Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.
-Thomas A. Edison

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I hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing Thanksgiving Break. Now it’s time for Christmas! We are back for another three weeks before Christmas Break from December 22 - January 2. To get the Christmas season off to a start we are running a Renaissance Academy Holiday Service Drive starting today through Friday December 12. It is time to get into the true spirit of the holidays, remember those who are less fortunate and think of what we can do to make a difference, give and serve.

As a school we are collecting important winter items for the homeless and other local children / families in need. Please remember to only donate clean items in good condition that you yourself would potentially use/want.

Items we are collecting include both new/used (clean and in good condition only please):

- Blankets
- Gloves
- Warm hats
- Jackets
- Nonperishable canned goods, in particular peanut butter & jam/jelly (used for sack lunch sandwiches for the homeless)
- Sandwich bags
- Water
- Children’s books (good condition only please)

Please have your student/s bring items to class for collection or place them directly in the bins provided immediately in front of the stairs and gym. Ninth grade students will run the collection and storage of items collected by classes. Donated items with be sorted and distributed to selected charities through the combined efforts of our 9th grade students, faculty members and FEC parent volunteers. One charity we are supporting this year is ‘Soul Food USA.’ Please see their website www.soulfoodusa.org or contact Mrs. Dominguez for more information.

Thank you so much for your generosity and support. Please contact me with any questions or concerns regarding our Holiday Service Drive (or anything else) at smccappin@renacademy.org

Stephanie McCappin
Dean of Students and Families
Upcoming Games

Girls tip-off at the given time, Boys tip-off approximately one hour later. For example, if below it says 4:30pm, Girls will play at 4:30pm, and Boys will play at approximately 5:30pm - same place, same location.

Tues, Dec. 2nd - 4:30pm @ Reagan Academy
Thurs, Dec. 4th - 4:30pm @ Lincoln Academy
Fri, Dec. 5th - 4pm @ American Heritage
Tues, Dec. 9th - 4:30pm @ Freedom Academy
Thurs, Dec. 11th - 6:30pm @ Reagan Academy
Thurs, Dec. 18th - 4:30pm @ Mountainville Academy

Please come out to support the middle school Boys’ and Girls’ teams!
Congratulations to Madeline Burnah (2nd grade) for placing in the 2014 Christmas Lamb Exhibit at the Springville Museum of Art. The show will run from December 6th to January 4th. An awards ceremony will be held Saturday December 6th at 11am followed by light refreshments.

Our history of placing in the exhibit remains unbroken and we thank those parents that continue to encourage their children in the visual arts.

The Utah Division of Water Resources is having the 2015 Young Artist Water Education Poster Contest for fourth graders.

It will start December 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015. Rules to the contest can be found on www.watereducation.utah.gov under the young artist tab. The entry form may be found in last week’s RAPP.

We are excited to announce the 2014-2015 Inspirations Art Contest for Renaissance Academy. The theme this year is “What a Wonderful World”. Categories for entry will be Visual Art, Photography, Literature and 3D Art.

Student entries will be collected on Thursday January 15th after school. Our Renaissance Academy Award Ceremony will be held on Thursday January 22nd at 6:30 pm. We encourage all students K - 9th grade to participate. Email me with any questions: lizharding801@gmail.com. Please see attached entry form.

Elizabeth Harding
FEC Inspirations Committee
Dear Middle School Parents,

We have an amazing opportunity on Friday 5th December for all the Middle School students and faculty to get into the true spirit of the Holidays with a day of service. On this day both students and teachers will be organizing donations made to the school for various charities, cleaning up our school and providing service to local businesses. Some specific activities your students will involved in include helping Mr. Wright organize new library books, helping Ms. Walker with a Chinese lending library and Ms. Kinder organize the drama props and costumes closet. Other other activities designed to make our school beautiful and make a positive contribution to local businesses in the community will also be completed.

Please ensure your MS student comes to school properly dressed for the cold and cleaning work on December 5th. Students may wear jeans and free dress on this day. School will follow the regular Friday schedule beginning at 8 am and ending at 12:15 pm with service rotations throughout the day. Hot chocolate and donuts will be provided for the students as a reprieve from the cold weather.

We as a Middle School faculty and Administration hope it will be a wonderful day of fun and service. If you have any questions or concerns about our MS Day of Service please contact me at korr@renaacademy.org Thank you for your support.

Happy Holidays!

Katrina Orr
MS Coordinator/CTE
RENAISSANCE ACADEMY

School Cents Day: December 13, 2014

If you are a new supporter for your school, visit your local Maceys to sign up for a Perks Account. Signing up is easy and can be done at check out or at the Guest Service Desk. Once you have an account, you can link your school of choice by following these easy steps:

• Visit [www.Maceys.com](http://www.Maceys.com)
• Log into your Perks Account
• Select Tab “Nonprofits”
• Press Select, next to your school or charity
• You can only choose ONE

On December 13, 2014 visit Lehi Maceys and shop.

1% of every dollar you spend will be given to your school.

Renaissance FEC group will be bagging groceries and manning our school support table from 11-2 p.m.
CHESS TOURNAMENT
Dec 6, 2014

Located at Renaissance Academy
3435 N 1120 E, Lehi, UT 84043

Open to Grades K-9
Tournament for kindergarten through 9th Grade
This is an open non-rated tournament
Three sections: K-3, 4-6, 7-9
(Sections may be redistributed depending on turn out)

Swiss-System Pairing
All players will play four rounds
Winners determined by highest score in each section
Clocks optional, if agreed to by both players, and provided by the players

$10 or $15 Per Player
$10 for early registration, $15 for late registration, fee paid at the door
Trophies awarded for 1st – 3rd place in each section
Participation medals awarded to all non-trophy winners
Food available for purchase onsite, fast food and grocery located nearby

Early Register by December 4
Information must be received before Thursday, December 4, 5:00 PM
All players must check in between 8:00 AM and 8:45 AM, day of tournament
Tournament begins 9:00 AM, break for lunch, ends around 2:30 PM, awards around 3:00 PM

Register by Email: renaissance.chess@gmail.com
Please email the following information:

The player’s name, grade level, and school
The player’s USCF rating, and Utah Chess Association (UCA) rating, if any

You should receive an automated confirmation email.

Questions?
Call Jared: 801-928-3843
This Friday, December 5th, is the FEC Monthly Meeting at 8 am at the schoolhouse. Any and all interested RA parents are invited to attend, especially if you’re interested in being more involved with your child’s experience at the school.

Middle School Parents: the FEC is looking for one of you to head up the Middle School Spring Dance (traditionally 80s themed), currently scheduled for April 24th. This is a fun way to see your kids in action with their peers. Duties include: distributing/collecting permission forms, working with student committee to decorate and plan activities, refreshments, and recruiting chaperones. Without you it won’t happen! Please contact Kristin Barlow if you’re interested at kristin@bkbarlow.com Thanks!

LOST AND FOUND

November 24th:
- Zach Silva- navy blue sweatshirt hoodie
- Finn Ollivier- green and black coat size 7/8
- Kocherhans- Cherokee brand jacket size 10-12
- Salazar- sweatshirt size medium
- Mirai Swallow- navy cardigan size XS
- “Jules”- pink Dr. Seuss string backpack
- Ava Pearson- oval multicolored lunch box
- Emily- purple and light blue Arctic Zone lunch bag
- Cluff- plaid black and blue lunch bag
- David Biggs- red lunch bag

NEW LOST AND FOUND PROCEDURE:
We will now only be listing items in the RAPP and on Facebook when there is a name. We have had multiple pages of lost and found items, so we will no longer be listing everything. We hope this will encourage parents to label their kids’ things. Otherwise, students have 4 weeks to claim their items before they are donated. (This policy has not changed)