"As knowledge increases, wonder deepens."
Charles Morgan

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PHOENIX 200 CLUB
Congratulations to our most recent group of winning ‘Phoenix 200 Club’ students. The following students (as well as many others) received Phoenix Tickets as part of our Phoenix 200 Club positive behavior incentive program for being great examples, going above and beyond and making a positive contribution to our school.

Jacqueline Biggs 1
Colin Walker 1
Tabitha Harvey 4
Elvin Liu 4
Lizzie Christiansen 5
Deja Holladay 4
Aaliyah Nelson 4
Leila Gilchrist 4
Evy Wright 5
Joshua Jaimes 5

IMPORTANT DATES
4/15 - Board Meeting
4/16 - Espanolandia
4/17 - Suicide Prevention Parent Training
4/23 - Middle East Feast 7pm
4/24 - Kindergarten Orientation
4/24 - 80s Dance
4/27 - RA Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A
IMPORTANT PARENT TRAINING:  
**Suicide Prevention**  
Friday 4/17 from 2:00 -3:00 PM

Childhood and adolescence can be a wonderful and rewarding time for many young people, but for some, it can also be emotionally difficult. Suicide has become a major public health concern in the state of Utah. It is the 2nd leading cause of death for ages 10 - 17, and is devastating to families and communities. One of our best strategies for suicide prevention is education.

This week Renaissance Academy is offering a seminar to educate community members on depression and suicidal behaviors. We encourage and ask all parents, if you can be available, to attend the seminar. Greg Hudnall, the Executive Director of Hope4Utah, will present this seminar for parents and faculty members. Greg has over 20 years of experience in suicide prevention, and he delivers a powerful and informative message. The seminar will take place on Friday, April 17th from 2:00 - 3:00 pm in the Rousseau Room, and will address the following:

Youth suicide statistics for the state of Utah  
Warning signs for suicide  
What you can do to prevent suicide

As a school, we care about the well-being of your children and our students, and seek to maintain a safe and secure environment. Since your students spend so much of the day at school, it puts us in a position to potentially identify students who may be at risk and connect them with the help that is needed. We hope that you will join us in this endeavor to look out for your students starting with this educational opportunity. We also invite you to contact the school counselor, Mia Naddeo, if you have any questions about the training or concerns regarding the safety of a student.

**Community Suicide Prevention Seminar (Parents & Faculty members)**  
**Presented by: Greg Hudnall, HOPE4UTAH**  
**Friday, April 17 2 - 3 pm Rousseau Room**

Questions/Concerns contact the school counselor:  
Mia Naddeo  
801-768-4202 x.5124  
mnaddeo@renacademy.org
Permission slips are due this Thursday 4/16

We are excited for our 8th and 9th students to have the opportunity to participate in the upcoming Utah State University Lagoon Physics day on May 15th. Please remember and remind your student that permission slips are due this coming Thursday April 16th. Our payment to Lagoon is due a minimum of 2-weeks prior to the event. In order for Renaissance to be able to participate and receive a discount to this VERY popular event we must have final numbers by the end of this week.

Please ensure your student returns their permission form by Thursday 4/16 to ensure they are able to participate. Students who fail to turn in their permission form on time may not be permitted to attend this event. Please also inform Mrs. Orr (korr@renacademy.org) if you do NOT plan for your student to attend and participate in this field trip. Thank you.
May 15th USU Lagoon Physics Day!!

Friday, May 15th, all 8th and 9th grade students of Renaissance Academy are invited to the end of year celebration field trip. (water park is closed)

Students will spend ALL DAY on the field trip from 8 am - 6pm and should be dropped off and picked up at the school.

To Bring:

- Weather/wet ride gear (sunscreen/rain shield/sunglasses/no hats/no white shirts)
- Modest Dress: NO: short shorts, skirts, see throughs, offensive words or images
  - parents will be called if in violation and its change or don’t go
- Bring Money: Lunch is free, but there are a lot of places to buy food and things.
- Bags/satchels: Come as light as possible. Most rides don’t allow carry-ons.

If your child misses the bus or turns in a late permission slip, they will NOT be allowed to participate.

*Permission slips MUST be turned in on time as the ticket price increases significantly if they are not. Purchase orders require significant time to prepare and we must pay the fee 2 weeks prior.

This will be a great opportunity for 8th and 9th grade students to experience

- Utah State University sponsored events
- Hands on Physics!!
- SCIENCE/Physics competitions for prizes and scholarships
- Fun social day and exercise at LAGOON!!

Parent / Guardian Permission Form:

By signing this form, you are acknowledging that your child has permission to attend this field trip. You also agree that your child must be in modest dress (for hot, sunny weather) and abide by Renaissance Academy rules and regulations or be asked not to participate in future field trips.

If your child misses the bus or turns in a late permission slip, they will not be allowed to participate.

Child’s name: (Please PRINT):________________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian’s name (please PRINT):______________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature________________________________________ Date:___________________
Dear parents,

As we approach the end of the school year, we will be attempting to collect all late or lost books and fines from the library. Because of this, when we return from Spring break, any student with a late or lost book, or a library fine, will no longer be able to check out books from our library until all books are returned and all fines paid.

We will be sending home reminder slips with your students, so please check with them for these. We are sorry, but our email reminder system is not working at this time.

Due to our buy-one-get-one-free book fair, the last day to check out library books will be on May 4th, and the last day to return books will be on May 15th.

-RA Library

Middle School 80’s Dance

for 6-9th grades

Come enjoy a fun night of music, contests, and food. Dress up in your most creative 80s attire! April 24 from 7-9 PM.

All students (and guests) must have a signed permission form to be able to attend the dance. So, get your form filled out and turned into the office with a $5 payment for the dance. The cost will go up to $8 at the door.
Students and their guests are expected to obey all school and dance rules. The dance rules are as follows:

- Students are not to arrive before 6:45 p.m.
- The uniform dress code is not in effect for the dance. Students are encouraged to wear their best 80s attire. (See costume guidelines below)
- Students are to remain in the gym during the dance.
- No outside food or drink will be allowed in the gym.
- Bathrooms are to be used for their intended purposes. Students are not to spend the evening in them.
- Students are to treat all teachers and parent chaperones courteously and follow the instructions they are given.
- Students are to stay in the building until their ride is in the parking lot. They may not leave and re-enter the building.
- If a student brings an approved guest to the dance, that student is to see that the guest knows and obeys all Renaissance Academy school and dance rules. The student must complete a request form (available in the office) and obtain approval by the day prior to the dance.
- The dance ends at 9:00 p.m. Any student not picked up by 9:15 p.m. will not be allowed to attend the next dance.

RULES FOR DANCING:
- Students are to dance face-to-face or side-to-side. Students are not to dance front to back.
- During slow dances, there is to be visible space between dancers.

COSTUME GUIDELINES:
- No low cut or short costumes
- No revealing costumes
- No masks
- No weapons
- No overly gruesome makeup

Students who are in violation of these rules will receive one warning from a chaperone, teacher, or administrator. Students who continue to misbehave will be taken to a teacher or an administrator and may be instructed to sit for a short time, asked to call a parent/guardian to pick them up, or told they are not allowed to attend the next dance.

Student Name: ____________________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Name: ____________________________________________________

Home Phone: _______________  Cell Phone: __________________________

Student Signature Date  Parent/Guardian Signature Date

X_________________________  X_________________________

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FILL OUT THIS PORTION ONLY IF YOU ARE BRINGING A NON-RA STUDENT

Approved Guest Signature Date  Parent/Guardian of Approved Guest Date

X_________________________  X_________________________
I hereby request that the student guest named below be permitted to attend the school dance to be held at Renaissance Academy on ____________ between 7 pm and 9 pm. I believe my guest is a responsible person and is not likely to cause any problems during the dance. I understand that should my guest act irresponsibly, or disobey the rules of the school; I may not be permitted to invite any other guests in the future.

(Print) Name of RA Student Host  Grade  RA Student Host’s Signature

VISITING STUDENT GUEST:
I have read the rules and expectations for Renaissance Academy dances printed on this form. I understand them and accept full responsibility to abide by them.

(Print) Name of Guest  Grade  Guest’s Signature

PARENT/GUARDIAN OF THE GUEST:
I believe my son/daughter will make a positive contribution to the dance he/she wishes to attend at Renaissance Academy and will abide by the rules and expectations of the school. (See back of this sheet)

(Print) Name of Guest’s Parent/Guardian  Parent/Guardian’s Signature

ADMINISTRATOR FROM THE GUEST’S SCHOOL:
I feel that the above named guest is a responsible individual with a positive history at our school. It is my opinion that this student will abide by the rules and expectations of the school. (See back of this sheet)

(Print) Name of Guest’s School Administrator  Administrator’s Signature

Guest’s School  School Phone Number

Renaissance Academy Administrator  Approval Date

** This form must be returned to Renaissance Academy **
RENAISSANCE ACADEMY
DANCE RULES

Conditions for Host:
- One guest per RA student
- Must take responsibility for her/his guest
- Must have completed guest pass and handed into the office or at the door, or entry will not be permitted
- Must accompany her/his guest into the dance through the designated area
- Must stay with her/his guest throughout the dance

Conditions for Guest:
- Must currently attend school
- Must be 16 years of age or younger
- Must respect the rules of the dance
- Must obey all staff supervisors and chaperones

Rules of RA Dances:
- Swearing is not tolerated
- Fighting is not tolerated
- Vandalizing is not tolerated
- All students must treat chaperones and staff supervisors with respect
- All dancing will be appropriate
- All school rules apply at the schools extracurricular activities, therefore, all consequences will be aligned with RA’s behavior plan
Congratulations to Jamie Besaw, our Smith’s Marketplace Volunteer-of-the-Week, chosen at random from those reporting to helpcounter.net. Jamie says this about volunteering at Renaissance:

I have spent many hours over the past several years volunteering at Renaissance mainly in my children’s classrooms. This is my favorite form of volunteering. I love being a part of my kid’s education and helping in class. It gives me an opportunity to see how the kids interact with each other and with the teachers. I also better understand what the kids are learning and how I can help them at home. I love assisting other children as well and getting to know my kids’ teachers.

Thank you so much for you contribution to the students at Renaissance Academy, Jamie! As Volunteer-of-the-Week, Jamie will receive a $5 gift card donated by Smith’s Marketplace in Lehi.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS AT RENAISSANCE!
Our children’s educational experience is better because of you!

2015-2016 is just around the corner!
Come and get involved at Renaissance Academy through the FEC!

Our Family Engagement Committee is looking for volunteers to fill vacancies in our Presidency as well as other committee positions.

If you would like to get involved in the planning or executing of FEC sponsored activities or if you would just like to know more about the positions that are open, please contact Kristin Barlow (2015-2016 President Elect) for more information. kristin@bkbarlow.com (801) 310-8117