

# RAPP

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10/3	MS HOPE Squad Parent Meeting 6pm
10/3	MS NJHS Parent Meeting 6:30pm
10/3	MS Trips Deposits Due - Havasupai, Costa Rica & China
10/6	Student Picture Day
10/7	FEC Meeting 8 am (Faculty room)
10/10-14	Box Tops Contest
10/10-14	Childhood Cancer Awareness Week
10/11	Lucas Aguilar Super Hero Day - Students should dress like their favorite super hero
10/12	2nd grade field trip - Hare Krishna Temple
10/12	NJHS Meeting 3:15-4:00 pm
10/12	3rd grade field trip - Rock Canyon Hike
10/13	Kindergarten field trip - Hee Haw Farms
10/13	1st grade field trip - Hogle Zoo
10/13	FEC sponsored Parent Meeting 7 pm
10/19	MS field trip - Leonardo Math Theme
10/19	Board Meeting 7 pm
10/20-24	FALL BREAK - NO SCHOOL
10/24	Teacher Professional Development Day (No school)
10/25	Term 2 starts
10/24-28	Red Ribbon Week
10/25	Red Ribbon Week Assemblies
10/25	Spirit Night - Chick Fil A Night - American Fork
10/27	6th grade field trip - Clark Planetarium
10/28	HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS

The Renaissance Academy Printing Press



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## *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 or lanyard 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 Simons at [esimons@renacademy.org](mailto:esimons@renacademy.org) if you would like to confirm if your background check is current.

## *Student Picture Day*

Student picture day will be on **Thursday, October 6th**. Student dress code is required.

## *After School Procedures*

Please coordinate with your students and carpools where and when you will be meeting for after-school pickup before school. 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.

## *Student Government*

We will be having our first Student Government meeting of the year this coming Friday 10/7 immediately after school in front of the World Language office. All students grades 6-9 are invited to come help us plan activities and service projects for the year.

## *Friday Spirit Dress Reminder*

Parents, please review our student dress code and remind your students what is and is not appropriate Spirit dress/Friday attire. Students should be wearing regular dress code clothing or may substitute their collared shirt for an RA spirit shirt, or their dress code pants for jeans. Fridays are not free dress days. Please review our school dress code policy available online at the link below if you are uncertain about the specifics of our school student dress code.

[https://renacademy.org/dynamic/content/1068/28/15-16\\_school\\_dress\\_code.pdf](https://renacademy.org/dynamic/content/1068/28/15-16_school_dress_code.pdf)

## *World Language Volunteer Needed*

We are looking for parent volunteers to help in the World Language Department. It isn't necessary that you speak Chinese/Spanish/Arabic, but if you do, please let us know! Please contact [jwalker@renacademy.org](mailto:jwalker@renacademy.org).



## *'WHIP' Childhood Cancer Awareness Week*

Our students will learn about and help 'WHIP' Childhood Cancer the week of October 10-14. Please see the schedule of daily dress themes, activities and events for the week below.

**Monday** - Students may wear gold for Childhood Cancer Awareness. Gold is the official color used by Pediatric Cancer Awareness campaigns. Students will also receive a rubber wristband from their teacher to wear as a reminder this week to think of kids like them battle cancer.

**Tuesday** -Super Hero Day! Our super hero today is Lucas Aguilar, a 2nd grade student in Mrs. Maliwauki's class. Lucas has been battling leukemia since he was 3-years old. In 2014, Governor Herbery declared October 11th as Lucas Aguilar Super Hero Day. Students may dress like their favorite super hero in honor of Lucas on his special day.

**Wednesday** - Student may wear gold to school. The Middle School Peer Leadership class will be teaching mini lessons to each grade level to help educate them about childhood cancer awareness and the Make A Wish Foundation. Students will also learn the "Whip, Nae Nae" dance to perform at the assembly Friday as we help 'WHIP' childhood cancer. See the link below:

<http://whippediaticcancer.org/bring-whip-pediatric-cancer-school/>

**Thursday** - Students may wear pajamas to school. The Middle School Peer Leadership class will continue teaching mini lessons to each grade level about pediatric cancer awareness and the Make A Wish Foundation. Students will learn the "Whip, Nae Nae" dance to perform at the assembly Friday.

**Friday** - Students may wear gold. We will be holding a 'Childhood Cancer Awareness' assemblies for K-5 and 6-9 with guest speakers from the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Mr. Aguilar and MS leadership students.

### *\*Donations*

Our MS Leadership students will also be running an 'after school snack shack' and collecting items to donate from the Primary Children's Hospital 'Wish List' the week of October 10-14. If you would like to make a donation, we will have a donations box in front of the stairs for wish list items and cash collection jar in the office. Please see the link below for the Primary Children's Hospital Wish List.

<https://intermountainhealthcare.org/locations/primary-childrens-hospital/giving-volunteering/service-projects-donations/donation-wish-list/>





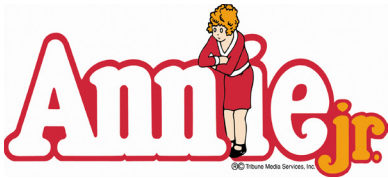
## RA Sweatshirts

If you would like to purchase a Renaissance Academy sweatshirt, please see Emily Simons in the front office or email her at [esimons@renacademy.org](mailto:esimons@renacademy.org). All sweatshirts are \$25. They come in navy blue or red and can be zip-up or pull-over style. They are available in youth and adult sizes.



## Halloween Celebrations

We will be celebrating Halloween at school on Friday October 28 instead of Monday October 31st this year. Halloween class parties will be held on this day. Don't forget to remind your student/s to wear a costume for the Halloween Parade on Friday, October 28. Please remember, no masks, no props, no full face paint and not too gory.

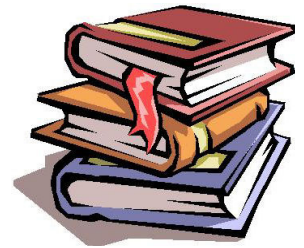


## Middle School Play

Middle School play rehearsals are every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00-5:00pm (except during SEPs and Fall Break). Performances will be Thursday, November 17 - Saturday, November 19 at 7:00pm.

## Message from our Librarian, Mr. Wright

As the Librarian I have been asked if we accept donations of new or used books. The answer is YES!! We will accept all donations and see what will help build our collections, so please donate. Please remember to think about readability levels of our Kindergarten to 9th graders. Hard bound and Paperbacks will be used to replace those that may be torn and tattered on our shelves or be shelved as a new title in the library. Any remaining books will be given to classroom teachers to build their classroom libraries. This year we have many new teachers that need books in their classrooms. Help the library and classroom teachers by donating your books.



**Donations needed to be used for our incentive prizes for Mystery Readers and Reading month. We can use bookmarks, dollar store prizes, jewelry, food certificates, used kid's meal toys, coloring books, puzzles, party prizes, etc.**

Volunteer opportunities are available as well. See Mr. Wright or Mrs. Messick. We need help putting books on the shelf, Laminate Book Jackets, Processing new books with bar codes, stamps, due date stickers and more.



## *Dress Code During Winter*

**It's nearly winter - don't forget to send your student to school with a dress code appropriate warm layer to wear indoors!**

Parents/guardians, please remember to send your students to school wearing dress code appropriate sweaters/sweatshirts and cardigans to wear in the school building. Non-dress code coats or sweaters are not permitted to be worn in the school building and classrooms. Please respect our school dress code. Students wearing non-dress code outer layers will be asked to remove their non-dress code items. Thank you!



## *Sick Students Should Stay Home*

Please remember to keep your students at home if they are unwell. We would like to keep as many students and faculty members as healthy as possible for as long as possible! Students who are sent to school and who are visibly sick, contagious, or who throw up at school will be sent home.

## *Lost & Found*

With the changing weather, we have a lot of 'newly lost' sweaters and jackets added to the pile. Please remember to label your students clothing and items they bring to school. Please also remember to check lost and found if your student is missing their lunch bag or box, chances are it might be in lost and found. We currently have a lot of lost lunch boxes piling up daily. Parents, please encourage your students (and yourself) to check the lost and found frequently. We would hate to donate any items you don't realize are lost or that you have to re-purchase. Lost and found is located in the gym and office (small items only).



## Important Meetings

### *Parent Meeting - Child Sexual Abuse Prevention & Awareness*

On Thursday, October 13th at 7:00 pm there will be a Parent Meeting on child sexual abuse prevention and awareness. Our speakers are from Defend Innocence, whose mission is, "We educate parents and empower them to protect their children from sexual abuse while leading a public dialogue to bring the epidemic of abuse to light." For more information, please visit <https://defendinnocence.org/parents/>.

### *HOPE Squad Meeting*

HOPE Squad Meetings will be the first Wednesday of every month from 3:15-4:00 in Mr. Swanson's portable (portable 2). The next meeting will be **Wednesday, October 5th**. All HOPE Squad Members are required to attend.

### *Board Meeting*

The next board meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 19th at 7:00pm**. The agenda will be posted prior to the meeting online at <https://renacademy.org/board-meetings>.

### *Parent Meetings for HOPE Squad & NJHS*

There will be two important parent meetings this month for HOPE Squad and National Junior Honor Society. Parents will be able to learn more about these programs and will have the opportunity to ask our school counselor, Mrs. Naumann, any questions they may have.

**HOPE Squad Meeting - Monday, October 3 6:00-6:30pm**

**NJHS Meeting - Monday, October 3, 6:30-7:00pm**

## *Middle School Trips - Deposit Deadline Extended to Monday, Oct 10*

This year we are excited to be offering several trips to our students. To register and pay your deposit online go to: <https://renacademy.org/middle-school-trips> or pay via check in the office (to avoid online payment fees).

This year in addition to our Week Without Walls trip for 6th-9th graders, we will also be offering international options to Costa Rica, China and Jordan. These trips are a great opportunity for your student to practice the world language they have been learning here at school. For information on these trips (dates, costs and itineraries), please see the flyers at the end of this newsletter. Please note: all international trips require a valid passport that does not expire within 6 months of the date of travel.



## FEC Announcements

### 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.

The next meeting will be held on **Friday, October 7 at 8:00am.**

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

### FEC Presidency

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### Teacher Spotlight

We have many AMAZING teachers here at Renaissance Academy!

We are hoping to highlight those that go above and beyond this year with a new program. Thanks to Hampton Inn at Thanksgiving Point we will be presenting one FABULOUS teacher a month with a free overnight stay! We need to hear from you about the rewarding experiences you are having with the teachers. Parents and students please email us why your teacher deserves to be spotlighted and enjoy this fun stay-cation! RAHamptonSpotlight@gmail.com. Winners will be selected the first Monday of every month.

This month's winner is: Ms. Hooker!

Here's what students and parents think of Ms. Hooker:

"Ms. Hooker makes special effort to develop relationships with the students and makes school fun. My daughter loves school thanks to her and always wants to give her teacher a high five before getting in the car to go home.

Pamela Hooker has been great teacher for my daughter's Jr. Academy class. She has met my expectations and my daughter has been learning A LOT already. She is great at teaching kids and at the same time she teaches how to have fun and discipline."

Thanks for your hard work Ms. Hooker!





# After School Clubs

## After School Activities

We still have room in Chess, Elementary Ballroom, Improv class, Elementary Dance Club, and Middle School Dance Team. Register at <https://renacademy.org/afterschool-clubs>

## New Activity - Dance!

Those in After School Club who wish to learn to dance will now be invited to attend Dance Club on Thursdays! (You can also register for dance separately if you aren't in ASC). Don't worry, we'll still leave time for homework help!



## Dance Payments

Dance club/team payments were all due last week. Several students are attending without registering, so please make sure to get those payments in before next class! Payments can be made online at <https://renacademy.org/afterschool-clubs>

## After School Drop-in Rates

Ever get in a childcare bind? Did you know your child can attend on a per-day basis? This is great for those days you just can't make it in time to pick up or you need extra help to get some errands done. We all know how things can come up, so let us help out! Your child can join the fun of After School Club by registering and sending us an email (call if it's last minute) so we can make sure they come to the right place after school. Register at <https://renacademy.org/afterschool-clubs>



## Basketball Tryouts

Basketball tryouts for grades 6-8 will be Oct. 17th and 18th- 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Contact [tstory@renacademy.org](mailto:tstory@renacademy.org) for details.

## Free Trial Classes

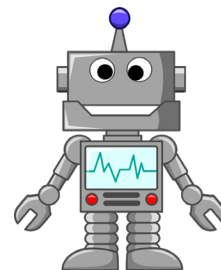
FREE Trial Classes this week! Come try a day of After School Club, Robotics, or dance any day this week, October 3-7! Schedule is as follows:

After School Club- Daily 3-6:15, Fridays 12:15-6:15  
Elem Ballroom M & W 3:15-4:15  
Elem Dance Club Th 3:15-4:15  
Middle School Dance T 3:15-4:15. Fri 12:45-2:00  
Robotics W 3:15-4:15

Please email [activities@renacademy.org](mailto:activities@renacademy.org) to let us know your student will be trying out a class.

## Robotics Club

We will be starting an after-school Robotics Club in October. Kids get a chance to build a team robot that can perform various tasks, then compete with other schools at the robotics competition.



It will be starting this week, Wednesday, October 5 from 3:15-4:15 in Mr. Swanson's room (portable 2).

You can register at <https://renacademy.org/afterschool-clubs>

## Fantastic New Instructor

We are excited to announce Bailee Fuhrman has joined the Renaissance Team as our After School Club instructor! Bailee is an experienced child care professional who came to us with multiple recommendations. She has a great time with the kids as they play games, do crafts & educational activities, and best of all, get their homework done!





## Phoenix 200 Club

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.

The following students were the winners of the two latest rounds of the "Mystery Motivator." They had the chance to go see the new movie, 'Storks' at the Thanksgiving Point Megaplex. Great job everyone!

Jaxon Griner (K)  
Tyler Jones (1st)  
Maggie Anderson (1st)  
Draia Lei (1st)  
Ryker Rich (1st)  
Adriana Rowley (1st)  
Kashlee Larsen (1st)  
Jacob Bird (1st)  
Rachel Anderson (3rd)  
Hinata Sing (3rd)  
Ashlyn Lim (4th)  
Henry Allen (4th)  
Kaden Lierd (4th)  
Ammon Taylor (4th)  
Isabella Swindler (4th)  
Miriana Sakamoto (4th)  
Easton Hawkins (4th)  
Skyley Hanna (5th)  
Harmony Bishop (5th)  
Carter Quinn (5th)  
Lizzie Christensen (7th)



# FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

## *Meet our Administration and Office Staff*



### *Mark Ursic, Executive Director*

Mark Ursic, Executive Director of Renaissance Academy, brings 20 years of experience in leadership, management, strategic planning, organizational development and school administration to Renaissance. Mr. Ursic earned a Bachelor of Science in Management from Brigham Young University in 1996. Prior to his present position he spent 15 years working in operational management positions in both corporate and educational environments.

As operations director for the Higher Education Services Division of Marriott International (MMS), Mr. Ursic successfully improved the infrastructure of his client institutions by creating a culture of improvement and excellence. In this role he worked with clients such as the U.S. Olympic Training Center—Colorado Springs, Whittier College and Seton Hall University. Due to his leadership, his accounts were awarded Marriott's Gold Award of Excellence in each of his last four years with the company.

Before accepting the executive director position at Renaissance, Mr. Ursic worked in corporate management at a Caterpillar dealership (CAT) headquartered in Los Angeles, California. After an acquisition in 2006 that doubled the size of the company, Mr. Ursic was hired to provide corporate leadership over the areas of capital renewal, strategic facilities planning, operations budgeting, and regulatory compliance.

Mr. Ursic refers to this position as his “masters in leading organizational change.” Regarding this time in his career he says, “Leading organizational change is exciting. When a leader makes a commitment to continuous improvement—every day becomes a dynamic learning opportunity. However, converting those opportunities into positive growth isn't as simple as changing how people think of their job—it requires them to change how they think about themselves. A difficult task to be sure but it is exceptionally rewarding.”

When asked—what can you tell us about Mr. Ursic that most people don't know? His wife replied, “Mark marches to his own beat in life AND in music. He is an excellent drummer and was in his school band as a percussionist. He is a rock star in his own right and plays in our basement “man cave” weekly. Our family loves to listen and dance along. He is a superb father of 4 children, 3 of which attend Renaissance Academy. He loves coaching their sports teams, and especially working at the school where they attend! He is grateful to work with amazing teachers and awesome students every day! His favorite thing about working at Renaissance is when kids say “Hi” to him and high-five him in the hallways, so don't be shy-- he loves it!”





## *Stephanie McCappin, Dean of Students & Families*

Stephanie McCappin is the Dean of Students and Families here at Renaissance Academy. She is responsible for and involved in all aspects of the school that involve students, parents and families. She also acts as our Director of Assessment. Ms. McCappin started at Renaissance at the beginning of the 2013-14 school year after moving to Utah from Adelaide, Australia. She graduated with a Bachelor of Psychology (Honors) from Flinders University of South Australia in 2007, and then a Master of Psychology (Educational and Developmental) in 2009 from Monash University in Melbourne, Australia.

Following graduation, Ms. McCappin worked as a licensed Psychologist for the Victorian Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) where she worked in a network of approximately fifty elementary, middle and high schools in eastern metropolitan Melbourne, Australia. In this position, Ms. McCappin specialized in student assessment and the identification of specific learning disabilities, emotional, behavioral and developmental concerns and disorders, and gifted and talented education. She also provided individual student and group counseling, worked in collaboration with teachers and administrative teams to implement individualized academic interventions and behavior plans, and provided classroom management support and training to schools and teachers within the region.

Ms. McCappin loves working in education and believes every student at Renaissance deserves to receive the best education possible. She enjoys both getting to know our students and families, and the daily challenges associated with helping run and lead a school. Her goal is to help and support all stakeholders (students, parents and faculty), and encourage every student to be happy, successful, acquire strong academic skills, develop as an individual, and achieve their potential in all areas of school life. Ms. McCappin also strongly supports our World Language focus here at Renaissance, and although she does not speak Arabic, Spanish or Chinese, loved learning German while living in Germany.

Outside of school, Ms. McCappin loves to spend time with family and friends, travel, watch movies and get outside to bike, hike, ski and climb. She also enjoys meeting new people and learning about new cultures. Her love of adventure and travel led her to take a 'gap' semester at the end of her third year of college to travel the world and live, work and ski for a season at Deer Valley in Park City in 2006. Working here at Renaissance and living in Utah is her latest adventure.

If you have any questions or concerns about anything here at Renaissance, please contact Ms. McCappin by calling our school office at 801-768-4202 or emailing her directly at [smccappin@renacademy.org](mailto:smccappin@renacademy.org).







### *Shelby Dieters, Dean of Instruction*

Shelby Dieters begins her 17th year in education and is currently the Dean of Instruction at Renaissance Academy. She is responsible for evaluating and coaching teachers, planning professional developments, and providing content area expertise on best practices in pedagogy, curriculum, and assessments. With all of her expertise in the field of education, Ms. Dieters has been given the opportunity to join the Administration staff as the Dean of instruction. She loves the field of education and spends all of her energy trying to be a

better educator! She is excited to share her knowledge and range of experience with her colleagues at Renaissance Academy.

Outside of school, Ms. Dieters is a mom to 3 boys, Peyton, Hunter, and Brayden who all attend Renaissance Academy. Her boys are very involved in sports so Ms. Dieters can be found cheering them on in football, Rugby, basketball, and baseball! She also loves to spend time outdoors snow skiing, hiking, and on the lake.



### *Julie Walker, Director of World Language & Curriculum*

Julie Walker serves as the Director of Curriculum Development & World Language at Renaissance Academy. She also runs our after School and Summer Camp Programs. She has a Bachelor's degree in Education from BYU and a Master's Degree in Curriculum & Instruction from UNLV.

She has lived all over the world and has taught Spanish, English, Dance, and Health to students grades K-12. She has two children (Gracie & Ryan) who were born while she was living overseas in Bogota, Colombia and Santiago, Chile. While in Colombia, she taught at the American School and had the President of Colombia's children as her students. Before joining Renaissance Academy, she taught school in Las Vegas and was the Campaign Manager for a Nevada State Senator.

Ms. Walker loves to spend time with her children, go on adventures, wake-surf, dance, hike, and ski. She danced on three teams at BYU and enjoys going swing dancing. Her favorite pastime is doubles wake-surfing and she likes to flip off of her partner's shoulders. Additionally, she enjoys traveling and coordinating big group events.



### *Nettie Naumann, School Counselor*

Nettie Naumann is the school counselor and this is her second year at Renaissance. Apart from being the school counselor, she is the HOPE Squad adviser, NJHS adviser and also teaches peer leadership. She is originally from Montana but has lived in Utah for the last 11 years. She is married and has two beautiful children. In her spare time she likes to decorate, host parties, get crafty with her girlfriends, shop and spend time with her family. She loves the opportunity to get to work with each age group at Renaissance and all the amazing teach-

ers.







### *Patti Davis, Business Manager*

Patti Davis has been at Renaissance from the first year of the school. Her Renaissance story began when she stopped by during construction to see what the school was all about. In talking to those first few parents, she could feel their excitement and passion. She started by volunteering in the much overtaxed front office and though she has changed chairs a few times, she has never left.

Prior to working at Renaissance Mrs. Davis was employed in several professional offices. Her skills range from quality organization, high attention to detail and extensive fiscal knowledge involved in helping to found a business from the ground up, to managing an office with several secretaries and major budgets under her responsibility.

Patti is pleased to be working as the Business Manager at Renaissance and appreciates the challenges and details that work involves. With her diverse work experience and the passion and devotion she felt from those original Renaissance parents, Patti has turned her experience here into her own passion and dedication and she's glad to be a part of the Renaissance Family.



### *Susi Blackhurst, Enrollment Specialist*

Mrs. Blackhurst has been at Renaissance Academy since 2012. With a wealth of professional experience and a genuine love for the students, Mrs. Blackhurst can help guide you through the enrollment process (for both new and existing students). A comforting and confident presence at the front desk, she assists administrators, teachers and students with Aspire (our student information system). Rest assured she is there for each student's individual needs and to help parents with questions or concerns.

She and her husband have 4 children and 2 grandchildren. One daughter is attending Belmont Law in Tennessee. One daughter is a hairstylist and her husband is a nurse at IMC, they have 2 children. One son is in the Army and is stationed at Fort Detrick in Maryland. One son is a Junior at Lone Peak High School. She has done several community theater musicals over the years, all of which she has done with 1 or 2 of her children. She has loved working at Renaissance Academy and enjoyed her association with staff, students and parents.



### *Emily Simons, Executive Assistant*

Emily is what you call a "Third Culture Kid." She grew up moving around overseas for most of her life. She has lived in Greece, Saudi Arabia, Venezuela, Belgium, Germany and Israel. She recently returned home from an LDS Mission to Hungary. She studied Political Science at BYU-Idaho. She loves to travel and play soccer! She speaks Hungarian, Spanish and a little French. Her favorite thing about Renaissance Academy is interacting with the students every day when they come into the office, especially when they bring in their Phoenix 200 Club tickets!



# WHATS GOING ON AT RENAISSANCE?

## School Carnival

Thanks to all who participated in our hugely successful Carnival last month. It's tough to measure the fun or success of such an event but this may give some idea: our AMAZING teachers were dunked 220 times and our families enjoyed about 175 balloon animals, ate over 350 bags of cotton candy and countless painted faces. We will definitely be able to fund the FEC activities this year AND make good progress in our goal to give the school playground a makeover.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. Gailey's pm kindergarten class - and parents - for most value in silent auction donations and to the 3rd grade immersion classes who tied for most participation. THANKS to Little Caesars for providing pizza parties. Also congrats to the Bear Class - and parents - whose booth was voted this year's Favorite: The Donut Race. Enjoy that Chick-Fil-A lunch, Bears!

And last but certainly not least, CONGRATS to Mr. Robinson who was dunked FIFTY-ONE times. Hero. HERO! (All you teachers are our heroes but this was quite stellar.) \$15 Gorilla Car wash plus Swig and Dunkin' Donuts prizes to you.







When you're there please remember to thank our community sponsors, listed below. We couldn't do it without their support!

Costa Vida

Cafe Rio

Dunkin Donuts

Costco

Chik Fil A

Little Caesars

O'Reilly Auto Parts

Cinemark AF

Roxberry Highland

Momentum Climbing Lehi

Grease Monkey

Home Depot

Lowe's

Walmart AF

Macey's Lehi

Disneyland

Holdman Studios

Overstock

TKP Curiosity Museum

Alpine Pediatrics

Dry Creek Pediatric Dentistry

Lehi Legacy Center

CK Massage & Spa

Trader Joe's

Paradise Bakery

Avenue Bakery

Lehi Bakery

Daylight Donuts

Village Baker

That Sweet Shop

Zapplz

Beyond Glaze

Swig

Ridley's

## Stories from the Classrooms

### *Learning about wasps in Jr. Academy*

Last week, Jr. Academy students were "bugged" by a wasp! It was found outside the east doors when coming in from recess and made things a bit tense for some. The wasp was ushered on to "The Big Wasp Nest in the Sky" and what was once just an event, became a daily study for students!

We studied and watched wasp videos - did you know there are over 30,000 kinds of wasps? We moved about the room like wasps (during which Ms. Hooker was stung several times!) We discussed the wasps body is that of an insect - with a head, thorax, and abdomen as well as six legs, and an exoskeleton. (We will learn more about insects later this year.) Students even created play-doh models of a wasp body. It was a great learning experience! Be sure to ask your student which wasp has the stinger - the male or the female!! :)





## Fieldtrips

### *4th Grade Visits the Museum of Ancient Life*

The 4th grade had the opportunity to attend Thanksgiving Point's Museum of Ancient History this week. It was a blast! They were able to explore the museum and learn about all sorts of different fossils and dinosaurs. Each class also attended a 25 minute class where they had a hands on experience with real Utah fossils! This really brought what we have been learning in class home!



### *5th Grade Goes on a Hike*

The whole 5th grade team went on a hike at Rock Canyon in Provo. It was a beautiful day for a hike. Students were treated a real life Geologist that took them to different areas of the canyon on told amazing stories about how the canyon was formed. And in case you were wondering, water formed it. On the way students found fossils. After that we enjoyed a nice lunch. It was perfect weather for a hike. Thank You to all the Parents, grandparents, and teachers who made this possible.





# RENAISSANCE ACADEMY TRIP TO...

## WEEK WITHOUT WALLS

Havasupai & the Southwest  
May 15-19, 2017



### ITINERARY

#### **Day 1**

- Fly to Phoenix
- Biosphere tour

#### **Day 2-4**

- Hike to Havasupai
- Mules to pack gear at extra charge
- Camping games
- Native American Studies
- Mooney Falls
- Beaver Falls

#### **Day 5**

- Sunrise @ Grand Canyon
- Return to Phoenix
- Waterpark in the afternoon
- Return home

### PRICING

Cost: \$865 Plus some meals & luggage fee  
Students pack camping food/MREs. Other meals provided

Parents invited based on available permits for an additional \$100 double occupancy fee.

For students 6th-9th grade

20% deposit of \$173 due Oct. 3. Payments of \$139 due the first of each month through March.

Permits to Havasupai can sometimes be hard to obtain. If we are unable to obtain permits by mid-February, students will have the option of going on an optional Week Without Walls trip (location TBD but most likely Yellowstone/Jackson Hole) or receive a full refund.

[Click here to register](#)

# RENAISSANCE ACADEMY INTERNATIONAL TRIP TO...

## Costa Rica

February 5-12, 2017



### ITINERARY

#### **Day 1**

- Fly to San Jose

#### **Day 2**

- Drive to Arenal Volcano
- Kayaking at base of volcano
- Dinner in La Fortuna

#### **Day 3**

- La Fortuna Waterfall and Canopy tour
- Rope swing
- Hot Springs visit

#### **Day 4**

- Volunteer Experience
- Travel to Rio Pacuare

#### **Day 5**

- River Rafting

#### **Day 6**

- Totugeuro National Park
- Boat tour

#### **Day 7**

- Snorkeling/Scuba (extra fee)
- Return to San Jose

#### **Day 8**

- Flight home
- Return to San Jose

### PRICING

Cost: \$1975 per person

\$20% Deposit due Oct. 3, 2016 (\$395). Monthly payments of \$790 due Nov. 1 & Dec. 1.

Parents invited for extra fee of \$275 for double occupancy.

Meals included

Passports required. Apply ASAP.

Students younger than 6th grade may attend with accompanying adult.

Spanish not required but preferred

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# RENAISSANCE ACADEMY INTERNATIONAL TRIP TO...

## CHINA

March 11-19, 2017



### ITINERARY

#### **Sister School Visit & Chongqing**

- Saturday-Wednesday
- Travel to Chongqing, arrive next day
- Sister school visit- Renhejie Primary School
- Local excursions
- Hot Pot dinner
- Local market

#### **Day 1 in Beijing**

- Arrive from Chongqing, transport to hotel

#### **Day 2 Beijing**

- Tai Chi exercise
- Beijing Guided Sightseeing tour
- Tiananmen Square visit,
- Forbidden City visit,
- Jingshan Mountain,
- Summer Palace visit,
- National Stadium (Bird's Nest), National Aquatic Center (Water Cube),
- Jade and pearl factory visit,
- Local tea house visit, Participate in traditional tea ceremony
- Peking duck dinner

#### **Day 3 Beijing**

- Beijing zoo panda visit
- Rickshaw tour of the Hutongs
- Traditional meal with Hutong families

#### **Day 4 Beijing**

- Great Wall of China

### PRICING

- \$2295 per student 4th grade+  
20% (\$459) non-refundable deposit due Sept.6, Second payment of \$918 due Sept. 23 Remaining balance of \$918 Due Oct. 7
- Includes airfare and most meals. Passport & visa costs extra.
  - Please start passport applications immediately and choose rush service. You will be contacted regarding visa application upon receipt of deposit.
  - Parents invited to join us in Beijing for \$1950
    - This option includes flights leaving Tuesday Returning Sunday
    - Optional extension to fly over with us as far as Beijing Saturday for the same price but all costs for lodging, etc. Sunday-Wednesday evening would be on your own.
  - Sister school is only hosting students and faculty. We are staying with their families and doing staff exchanges, meetings, etc. We wish we could accommodate parents, too! Please join us in Beijing!

[Click here to register](#)

# RENAISSANCE ACADEMY INTERNATIONAL TRIP TO...

## Jordan

September 23- October 1 2017



### ITINERARY

#### **Day 1**

- Arrive In Amman

#### **Day 2**

- Tour of Capitol city of Amman
- Citadel Hill
- Roman Theater
- Roman City of Jerash

#### **Day 3**

- Madaba visit
- Town with oldest Mosaic map of the Holy Land
- Mt. Nebo
- Return to Amman

#### **Day 4**

- Dead Sea Float

#### **Day 5**

- Petra

#### **Day 6**

- Jeep tour through Wadi Rum

#### **Day 7**

- Snorkeling in the Red Sea in the coastal town of Aqaba

### PRICING

\$2295 per student

\$225 extra per adult for individual bed

20% deposit (\$459) due Feb. 1, 2017. Monthly payments of \$306 due the first of each month through August 1st, 2017

Students younger than 6th grade may attend with accompanying adult.

Arabic not required but preferred.

Passport/visa costs not included. Travel visa obtained upon arrival in airport for a \$56 fee.

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# YOLO - You Only Live Once!

Red Ribbon Week OCTOBER 25-28, 2016

## SCHEDULE

## ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY	Wear Red for Red Ribbon Week Wear red shirts, pants, skirts, and socks	BYU Cougar Strong Assembly
WEDNESDAY	"Hairs" to a Drug Free Life Crazy hair day	Pledge Lunch Activity
THURSDAY	My Future is Bright - I Treat My Body Right Wear a bright colored shirt	In Class YOLO Activity
FRIDAY	Scare Drugs Away! Halloween Celebration Wear your Halloween Costume	Halloween Parade

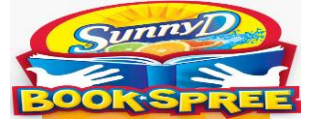


# #YOUONLYLIVEONCE

# ***TIME is RUNNING OUT! CLIP and Donate!***



## ***Sunny Delight UPC labels***



Renaissance Academy Parents:

We have a great opportunity to put at least 20 books into the hands of your students in every classroom. Kindergarten to Seventh Grade as well as Spanish titles for those Spanish teachers too.

We are collecting the UPC labels from any size bottles (6.75 oz- 128 oz.) of the Sunny Delight products along with those found on the multiple packs. We can get one free book for each UPC code.

***Students can turn labels into their teacher or to Mr. Wright in the Library.***

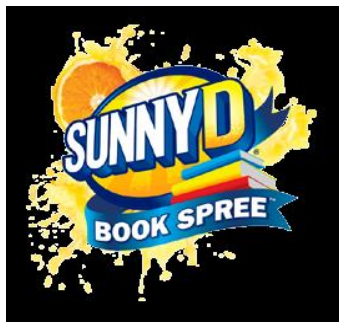
Submission deadline: November 30<sup>th</sup>.

We collect labels all year round to jump start the upcoming school year. 14 teachers have already received their books this year with several more on the way. Let's try to get 20 books in every classroom this year at Renaissance Academy.

Thanks

Mr. Wright

Sunny Delight Collection Chair



# **Last year for this**



## **Amazing School Benefit!**

**Help Renaissance earn:**

**PE Equipment, Art Supplies, School Materials, and More.**

**Clip, save, and turn into your students' classroom teacher or to Mr. Wright in the Library.**

Ask Family, Friends, Neighbors, Grandparent's to check their pantries and food storage for products with labels saying Labels for Education. Turn them in to earn things for Renaissance Academy.

**Campbell's Label Example**



Found on the labels or packages of:

- Bic Products
- Campbell's Soup products
- V-8 Juice products
- Pepperidge Farm products Goldfish Crackers, Milano Cookies, Bread, etc.
- Swanson broths, gravy, soups, etc.
- Spaghetti O's