“Always pass on what you have learned.”

-Yoda

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Check out this link to watch what Renaissance Academy Art students have been up to!
https://youtu.be/n8dqhxDGP8Q

IMPORTANT DATES

5/4 - 5/21 SAGE Testing
5/6 - Middle East Feast 6:30-8:30pm
5/11 La Caille (9th)
5/13 5th grade Patriotic Program
5/15 Lagoon Physics Day
5/18-5/22 MS California trip

SUMMER CAMP

Look forward to a special edition of the RAPP regarding 2015 Renaissance Academy Summer Camps, coming out soon!
2015-16 Middle School Course Selection -
Monday 5/4 - Friday 5/8

Course selection is now open and available online through Aspire for our 2015-16 7th - 9th grade students. Please ensure your student/s completes and submits their course requests before the end of this Friday May 8th. Course selection is completed online using the student portal section of Aspire. It is not available through the parent/guardian portal. In order to log in students will need to know their student ID log in information. If your student does not know their log in information please contact Mrs. Susi Blackhurst at sblackhurst@renacademy.org or phone the office (801) 768 4202. For step-by-step instructions on how to complete our MS course selection process please see the instruction information at the end of today’s edition of the RAPP.

Please also take note of the following important course selection information;

1. Student placement in all World Language, Math Honors and Language Arts Honors courses are subject to teacher and administration recommendation and approval.

2. World Language Course Selection

World Language classes will now be offered in the following order:
1A
1st Year
2A
2nd Year
3rd Year

a) If your student was in 1A this year, they should register for 1st year (high school level 1). If they were in 1B this year, they should register for 2A. Students currently in 2A should register for 2nd Year. Students currently in 2B should register for 3rd year. We apologize if this is a bit confusing, but it is the way we need to list it in the system in order to assign high school credit.
b) If you or your student has any questions about which course they should register for next year, please contact their current World Language teacher.
c) Additional Language classes/switching languages - If your student is currently taking Chinese or Arabic and would like to take a beginning level Spanish class, they may register for Spanish 1A in addition to or instead of their current language. Students may take two World Language classes if they have already fulfilled the Art credit requirement (2 semesters total between 7th & 8th grade of Art, Drama, or Dance).
3. MS course offerings in 2015-16

Please see below for information about MS course offerings and choices in 2015-16:

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<td>Students must choose one of: Intro to Communications (School News), Computer Programming or Study Skills</td>
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If you have any questions or concerns about our MS course offerings for 2015-16 please contact Julie Walker (Director of World Language & Curriculum) at jwalker@renacademy.org or Stephanie McCappin (Dean of Students) at smccappin@renacademy.org
Reminder: SAGE Testing starts this Friday 5/8 - 5/22 for all students in 3rd - 9th grade

Parent / guardians please carefully review our SAGE testing schedule below and take note when your student/s will be testing. Please make as much effort as possible for your student to attend school on the days they will be testing. If for any reason your student is absent during testing they will be required to complete SAGE at another time before the end of the testing period.

Please send your student to school even if they are 'opted out' and will not participate in testing. Students who have opted-out of SAGE will be given work to complete in a separate classroom supervised by a teacher or grade level aide during testing.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about SAGE by emailing me at smccappin@renacademy.org

Renaissance Academy 2015-16 SAGE Testing Schedule

Week 1  SAGE Schedule
Fri 5/8 AM  6th Language Arts

Week 2  
Mon 5/11 AM  MS Language Arts  
Mon 5/11 PM  MS Language Arts 
Tues 5/12 AM  MS Math 
Tues 5/12 PM  6th Science 
Wed 5/13 AM  MS Science 
Wed 5/13 PM  MS Science 
Thurs 5/14 AM  3rd Language Arts & MS make up testing 
Thurs 5/14 PM  3rd Language Arts & MS make up testing 
Fri 5/15 AM  6th Math

Week 3  
Mon 5/18 AM  5th Science 
Mon 5/18 PM  4th Language Arts 
Tues 5/19 AM  3rd Math 
Tues 5/19 PM  4th Science 
Wed 5/20 AM  5th Language Arts 
Wed 5/20 PM  3rd Math & make up testing 
Thurs 5/21 AM  4th Math 
Thurs 5/21 PM  5th Math 
Fri 5/22 AM Make up testing
Congratulations to our next group of Phoenix Club winners! The Mystery Motivator this round is a 'Pajama Pizza Party' this Friday 5/8. The following students (see list below) are invited to wear their pajamas all day or just for the party. The plan is to wear pajamas, eat pizza and enjoy watching the new IMAX documentary 'Island of Lemur Madagascar'. Students participating should be picked up at the regular time of 12:15 pm. Students are also welcome to bring a pillow to make viewing the movie more comfortable.

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The National Junior Honor Society is putting together a new service project for our school! The NJHS is a school organization that recognizes students for their qualities including: Citizenship, Character, Academics, Leadership, and Service. As part of our commitment to service we are putting together a recycling program at our school.

The reason we are recycling is because we recognize that we need to start making the most of our limited resources. Our school will only be recycling paper to start. Blue recycling bins have been supplied to each classroom and throughout the school. The members of the NJHS will be responsible for collecting the recycling each day.

Last week members of the NJHS spent some time in each class talking to them about the importance of recycling and how it will work at Renaissance Academy. We ask each person to do their part by putting ONLY PAPER in these recycling bins. Other garbage such as tissues, candy wrappers and paper towels will contaminate our recycling. As incentive, the classes with the most clean recycling days will be rewarded at the end of the year.

By recycling we hope to help make a cleaner environment for the future generations. Thanks for your help in this effort!
The Vehicles in Our Neighborhood

May 26, 2015

R.A. Students will be treated to an educational Car Show event
Featuring up close visits with fun and unique vehicles

If you have knowledge of a vehicle that would add to this event please contact our event organizer:
Heather Ricks --- ricksfam3@gmail.com --- (801) 654-0618

Take Home Library will not be sending books home after May 4th. We will checking in books for 2 weeks and will be sending out missing book reminders starting May 18th. There will be a $10 lost book fee due for all books not returned.

Thank You!!
To Sandy Larsen who organized a GROOVY 80's Dance for our Middle School last week!
Also, thank you to the parents and other volunteers who assisted in this fun event!
Hats off to a wonderful volunteer appreciation celebration last week. Thank you volunteers and thank you to all of those who expressed appreciation. We have a great school and so many people contribute to make that happen.

Congratulations to Mary Mecham, our Smith’s Marketplace Volunteer-of-the-Week, chosen at random from those reporting to helpcounter.org. Mary has helped the school in so many ways. This is what she has to say:

At Renaissance Academy, I love that I am allowed to be as involved as I want to be in my girls education. My daughters, and nieces, and their friends love to see me in the halls, helping in class, or talking with teachers. I enjoy getting to know their friends, learning how to do their math assignments WITH them, and building friendships with their teachers.

As Volunteer-of-the-Week, Mary will receive a $5 gift card donated by Smith’s Marketplace of Lehi. Thank you, Mary. You are making a difference!

WE LOVE OUR RENAISSANCE VOLUNTEERS!

We’re excited to have 136 volunteers registered on helpcounter.net.

Since January we’ve logged 1616 hours to date!
Family Engagement Committee

Author Night
Chad Morris
Tuesday, May 12, 2015
6:30 p.m. in GYM

Buy-One-Get-One-Free Book Fair
May 6-8
Wed-Thurs 7:30am-4pm
Friday 7:30am-1pm
Volunteers!

Parents, we are in need of a few parents to come in and help reshelving books and do some rearranging anytime during the day from

May 18\(^{th}\) - May 29\(^{th}\).

As we work on inventory and processing new book arrivals and preparation for the Fall 2015-16 Battle of the Books.

Donate to the Library!

Please feel free to donate New or gently used books to our school library. We are looking for many chapter books like Junie B. Jones, Magic Tree House Series, Flanimals, etc. We are trying to build our Junior and Youth sections with great books in Science Fiction that you have read.

Thank you!

Library Staff
Calling For LABELS


Prizes will be given for top individuals and Classes with the most labels from any and all of the following products.

Turn all labels into your student’s classroom teachers. Make sure your name is included to be eligible for the contests.

All students will receive coupons from different restaurants or other prizes.
Aspire

Student Course Request
Instructions for Students
This is a step by step guide to help students make course requests for their future schedule.

Log in to Aspire:

Student Profile will load, find and select the ‘Scheduling’ tab:

A welcome message from the school will display, select ‘Continue’ to move on:
The scheduling module will load:

For course request you will only need to pay attention to the following sections: **Status, Graduation Requirements, and the course list.**
Graduation Requirements will be available, if graduation requirements have been created. Users can select required courses by clicking on the name of the course for scheduling. Courses in red are credits that are required and credits the student still needs to take to fulfill graduation.

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Selecting the required course from the graduation requirements will display the courses below the current student schedule that will fulfill that requirement for graduation. Example: Selecting: Mathematics with Credit Need: 1.00 displays all courses that will fulfill that requirement below the student’s current schedule for scheduling.
**Status** will keep track of your course request progress. The ‘Current Progress By Credit’ line will track the number of credits you requested for your schedule.

![Status](image)

A **Course List** will display a list of courses available for course requests. The courses will display Subject/Course Name/Course Credit/Credit Amount. You may use the search bar to search for any subject within the course list. There is a green request link next to each course. You will select this link to make your course request.

![Course List](image)
Once selected, the course list will switch over to the ‘Requested’ tab and display the course you have requested. You will have to select the ‘All’ tab to return to main course list. To remove requested courses from the requested tab, select the red ‘X’ next to the requested course.

If you are using the Graduation requirements to fulfill your course request, you will need to delete the subject text in from the search bar to re-display the list of all courses.

You will be finished with your request once your graduation requirements and/or max credit limit has been reached. Your request will automatically be saved, all you have to do is logout once finished.