

RAPP

October 2015 IMPORTANT DATES

- 10/6 2nd grade field trip - Hare Krishna Temple
- 10/6 Term 1 Faculty Event - Everest 7:20 pm
- 10/8 International Day of the Girl Assembly (4th-9th grades)
- 10/8 Kindergarten field trip - Pumpkinland
- 10/8 School Pictures - dress code please
- 10/12-14 FREE DRESS to celebrate our
10-year Anniversary as a school
- 10/13 1st grade field trip - Hogle Zoo
- 10/14 Science Fair registration deadline (registration only
projects due in December)
- 10/15-19 FALL BREAK (No school Thursday, Friday or Monday)
- 10/19 Teacher Professional Development Day
- 10/20 3rd grade field trip - Arts & Etiquette Day
- 10/20 Chick Fil A Night!
- 10/21 Board Meeting 7 pm
- 10/20 NYC/DC Trip deposits due (7th-9th grades)
- 10/21 NYC/DC Trip - Registration now open to 6th grade
- 10/20-23 RED RIBBON WEEK
- 10/21 Red Ribbon Week Assembly 10:30 am (6th-9th grades)
- 10/23 RA Flu Shot Clinic 1-3 pm
- 10/26 TERM 2 STARTS
- 10/30 Halloween Celebrations & Parade (students only)
- 10/30 6th - 9th Halloween Dance 6-8 pm
- 10/30 Halloween Parade 8:30 am
(K-5 students only - sorry no parents)
- 10/30 Halloween Traditions Assembly 11:15 am (6th-9th)

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DEAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Renaissance Parents/Guardians and Families,

Wow how time flies! We are rapidly approaching Fall Break next week, SEPs have been and gone and we are nearing the end of Term 1. We hope you and your students are enjoying this term and the many exciting events and activities going on around the school. Thank you to all parents who took time out to attend parent/teacher conferences last Thursday and Friday. It is so important for the education of your child that all stakeholders - parents, teachers and students - are involved in the learning experience and education of your student. We appreciate your engagement in your student's learning. We also understand some parents were unable to make it last week, if you did not make it to SEPs please do not hesitate to contact your student's teacher to arrange another time to meet to review your student's progress, set goals and discuss how to best support them this year. Please always feel welcome to contact your student's teacher at any time throughout the year to discuss student progress, concerns and/or ask questions.

For those of you who regularly read the RAPP you may have noticed there have been a few changes this year. This year the RAPP will be sent out and posted on facebook and the school website once a month, on the first Monday of every month. The RAPP will no longer be sent out weekly or fortnightly. Our goal is to make each monthly edition a comprehensive school newsletter communicating important information about upcoming events, as well as highlighting our students achievements, programs and happenings around the school.

We understand however that once a month is not enough when it come to frequency of information at RA - especially given how much is always going on! To ensure you are kept informed I will be sending out a brief email detailing any important announcements and the 'happenings of the week' every Monday (aside from the first Monday when the RAPP will go out). Please watch your inbox for an 'Important Information and Events' email each Monday beginning next week.

Please also do not hesitate to contact me directly at smccappin@renacademy.org with any questions or concerns about anything here at Renaissance Academy.

Have a great week!

Stephanie McCappin
Dean of Students and Families

REVIEW OF COMPARABLE LOCAL SCHOOLS

Our 2014-15 SAGE results demonstrate the dedication and hard work of all stakeholders here at Renaissance to the learning and success of our students. At Renaissance we pride ourselves on providing an outstanding education both in and outside the classroom and it works - Our SAGE results prove it.

Our combination of traditional teaching methods with a strong emphasis on individual student learning and differentiation, exploratory learning techniques, field trips, wonder days, world language and culture, STEM and the Arts programs means we are truly an eclectic school. Check out our scores below, our students performance outranks most schools in the surrounding areas in both Math and Language Arts with Science not far behind. Congratulations Renaissance Academy!

SAGE Results 2014-15 - Local Schools Comparison (% students proficient)

Language Arts	Math	Science
1. Renaissance Academy 53.3%	1. Renaissance Academy 55.1%	1. Odyssey Academy 59.3%
2. Lincoln Academy 51.7%	2. Alpine District 53.6%	2. Alpine District 56.1%
3. Summit Academy 50.9%	3. Timpanogos Academy 51.5%	3. Summit Academy 50.9%
4. Alpine District 49.7%	4. Lincoln Academy 51%	4. Mountainville Academy 52.2%
5. Odyssey Academy 46.4%	5. Summit Academy 50.8%	5. Renaissance Academy 50.8%
6. Mountainville Academy 44%	6. Lakeview Academy 43.8%	6. Lakeview Academy 48.3%
7. Providence Hall 43.9%	7. Providence Hall 40.3%	7. Summit Academy 46.8%
8. Timpanogos Academy 41.9%	8. Odyssey Academy 40.1%	8. Providence Hall 47.5%
9. APA 38.8%	9. Mountainville Academy 38.2%	9. Timpanogos Academy 36.3%
10. Lakeview Academy 36.8%	10. APA 30%	10. APA 31.4%

Please note: We have already begun the early stages of our science curriculum review to improve student understanding and performance in science.



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL



International Day of the Girl October 11, 2015

Innovating for Girls' Education

Renaissance Academy Charter School in Lehi, Utah will be holding a special assembly in celebration of this year's International Day of the Girl. We have invited special guest Kim Dewitt - President of Global Village Ministries and founder of Olmanlaika Home in Kenya.

Globally, one in three girls around the world is denied an education by the daily realities of poverty, discrimination and violence. Every day, young girls are missing out on education, forced into marriage and subjected to violence. Supporting girls' education is one of the single best investments we can all make to help end poverty. The power of girls' education is astonishing. It saves lives and transforms futures, releasing the real potential of girls and their communities.

Discrimination and violence against girls and violations of their human rights still happen. The UN felt a need to raise awareness of the challenges that millions of girls face every day. In December 2011, the UN declared that it would annually observe the International Day of the Girl Child. The yearly occasion gives people and organizations the opportunity to raise public awareness of the types of discrimination and abuse that many girls around the world suffer from.

On October 8, 2015, Renaissance academy will take the opportunity to showcase the work of an individual who has made it her life's mission to actively support girls, their families and the wider community.

Event:

Day of the Girl Assembly

4-9th grade students attending Renaissance Academy

3435 North 1100 East

Lehi, Utah

Time: 2:15 - 3:00 pm

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL

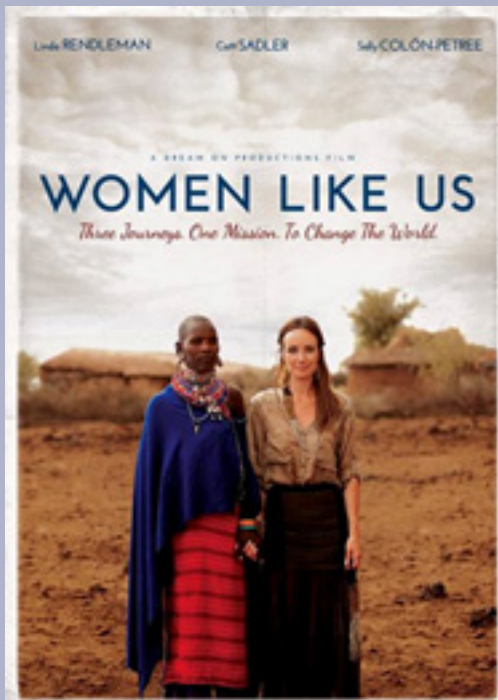
Renaissance Academy is a public charter school located in Lehi, Utah. It is a center of academic excellence in World Language and classical education. Renaissance Academy students have the opportunity to learn Spanish, Arabic, or Mandarin Chinese. Students choose a language to focus on. World Language instruction is given to all students on a daily basis. Renaissance Academy's vision statement:

We build the future by empowering individuals to realize their unique potential to influence the world around them.

Kim Dewitt embodies this mission in her life. She significantly changes the lives of girls in a very real way, every day. Kim is a normal person, not rich or famous. She decided, long ago, that she COULD make a difference, she set out to find a way, and now she has done it. That is the story we at Renaissance Academy want her to share: Normal, everyday people, like you and me, can CHANGE THIS WORLD.

Kim, who now lives in Michigan, was raised in Kenya and has spent 18+ years of her life there. She is responsible for THE OLMALAIKA HOME, humanitarian trips, sponsorship programs, and is passionate about the people of Kenya and ending female genital mutilation/early childhood marriage.

The mission of THE OLMALAIKA HOME is to house and protect young disadvantaged Maasai girls, providing a warm, nurturing and loving environment; guiding them to see themselves as persons of value, fostering respect and appreciation for their peers, teachers, leaders, and culture, enabling them to be a generation of educated, productive, respected and valuable young women.



Women Like Us: A Documentary Film Premiering January 2016.

Inspired by Linda Rendleman's book *Women Like Us: Illuminating the World*, the documentary introduces three women who are striving to make a difference in the world through support of women's charitable leadership. The film reflects a personal journeys of inspiration and motivation in addition to pivotal and compelling conversations with women advocates such as Ida Odinga, former First Lady of Kenya; Caroline Burnett of the Dream Center in Los Angeles; CNN Hero Robin Emmons; teen advocate and more, plus music provided by Moby.

This documentary calls for all women to take action in creating change in the world using their innate skills of compassion, communication and collaboration while working together as one to be a catalyst for a better quality of life for all humanity. Their stories are singular...their passions are shared.

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

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Programs open for registration
on <http://Renacademy.eventzilla.net>

Registration deadlines vary by program

Art Wed 3:15-4:30

Soccer season starts March '16

Basketball tryouts Nov 9-10



Lego robotics Fri 12:45-1:45

Chess Tues 3:10-4:30

**Dance, Guitar, Voice,
Computer Programming**

& more!

DON'T MISS OUT!

<http://Renacademy.eventzilla.net>

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. School Pictures - Thursday October 8th

School pictures will be taken this Thursday October 8th. Please make sure your students present to school in dress code clothing. Please take an extra few moments to get your students ready for school so that they look their best in their picture! Students should be in clean and presentable clothing without rips, stains etc.

2. MS New York City/Washington DC Trip - May 15-20 2016 (6th-9th grades)

*Don't Forget - 'First preference' 7-9th grader NYC/DC trip deposits are due Tuesday 10/20

**Trip registration opens to all 6th graders Wednesday 10/21

Please see the article below to learn about our trip itinerary, cost and other information. Contact Julie Walker directly at jwalker@renacademy.org with any questions or concerns.

3. RA Science Fair Information

Please check your student's backpack today and tomorrow for a copy of our RA Science Fair Parent Packet. Information packets were given to teachers for distribution to students last week. Registration to participate in our RA Science Fair is due on Wednesday 14th October.

The Renaissance Academy Science Fair is January 7, 2016, and all grades are welcome to participate. The registration deadline is October 20, 2015, so start considering your hypotheses! This year, a non-traditional category is being introduced, to reflect the many ways science is integral to creative processes, such as photography.

Science Fair Important Dates

10/14 Science Fair registration deadline

12/17 RA Science Fair projects due

1/7 RA Science Fair

2/1 UVU Science Fair Registration deadline

2/16 UVU Science Fair

2/29 BYU Science Fair Registration deadline

3/29 BYU Science Fair

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT.

4. Flu Shot Clinic - Friday October 23rd from 1 - 3 pm

We will be hosting a flu shot clinic here at RA on Friday October 23rd from 1-3 pm. Any families or employees interested in receiving a flu shot will need to sign up for an appointment time in the office from now until October 9. Flu shots will be administered by CNS Nursing Services and can be given to adults and children down to 6 months of age. On the day of the clinic they will need to bring a driver's license and their insurance card.

The following insurances are accepted: Arches, Aetna, Altius, Ameriben, BCBS (except BCBS Texas or Illinois), Federal Blue Cross, Direct Care Admin, DMBA, EMI health (Educators Mutual), GEHA, Meritain, PEHP, Select Health, United Health Care, University health plans in exception - NO STUDENT PLANS, UMR

Insurance NOT accepted: Cigna, Humana, Tricare.

5. RA Spelling Bee - Thursday 18th February 6:30 pm

Don't forget to put our RA Spelling Bee on your calendars. This year Spelling Bee will be held on Thursday 18th February at 6:30 pm. Please stay tuned for more information to come.

6. See the Hunger Games Premier 1 Day Early! - MS Fundraiser

See the much anticipated release of the next Hunger Games Thriller- Mockingjay Part 2- one day before it's scheduled nationwide release! Help support our Middle School trip to Washington DC/New York City with this amazing fundraising event! Tickets for this screening event are \$16 and include RESERVED seating (seating assignments will be made based on when tickets are ordered. Order now to get the best seats!). Plus, with each ticket you reserve, receive entry into a raffle for a number of great prizes. Come have some F.U.N., each person who comes in Hunger Games themed costume will receive a treat. If special seating requirements are needed (ie. handicap accessible, please email kristin@bkbarlow with these requests)

Where: Megaplex at Thanksgiving Point

When: November 19, 2015

Time: 7:30 PM

Tickets can be purchased at <http://rafundraisers.eventzilla.net/>

DANCE AT RA

Renaissance students can still join Kids Club and Ballroom Team! There are still a few open spots in these groups, so don't miss out!

Kids Club is Thursdays from 3-4:30pm.

Ballroom Team for 4th-6th is Mon/Wed from 3:05-4:15.

Junior High Ballroom for 7th-9th graders is Mon/Wed from 4:20-5:30.

Register online at
<http://renacademy.eventzilla.net>



PHOENIX 200 CLUB

Congratulations the next group of Phoenix Club winners for 2015-16! 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 and Be Safe.**

The prize for this round of winners is a field trip to see the new movie *Pan*, date TBA.

Kailee Brown 5th grade
Kennedi Parker 1st grade
Bodey Lehmborg Kindergarten
Matthew Speirs 1st grade
Corbin Johnson 7th grade
Karmen Miller 4th grade
Morgan Lawrence 6th grade
Mark Ursic Jr. 3rd grade
Dax Wilkinson 4th
Maliya Topham





WASHINGTON DC/NEW YORK CITY TRIP FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Join us for a trip to the Nation’s Capital and New York City to learn about the history of the US! All Middle School students are invited to register by Oct. 20th. Sixth grade students can register starting Oct 21st. Itinerary:

Washington DC & New York City Trip May 15th-20th, 2016

Date/Time	Event
Sunday, May 15 th	Flight from SLC to Washington DC
	Bus to hotel
Monday, May 16 th	Supreme Court Visit
	Tour of US Capitol
	National Archives Visit (see the Constitution, Bill of Rights and Declaration of Independence)
Tuesday, May 17 th	Evening walking tour of National Mall: Washington Memorial, World War II Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Lincoln Memorial
	White House tour (subject to availability)
	Smithsonian Museum of American History
	Holocaust Museum
Wednesday, May 18 th	Smithsonian Air and Space museum
	Diving tour or Embassy Row & Georgetown
	Arlington National Cemetery, US Marine Corps War Memorial
	Drive to Mount Vernon
	Mount Vernon Tour
	Bus to Philadelphia, Lunch on the bus
	Independence Hall
Thursday, May 19 th	Liberty Bell
	Drive to New York City
	Empire State Building- Observation Deck
	United Nations Headquarters
	Walking tour past Chrysler Building
	Grand Central Station (Metro ride to Central Park)
	Central Park
Friday, May 20 th	Metropolitan museum of Art
	Metro to Time Square
	Time Square, dinner, shopping

	Broadway Show- Aladdin
Friday, May 20 th	9/11 Memorial
	Walking Tour Charging Bull statue, Wall Street, New York Stock Exchange
	Battery Park Ferry to Statue of Liberty
	Statue of Liberty (Ellis Island)
	Bus to Airport, Flight home to SLC

Price:

- \$1395 per person (based on quad occupancy)
 - This amount is supplemented by fundraisers so we can do so many amazing things for such a low price.
 - Cost is significantly lower than the major student trip company quotes.
- Deposit of \$395 due by Oct 20th
- \$200 Due each month until remaining balance of \$1000 is paid by March 15
- \$100 discount for paying full trip amount by Nov. 1st (Total trip cost \$1295).
- Full payment due by March 15, 2016.
- Private bed can be purchased for an additional fee of \$325
- Payments can be made by check or cash in the office, or online:
 - Select “Online Donation”
 - Write “DC Trip” in the description



FEC ANNOUNCEMENTS



Join us at a premier showing of The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 2 on November 19th at 7:30pm. RSVP and share the event with your friends on the Renaissance Academy Facebook page, and purchase tickets at <http://rafundraisers.eventzilla.net/>

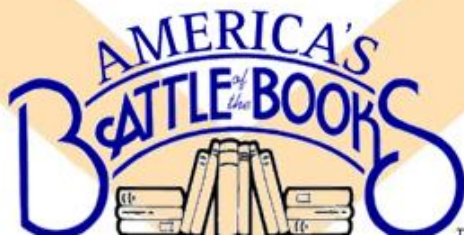
Tickets are \$16 and all proceeds go to the Middle School Washington DC/ NYC Trip this spring!

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

It's time to get ready for Renaissance Academy's 1st annual Battle of the Books!

Students interested in participating must return the signed permission form to their teacher by Wednesday, October 14th. The permission form is attached. Battles will take place in March! We hope you are all as excited as we are, because this is going to be a blast!





It's time for Renaissance Academy's 1st annual Battle of the Books!

*America's Battle of the Books is a voluntary reading incentive program for students in **grades 3 – 6**. The purpose is simple to encourage students to read good books and have fun, while competing with peers. Renaissance Academy also has companion program for **grades K – 2**. Information on that program will be provided separately.*

Interested students will be part of a team of 4 – 5 students. Each team will read as many books as possible from the book list for their grade. In March, teams will come together for a competition tournament where they will work as a team to answer questions about the books from the list. There are 20 books on each grade level list. Students do not have to read every book on the list, however, the more books each person on the team reads, the better chance they have when answering questions about the books in a battle. Students will form their own teams, however, if there is a student who does not have a team, we will place them on one, or if there is a team that doesn't have at least 4 students, we will help them complete their team. We don't want to discourage anyone wishing to participate!

Students interested in participating must return the signed permission slip below to the office by **Wednesday, October 14th**. Be sure to mark your calendars for our own Renaissance Academy Battle of the Books March madness!

Experience at other schools has shown that if a team has a parent overseeing their reading, they are more successful in both the amount of reading they do and also with the information they know for the competition. If you are interested in helping your child's team, please indicate below. You do not have to spend a lot of time as a Team Mom/Dad—it is up to you. You can have the team meet together as much or as little as you want. The Battle of the Books committee will also be available to help you with ideas of how to help your team study and prepare.

Yes I will participate in "BATTLE OF THE BOOKS"!

Student Name: _____

Names of students on team: _____

Teacher: _____

Parent Signature: _____

_____ Yes, sign me up to be a Team Parent! Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone #: _____