

RAPP

November 2017



Important Dates

11/3	FEC Meeting 8am
11/5	Daylight Savings Time ends
11/6-10	Veteran's Week
11/10	Veteran's Spirit Day
11/9	Student Picture Retakes
11/9	3rd Grade Field Trip - "This is the Place"
11/9-11	MS Play Performances 7pm
11/13-17	White Ribbon Week
11/15	Board Meeting 7pm
11/16	4th Grade Field Trip - <i>Natural History Museum</i>
11/16	FEC Classic Skate Night 5:30-8:300
11/17	MS Walkathon "Walk for Water"
11/22-24	Thanksgiving Break

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Announcements



Cheer Try-Outs

Cheer try-outs will be held Wednesday Nov, 8th from 3:00-5:30 pm, Thursday from 3:00-5:30 pm, and Friday from 12:15-2:00 pm. Girls need to come in athletic attire. They will be taught a dance, chant, jumps, and kicks that will then be preformed in front of four judges that Friday. If anyone has any question email me at cstclair@renacademy.org.

Ballroom

Calling All BOYS! We are looking for 4 more boys to participate in elementary ballroom! Contact activities@renacademy.org for a promotional rate. We'll send you a promo code to adjust for missing the first couple months of instruction. Ballroom teaches valuable skills and is fun! The competitions are a great experience!

Middle School Walk For Water

On Friday, November 17, our MS Students have the opportunity to participate in our first MS Walk For Water. The purpose of the walkathon is to raise \$1,000 or more for the Iron Giraffe Challenge, which supports the drilling of wells in South Sudan. Our students have learned about the need for wells while reading the book, A Long Walk for Water, by Linda Sue Park. The Iron Giraffe Challenge is headed by Salva Dut, a former "Lost Boy of Sudan," and the main character in Park's book.

Pledge Forms: Students will be bringing home pledge forms the week of November 6-10. They will ask friends and family to pledge a specific dollar amount per mile walked, with a goal of walking 4 miles. It is our hope that each student will actively participate!

Why Are We Asking Students to "Walk for Water?"

1. To deepen students' connection to what they've learned about Sudan while reading A Long Walk to Water.
2. To help them empathize with the challenges of those who must walk many miles a day to obtain water for their families.
3. To help them recognize their own power to make a difference in the world.

Parent Volunteers Needed! We are in need of 12 (or more!) volunteers to assist us in monitoring the walkathon trail. If you are available to help between 9:30-12:15 on November 17, please email Mrs. Dukes at ldukes@renacademy.org.

More details about the Walkathon will be sent to MS parents via email. We are excited to walk with our students for a good cause!

The Sound of Music Production

The Middle School play, 'The Sound of Music,' will be performed on November 9, 10 and 11 at 7pm.

Picture Retakes

Picture retake will be Thursday, November 9. (See flyer at end of RAPP). Siblings can come and get their picture taken anytime between 8:00-11:00.



Improv Class

Improv classes officially start Oct 27. Join talented Improv instructor, Mark Berrett (local actor & comedian, and writer who has been teaching and performing at ComedySportz in Provo for the past 15+ years. Register by next Wednesday to reserve your spot! <https://renacademy.org/afterschool-clubs>.

Parking

Please do not park your cars in the parking lots of local businesses surrounding our school. Business owners have repeatedly asked us as a school community (i.e., you as parents) not to park in their parking lots. We as an administration, also request that you respect our neighbors and do not park in the parking lots other than our own school lot. Please be advised, if you continue to park in any of the surrounding parking lots not belonging to Renaissance, you risk receiving a pricey parking ticket if reported to police by the local business owner.

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.

After School Procedures

Please coordinate with your students and carpools before school where and when you will be meeting for after-school pickup. The overhead speaker is only to be used in case of an emergency. For your information, students are not permitted to use the office phone until 3:15 pm after school.

Family Engagement Committee (FEC)

FEC Presidency

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FEC Meeting

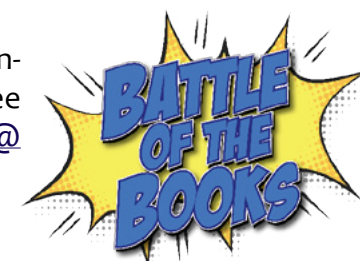
The FEC meets on the first Friday of each month at 8:00 am in the teacher lounge at the school. Every parent at Renaissance Academy is a member of the FEC and we would love to have your input, your ideas and your help. Feel free to join our meetings any time.

Get involved by joining our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/renaissancefec/>

Battle of the Books

Lists for Battle of the Books 2017-18, as well as updated information about events and registration can be found at the Battle of the Books blog: renaissancebob.blogspot.com.

If you have any questions not answered by the blog please feel free to email me at andrewandlessa@gmail.com.



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 - "Today is a great day to learn something new!"

Arabic - اديدج عيش مل عتل ميظع هوي وه هوي لا
(alyawm hu yawm eazim lataelam shay' jadydan!)

Chinese - 今天是学习新事物的好日子
(jīn tiān shì xué xī xīn shì wù de hǎo rì zi)

Spanish - "Hoy es un gran día para aprender algo nuevo!"



Holidays in November around the World

Different countries all around the world celebrate different holidays. For example, every November since 1989, Thailand has the Lopburi Monkey Festival. During this festival, there is a mountain of food laid out for the monkeys that they can climb on and roam as they please. There is also music and dancing for all the people. If you would like to learn more about this fun festival, you can view [this video](#) from National Geographic!

Reading Minute, Reading Corner

Children acquire language and vocabulary skills from birth. Speak to your children in complete sentences. Talk to them about what you are doing. Tell them what you are buying when at the store.

- *Use Topic Talk* – gossip, chit-chat, narration of activities.
- *Business Talk* – commands, questions about behavior. This kind of talk is important and needful, but does not help with language acquisition.

One and two year olds are at prime levels for this kind of talk. Talk to your children a lot, every day. It will help them with vocabulary, which helps with reading, which helps with all aspects of life.



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 'Wonder' on Friday, December 1st at Thanksgiving Point Megaplex. We plan to leave the school at approximately 9:30 am and to return by 12:30 pm. Students should wear regular spirit dress to school on Friday 11/17. Please email me at smccappin@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.

Maxwell Robertson (3)
Brian Besaw (3)
Crew Stevens (3)
Timothy Bysecker (4)
Jerin Luangrath (4)
Victoria Wilson (4)
Caisen Grow (4)
Hiro Steadman (5)
Shaylor Anderson (5)
Madilyn McNiven (6)
Celeste Minson (7)
Hayden Bona (9)



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 they 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.

Faculty Spotlight

Meet our Kindergarten Team!



Pam Hooker, Jr. Academy Kindergarten Teacher

I was born and raised in northern Utah, along with my two older sisters and my younger brother. My dad taught us each to play the guitar and I still love singing. I performed in musicals and assemblies in school and later was in community plays and productions. As a mom and a grandma, I carry on the tradition of my kids and singings, playing guitar, and enjoying music which has accompanied many of their best memories! A hunger to learn and to share learning is in my DNA and is a driving factor in why I teach. I appreciate Renaissance Academy and the variety of methods used to educate and enrich the individual. There are so many experiential growth opportunities available! Besides teaching, she loves to read, travel, listen to good music and crochet. She still loves to learn and delight in new experiences.

Fun fact: We grew up singing and harmonizing together as siblings and with our dad playing the guitar and mom being our loving support, we performed at various functions throughout our growing up years.



Keri Holmgren, Kindergarten Teacher

I was born and raised in Southern California. I graduated from BYU in Early Childhood Education. I have dual teaching certificates in Early Childhood Education and in Elementary Education. I lived for over a year in the Philippines where I gained a great love of other cultures and languages. I love learning and want all of my students to love learning, too. My husband and I have four children. I like to spend time with my family playing board games and family video games. When I'm not spending time with her family, I enjoy reading, especially children's books, learning about other cultures, and doing genealogy.

Fun fact: I love doing adventurous activities with my family such as river rafting, hiking, zip-lining, and riding roller coasters.



Brook Fondell, Kindergarten Teacher

My name is Brooke Fondell. I am a Georgia native, and I have a degree in Early Childhood Education from The University of Georgia. GO DAWGS!!! I love SEC football and was a cheerleader from age 5 to 17. Since I did not become a UGA cheerleader, I decided to become a Georgia Girl and work with the UGA football recruits under Coach Donnan and Coach Richt. I was a member of Lambda Delta Sigma and Alpha Omicron Pi sororities.

I began my teaching career in 2003 at Frey Elementary in Acworth, Georgia. I taught kindergarten and first grade for 3 years before moving to Arizona to experience life out west! I have lived in 6 different states: Georgia, Arizona, Texas, Tennessee, California, and now Utah but Georgia will always be home! This is my 6th year teaching. I taught for a year at a private kindergarten in Smyrna, Georgia. Two years ago, I returned to teaching as a 3rd-5th grade STEM teacher. I am a single mom, and I have 3 vibrant girls. I love being a mom and a teacher! I am so happy to be the new kindergarten teacher here at Renaissance Academy. I love to teach to instill a love of learning in my students! I want my students to be engaged and have a fun time while learning!

Fun fact: I have a first grader and a kindergartner at the school.



Amber Murie, Jr. Academy Aide

I am a mom of two wonderful kids who both attend Renaissance Academy. I love my job here at the school where I work with some of the best people! I live not far from the school so the commute is great. I received my Bachelors degree in Business from UVU. I am a kindergarten aide where I get to laugh and smile with some very fun little students. I love the environment of the school and I feel that Renaissance Academy has some wonderful faculty and students!

Fun fact: I am afraid of water!!!!!!



Tracy Royall, Kindergarten Aide

I everyone! first of all I love children! I am the mother of three, one son and two daughters. My "baby" just got married in July and so I am now officially an empty nester! I have two adorable grandsons ages 5 and 2, and I am the proud mother of Mrs. Christiansen who is a first grade teacher here at Renaissance Academy!

I have a B.S. degree from BYU and worked as a Recreational Therapist for 17 years prior to being a full time mom. One of my favorite jobs was planning group sessions at Primary Children's Medical Center in Child Life and on the Psychiatric Unit in the Residential Treatment Center. I also enjoyed helping create treatment plans for eating disorder patients at Iowa Lutheran Hospital. My Husband is a foot doctor so if any of you have tired, sore feet you know where to come!

In Kindergarten we are talking about spiders and learning our letters and sounds and how to count. I love working with Miss Fondell, Mrs. Holmgren, Mrs. Hooker and our adorable kindergartners! I have enjoyed my time here at Renaissance and look forward to getting to know all of you better!

Fun fact: I also love reading, hiking and anything that has chocolate and mint in it!

Meet our First Grade Team!



Ms. Todd, 1st Grade Teacher

I was born and raised in Pennsylvania. That's where I began my love for teaching. In 11th grade in high school I attended PA's Governor's School for teaching at Millersville University. Living at the University for the summer I was able to study philosophies of teaching, attend classes and workshops, and apply what I learned teaching 6th graders in a local reading program. I put on a class play and we had a blast! I grew to love teaching as I saw a difference that education made in the life of my students. Ever since that experience in high school I knew that I wanted to become an educator. I attended school at Brigham Young University-Idaho and graduated with a degree in Elementary Education. I absolutely love teaching and working with children and youth!

I've been able to do this by working as a teacher for three years in Salt Lake City, youth counselor, nanny, tutor, piano teacher, and student ambassador. I love to have fun in the classroom and make learning exciting for kids. Right now in school our class is studying the five senses in science and applying them to Halloween objects and performing Halloween Reader's Theaters in reading. I'm excited to be teaching at Renaissance Academy this year and look forward to working in 1st grade.

Fun fact: My hobbies include tennis, playing the ukulele, reading, hiking, cross country skiing, swimming, and running.



Debra Bartlett, 1st Grade Teacher

Hello, my name is Debi Bartlett. I was born and raised in northern California. I have been married for 40 +years and have 6 children and 21 grandchildren. I have lived in 5 different states over the years and have now lived in Lehi, Utah for over 16 years. Education was a lifelong goal for me. My children have all completed some form of education over the years. All of my children are married and live close by so family is a big part of my life. I am so excited to be teaching 1st grade this year and look forward to growing my (classroom) family. My classroom motto is, "always live by the golden rule." My favorite thing about teaching is when students lighten up when they understand a concept.

Fun fact: I love to sing and act. I also decorate cakes.



Eden Chen, 1st Grade Chinese Immersion Teacher

I am native Chinese speaker, originally from Taiwan, Taipei City. I can also speak Taiwanese too! I first came to the States in 2007 to pursue her master's degree at Pennsylvania State University. After I graduated, I taught Mandarin Chinese to students from K-8th grade for three years in Pennsylvania. Afterwards, I came to Utah teaching Chinese dual immersion. This is my sixth year teaching first grade Chinese Immersion at Renaissance Academy, and I enjoy teaching first grade so much! My favorite motto is "I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand"(by Confucius), so I believe students can best learn Chinese when they are given the chance to really use it. My students are currently working hard on not to use any English in the Chinese classroom. I enjoy hearing my students speak a lot Chinese, and feel very

proud of them!

Fun fact: Outside of school, Ms. Chen enjoys doing aerial exercises very much. She also loves doing stretch (flexibility) and being with her family and friends.



Kyleigh Christiansen, 1st Grade Chinese Immersion Partner Teacher

Hello! My name is Kyleigh Christiansen and I teach the 1st-grade DLI English side. I grew up in Lehi, UT and graduated from BYU with my degree in Elementary Education. My husband, Bjorn, and I have been married for 4 years this December. I love anything and everything that involves being outdoors and being active.

In our class, we have been focusing on our writing. Both the Panda and Dragon classes have completed a remarkable five paragraph writing project on how to be a friend. They went through the entire writing process! We are excited to keep improving our writing skills and have just started a new topic. We are working on publishing a hard copy class book in the next few weeks!

Fun fact: I enjoy running, hiking, biking, boating, roller-blading, etc.

Picture Day is Coming

PICTURE DAY IS:

Retake Day! Renaissance Academy
Thursday, November 09, 2017

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Questions? Please call 1-800-736-4753

Siblings are invited from 11:00-11:30

Renaissance Academy

FREE Family Skate Night

Free Admission For You And Your Whole Family

Thur. Nov. 16th
5:30-8:30p.m.

Skate Rental-\$2
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Lunch \$2.50
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Monthly \$8.80

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Corn Dog ¹

Chicken ²
Enchilada
Dip

Sack Lunch ³

French Toast ⁶
Sticks

Pizza ⁷

Hamburger ⁸

Chicken ⁹
Parmesan

Sack Lunch ¹⁰

Ham&Egg ¹³
Biscuit

Pizza ¹⁴

Teriyaki ¹⁵
Chicken
Bowl

Turkey& ¹⁶
Mashed
Potatoes

Sack Lunch ¹⁷

Apple ²⁰
Cinnamon
French Toast

Pizza ²¹

No School ²²

No School ²³

No School ²⁴

Grand ²⁷
Scramble
Sandwich

Pizza ²⁸

Chicken ²⁹
Nuggets

Pork ³⁰
Burrito
Bowl



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"