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Dear Renaissance Parents/Guardians and Families,

I hope you have enjoyed the smoothest possible start to the very different/crazy school year, that your children are now settled into their classes and enjoying new teachers and friends, and that your family is well and truly into the crazy groove that is the 2020-2021 school year!! We have had a fabulous first half of Term 1 and love seeing your children’s smiling eyes back at school and in our classrooms!! I am so proud of all of our students, staff and families this school year. It has been rough, there may have been tears along the way in some cases, but we are doing it, and our students are learning, growing and succeeding both our online and on-campus classrooms. Our Renaissance students and families have shown their resilience, adaptability and willingness to take on all the challenges of this school year in their stride (including wearing masks). Your children are focused and working hard in class, they are listening to their teachers, enjoying interacting with their friends again, and they are behaving so well. Thank you for all you are doing at home to support your children in their learning. Your hard work and efforts as parents and families have not gone unnoticed. I know it has not been easy this year, thank you for your dedication!

We love our students and families here at Renaissance. I am looking forward to getting to know all of our new students and families, and to the year ahead. Please take a few moments to carefully review the following information and reminders included in our October edition of the Renaissance Academy Printing Press (RAPP) to keep yourself informed about the many activities, events and happenings at Renaissance both this week and in the near future. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns about anything at Renaissance by emailing me at savery@renacademy.org.

1. **Do you know someone interested in attending Renaissance this year?** Invite them to enroll now for 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 (both online and on-campus/hybrid) that we would love to fill with your family, friends or neighbors! If you have friends or neighbors who might be interested in attending RA this year, please have them check out our school website at www.renacademy.org, contact our school office at 801-768-4202 or email me directly at savery@renacademy.org with any questions, schedule a
tour, and/or to find out if a seat is available in their respective grade level.

2. School starts at 8:00 & 12:30 for on-campus students - Please be prompt

Please help us maximize student learning by having your student/s at school before 8 am or 12:30 pm. Parents, please support your student/s and our teachers by bringing your student/s to school early and making sure they are in their classroom/s (or at their computers) and ready to learn before 8 am (but no earlier than 7:40 am when the doors open to students). Our classroom schedules are very tight here at Renaissance, and our teachers aim to maximize student learning and instruction time by beginning to teach immediately following the 8 am bell. We understand that sometimes things happen and you don’t make it out the door quite early enough, however please do your very best to get your students here on time. If a student is late to school and arrives after 8:10 am they are required to check in at the office to receive a late slip before heading to class. The late slip is then presented to their classroom teacher for attendance tracking purposes. *Please remind your late students to go by the office on the way to class to pick up their late slip!


If your student is absent from school, please go online to our school website as soon as possible to excuse the absence and let us know why your student is not at school. School attendance is required by law and we are required to keep track of who is and is not regularly attending school. It only takes a moment - Please see the following link if and when you need to excuse your student’s absence from school at https://renacademy.org/

4. How to check your students grades and missing work 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.

6. **Checking Students In and Out**

All students who arrive at school late or leave early must be checked in and/or out of the office. Please remember to bring your driver's license with you when coming to check out your student so we do not have to ask you to go back out to your car. It is also not possible to call ahead and check your student out over the phone as we must scan your license to check out your student. Please be patient and understanding, our check in/out procedure is for the safety of our students.

7. **Parking - Please do not park in our neighboring parking lots or block entry ways during pick-up**

Please do not park your car in the parking lots of local businesses surrounding our school - or block their entry during carpool/pick-up. 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 ask that you respect our neighbors and park only in our 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.

8. **Halloween Celebrations - Thursday, October 29th**

This year we will be celebrating Halloween at Renaissance on Thursday, 29th October. Students are invited to come to school dressed in their Halloween costumes and be prepared for our elementary Halloween parade and classroom celebrations (details TBA). Please remember that students are required to wear shoes to school with their costume (no slippers) and that full-face masks or paint are not permitted.
2020-21 Academic Calendar

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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

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
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Spirit Night at Panda Express - Monday, Oct 12th**

Our first spirit night will be next Monday, October 12, at Panda Express from 4-9 pm! It is the Panda Express located at: I-15 & Timpanogos Hwy PX 3601 North Digital Drive Lehi, UT 84043.

Show a paper or digital copy, or order online and pick it up. You can also type in 314926 in the promo code box during online checkout at order. Orders must be placed on the event day.

**Abuse Prevention Presentations - Oct 21&22**

The Family Support & Treatment Center is a nonprofit agency whose focus is the prevention and treatment of abuse and traumatic events. The Utah State Office of Education and the school boards in Alpine, Provo and Nebo School Districts have approved these presentations, which are given free of charge at schools. The majority of the presentation is a group discussion that helps students identify what they would do in several situations. If you would like to read more about it (or would like to opt your children out), please print & complete this form.

**Book Fair**

Book fair runs October 5th-18th. Ordering is exclusively online & your order will be shipped to you. Help us reach our goal! We can get books for the library as well as digital licenses for your students to be able to view electronically from home. If you have questions please feel free to ask Mr. Wright.
Online Auction - Ends Oct 9th

If you haven’t yet checked out all the great items our FEC has put together for our Silent Auction, you can do so here: charityauction.bid/renacademy. They’ve received donations for hotel stays, sports memorabilia, ski trips, jewelry, and more! Thank you for your support!

Mrs. Blackhurst’s Goodbye

“I want to thank all of the faculty, students and families for making these past 8 ½ years great. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with and getting to know all of you. I will MISS each of you and will take with me special memories from our experiences over the years. THANK YOU!!”

Mrs. Blackhurst has decided to move to Tennessee with her husband!

World Language

We are off to a fantastic start with our World Language program this year! Our Elementary students have been especially busy making crafts, (playing games, creating and telling stories, and community building in their Spanish and Arabic classes). Middle school students have also been busy learning about current events happening all over the world, team building and listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The World Language team thanks you sincerely for your support of our program. We, as teachers, are very passionate about the languages and cultures that we teach and we love sharing this passion with your students! Our students come to class excited to learn each day, and we just love their excitement, curiosity, and enthusiasm to learn! Please check with your children and ask them about what they are currently learning in their Spanish and Arabic classes. They will love teaching you!
Phoenix 200 Club
Monthly Prize for September: FIESTA!

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!

SEPTEMBER

30 kiddos were chosen in both AM & PM sessions to attend a fiesta! They each got a churro, listened to some fun Spanish music, and got to take a turn at a goodie-filled pinata!
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Meet our 2020-21 Faculty!

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3rd Grade DLI

Aires, Stella
Food Services Mgr

Atkinson, Jessi
Kindergarten

Avery, Stephanie
Dean of Students

Baker, Annie
2nd Grade DLI

Bean, Georgia
3rd Grade Aide

Bean, Serene
Reading Aide

Beebe, Brittany
Spanish

Bennion, Rebecca
6th Grade ELA

Benson, Jessica
CTE & Coding

Blackhurst, Susi
Former Enrollment Specialist

Blain, Luke
SPED Teacher
Doyle, Ashley
Enrollment Specialist

Druce, Erin
1st Grade

Felton, Anna
2nd Grade

Fertig, Brittany
1st Grade

Feveryear, Jessy
MS ELA

Hall, Jenna
4th Grade

Hanna, Rina
Arabic

Hoffman, Madison
SPED Director

Holmgren, Keri
Kindergarten

Kinder, Diane
1st Grade Aide

Kinder, Dorian
4th Grade & Music

Kurtz, LauraLee
2nd Grade DLI
Lee, Dawn
2nd Grade DLI

Leffert, Laura
SPED Teacher

Liu, Kathy
4th Grade DLI

Long, Samantha
4th Grade Aide

Merrill, Mardee
School Counselor

Messick, Trudy
Lead Aide & Library

Miao, Shelly
2nd Grade DLI

Moss, Amalie
6th Grade Aide

Mullen, Heather
5th Grade

Murie, Amber
Kindergarten Aide

Nelson, Kristi
1st Grade DLI

Noriega, Anela
5th Grade DLI
Pena, Dorie
Reading Aide

Porter, Jennifer
Kindergarten Aide

Qiu, Yolanda
Chinese

Rich, Christy
2nd Grade Aide

Robinson, Camden
6th & MS History

Scott, Tracy
Reading Specialist

Smith, Chelsea
MS Math

Spencer, Emilyanne
3rd Grade

Strate, Jill
3rd Grade

Taylor, Peggy
6th Grade Science

Tekulve, Sarah
Health & PE

Todd, Keri
5th Grade
Ursic, Mark  
Executive Director

Ventura, Carey  
Spanish

Vidinha, Larry  
MS Science

Williamson, Victor  
6th Grade Math

Wright, Drew  
Library

Wu, Wendy  
Chinese

Yin, Bonnie  
5th Grade DLI

Zhao, Lingna  
3rd Grade DLI

Zhou, Lisha  
Chinese
Dress Code Reminders

**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**

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).
Annual Food Drive for Tabitha’s Way

With COVID, the need for food bank donations is expected to be high this season. RA will be holding it’s annual food drive a little earlier than usual this year. The drive will begin October 20th and run until October 29th.

We will need 4 volunteers to help weigh food on October 30th from 9:00-11:00am! If interested, email Kimmy Skarda.

The grade level that donates the most lbs will be rewarded with free dress the week of Nov 2-5. (7th&8th will be combined for the competition.)

Items needed are listed below!

* Canned Fruit
* Canned Vegetables
* Canned Meat
* Rice (2-5 lb pkgs)
* Vegetable Oil
* Dry Beans
* Dry Pasta
* Spaghetti Sauce
* Sugar (5-10 lb pkg)

* Flour (5-10 lb pkg)
* Jams/Jellies
* Ketchup & Mayo
* Breakfast Cereal
* Baby Wipes
* Baby Diapers (size 5-6)
* Feminine Hygiene
* Laundry & Dish Soap

*Dates of 2018 and newer; no open packages with food exposed; no home canning; please tape flip-top lids closed.

We also accept cash or checks payable to Tabitha’s Way North. Online donations accepted at tabithaswaynorth.org/donate
Recently at Renaissance Academy....

A few pictures of our construction done this summer! We love how it turned out.

Our exclusively online program has been a success thus far!

Miss Hall's class did a “book tasting” to sample different genres.

We love Mrs. Bryan's mask reading “Don't make me use my lunch lady voice!”

Kindergarten got a visit from our local fire dept!
IMPORTANT WEBSITES

Renaissance Academy Website

Renaissance Academy Facebook Page

The Official Renaissance Academy FEC Facebook Group

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