it easier to find the owners and prevents you having to re-purchase lost items. Lost and found items are regularly placed in the gym and will be kept for one week before they are donated. Pictures are also posted weekly to our Renaissance Facebook page thanks to our parent volunteers.



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Announcements

Spirit Night at Zupas - Tuesday, Nov 17th

3750 N. Thanksgiving Way
5pm - 9pm

Many ways to earn up to 25% for your organization:

Dine-In or Curbside:

Let the cashier know you are with Renaissance Fundraiser or

Café Zupas Mobile App or Online Orders:
Enter FUNDRAISER25 at checkout



Battle of the Books- Volunteers needed

All teams have been formed and are starting to meet and practice. If your team parent has not contacted you feel free to email renaissanceacademybob@gmail.com

- Mock battles will be in January.
- Actual battles will be in the first half of March.
- District battles for the winning 5/6th team and 7/8th team will be March 27 and 29th.

Parents are needed to read books and submit questions to help create our mock battle. If you love to read please help us out. Book lists and question

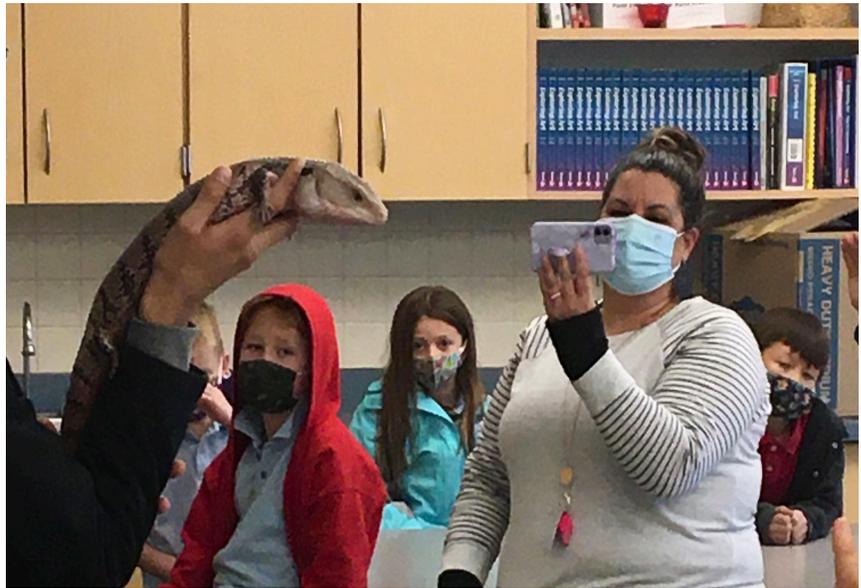
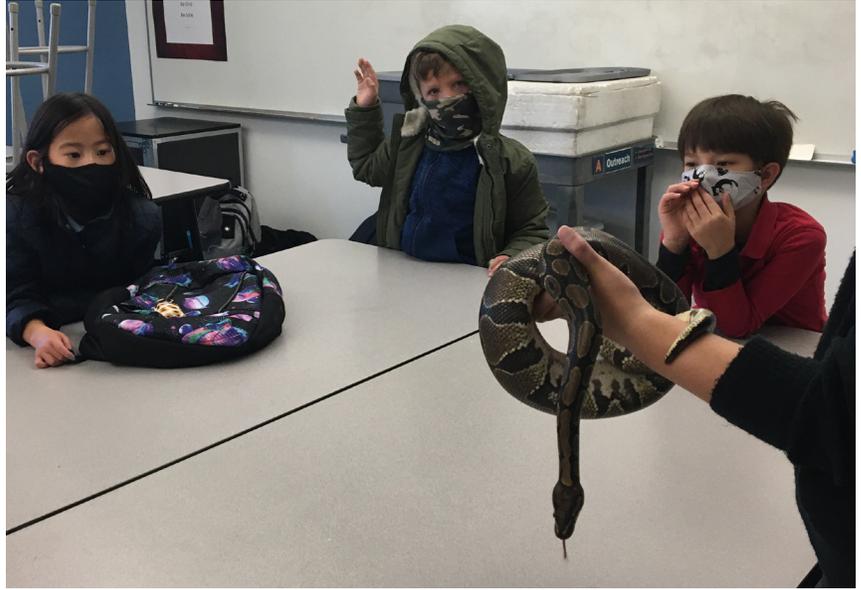


October Highlights



Aquarium Visit-2nd Grade

We had the opportunity to have some scaley visitors from the Loveland Living Planet Aquarium last month. Our 2nd graders were excited to learn and discuss the habitats, eating habits, and the importance of camouflage for the survival of these beautifully patterned creatures. A big thank you to Mrs Dominguez for helping to include Ms Felton's online students who were able to virtually join us



LOVELAND LIVING PLANET
AQUARIUM™

Annual Food Drive for Tabitha's Way



Renaissance community, thank you for your generous donations to our Fall Food Drive. As a school, we have collected a **total of 3742 lbs** of food and other essentials to donate to Tabitha's Way in American Fork. RA families and staff, your support and generosity is so impressive, especially at a time when so many are struggling and in need. Thank you for your generosity and contributions!

Grade Level Totals

Kindergarten - 596.6 lbs - Won free dress for a week

1st- 385.3 lbs

2nd- 543.9 lbs

3rd- 534.9 lbs

4th- 528.6 lbs

5th- 413.4 lbs

6th- 458.45 lbs

7/8th- 280.80 lbs

School-wide = 3742 lbs



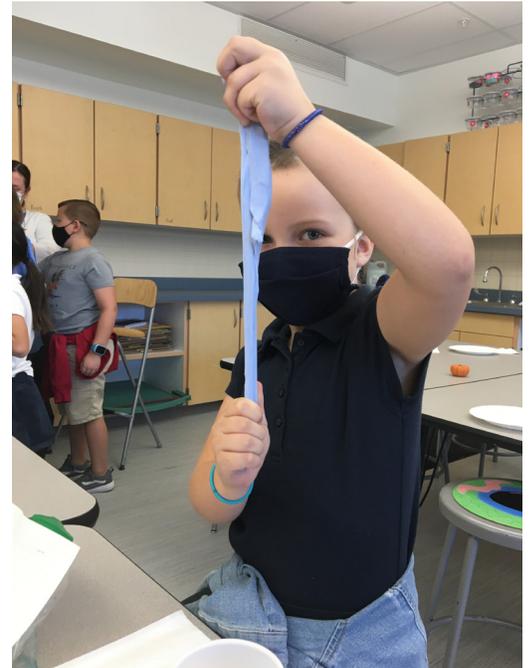
Phoenix 200 Club

*Monthly Prize for October



Halloween Monster Mash

30 kiddos were chosen in both AM & PM sessions to attend the halloween monster mash party! Each student got to enjoy a delicious crispy cream donut, play bingo, and take home a bag full of home made slime (recipe included).



What is the Phoenix 200 Club?

The Phoenix 200 Club is our school wide positive behavior program! Our staff is always on the lookout to present Phoenix tickets to students demonstrating good behavior, going above and beyond, and following our school expectations (Be Successful, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Honest, Be Kind & Be Safe).

Your child chooses whether to put their ticket in the Daily Prize box or take their chances in the Monthly Prize box! Once your child's ticket is pulled and they're awarded their prize, they will bring home the ticket to show you how great they're doing!

World Language Corner



Hello Parents,

It was so wonderful to see your faces during parent teacher conferences last month. We certainly miss not having seen all of you during our normal open house at the beginning of the year. We are in full swing here in the World Language departments and we hope your kids are coming home and sharing all the new things they are learning in language class. Spanish classes celebrated Día de los Muertos and we made lots of fun things that we added to our Renaissance Ofrenda (alter). The kids loved learning about the culture and history of this holiday.

Thank you again for your continued support!



Reading Corner

We are so glad to be back at school and see your children everyday. We also enjoy seeing our students who are online. Wether your students are at school or online, it is so important that they get in some reading time everyday. Kindergarten students who cannot yet read, should have someone read to them. Even older students love to have someone read to them.

It is suggested that students spend 20 minutes each day reading at home. This should be a time that is enjoyable for the student and the parent. Let students read whatever is interesting to them. We have been away from school for seven months and everyone is brushing up on their Skills. The best thing that parents can do to help their students at home is to read everyday!



Online Teachers



Emily Depallens - Online 4th Grade

Mrs Depallens teaches our 4th grade full-time online students. She is featured below with her students and their drawings of The White House. They have been busy learning about the government and election process in social studies. Mrs. Depallens graduated from Brigham Young University Idaho with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science. She started working at Renaissance Academy in 2012 in the front office as the Executive Assistant. After working here for a number of years, Mrs. Depallens developed a desire and love for teaching! She was able to gain her teaching license while simultaneously receiving hands-on training here at Renaissance. She is half American and half British, and grew up moving around overseas with her family. She has lived in Greece, Saudi Arabia, Venezuela, Belgium, Germany and Israel. We love having Mrs Depallens teach at Renaissance!



IMPORTANT WEBSITES

[Renaissance Academy Website](#)

[Renaissance Academy
Facebook Page](#)

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

[Grade Level School Supply Lists](#)

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!

2020-21 Academic Calendar

August/September				
M	T	W	T	F
	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

October				
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

November				
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				

1st Term
Aug 18 - Oct 23
45 Days

2nd Term
Oct 26 - Jan 8
43 Days

3rd Term
Jan 11 - March 19
47 Days

4th Term
March 22 - May 27
45 Days

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

January				
M	T	W	T	F
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11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

February				
M	T	W	T	F
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8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26

March				
M	T	W	T	F
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8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

April				
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

May				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

August 18 - First Day of School
 September 7 - Labor Day
 October 15-16 Fall Break
 October 19 - Professional Development
 November 25 - Teacher Comp Day
 November 26-27 Thanksgiving Break
 December 21-January 1 - Christmas Break
 January 18 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 15 - Washington/Lincoln Day
 March 15 - Professional Development
 April 5 - Snow Make-Up Day
 April 6 - Teacher Comp Day
 April 7-9 - Spring Break
 May 27 - Last Day of School
 May 31 - Memorial Day
 May 31 - Memorial Day