

RAPP

SEPT 2

IMPORTANT DATES

Parents please mark the following important dates on your calendars and plan to attend the following meetings/events:

After-School Programs Parent Meeting

Thursday 10th September 7 pm

FEC Carnival

Friday 18th September 4:30 - 7:30 pm

FEC Chick Fil A Night

Tuesday 22nd September

Middle School Trips Parent Meeting

(NYC/DC & World Language)

Thursday 24th September 7 pm

Fall Book Fair

Tues-Thurs 22-24th September 7:45 - 4pm

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Welcome back for the 2015-16 School Year! I hope you and your students enjoyed the first full week back at school and are getting readjusted to the swing of the school routine. As we begin our 10th anniversary year we are excited to welcome many new and returning students, families and faculty to the Renaissance Academy school community. If you are a returning student, parent or faculty member, please take a moment to go out of your way to introduce yourself and help our new RA students and families feel welcome and quickly learn the ropes and ways of our wonderful school.

Here at Renaissance we are passionate about offering our students and families the very best education and experience possible. In 2015-16 our goal is to go one step further to inspire and help students excel as learners, develop as unique individuals, and realize their potential to influence the world around them. This is made possible by excellent new and returning teachers, support staff, parent volunteers and an administration committed to helping each student achieve their best across all subjects and extra-curricular activities/programs.

We are also grateful to enjoy a dedicated Family Engagement Committee (FEC) and parent volunteers who tirelessly donate time, energy and money to support our community. You, our parents, facilitate many programs, fundraisers and other events throughout the year that contribute to make RA the great school it is. Check out our 2015-16 school calendar of events (printed version available for purchase in the front office from Friday) and you will see the many FEC-sponsored community events and fundraisers planned for this year.

At the heart of our school is a strong sense of community and belonging. We continually aim to strengthen relationships between students, families, faculty and the community. This is an even greater priority in 2015-16 as we commence and celebrate our 10th anniversary as a school. To commemorate our 10th year we will be involved in a series of celebratory activities and events both in and beyond the classroom culminating in our 'Phoenix Pride Week' and community-wide celebration event in the second half of the year.

Our school vision at Renaissance is to 'build the future by empowering [each] individual to realize their unique potential to influence the world around them'. One method this can be achieved is by inspiring our students to excel through the use of innovative, individualized, and experiential learning methods in World Language and classical education. Our focus on creating a positive and engaging learning atmosphere will increase this year with the use of KAGEN engagement structures in our classrooms, more technology and computers in every

classroom, and continuing the popular 'Phoenix 200 Club' positive behavior incentive program.

We encourage our students to see strengths in each other, and teach them to foster good relationships. Programs such as social skills classes in the lower elementary grades, middle school student government, the MS HOPE squad and National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) facilitate the development of stronger individual character, resilience, positive self-concept and social interactions. We are also fortunate to have a full-time school counselor always ready to support students, parents and teachers as needed in a variety of ways such as with career readiness and planning, student scheduling, student accommodation plans and responsive services.

Each day our students also increase their knowledge of world culture with foreign language instruction in Arabic, Chinese or Spanish. Students have the opportunity to become fluent in a foreign language extending their scope of influence as a world citizen. Teachers and students are also encouraged to 'experience education' through regular hands-on classroom and 'Wonder Day' enrichment activities, and field trips directly related to grade-level curriculum. Field trips allow students to expand upon classroom taught concepts and relate them to real-world situations and career or life opportunities. Field trips are encouraged and required for all students at Renaissance to enhance student learning beyond the classroom. For a list of the field trips scheduled this year please continue to read this weeks edition of the RAPP.

As an administration and faculty we are always looking for ways to improve and maximize the learning experience of our students at Renaissance. We continually review current programs and curriculum, introduce new programs and ideas, and increase extra-curricular and character development opportunities offered to students. Some exciting new programs you will see in 2015-16 include the opening of our much anticipated 'Starship Voyager Simulator' as well as the development and implementation of a 'Gifted and Talented Program' to increase individualized student instruction. We will also continue to offer a wide range of after-school programs, summer camps and MS trip opportunities (see important dates for scheduled meeting times).

Our 10th anniversary is a great time to be a part of our school community and is going to be a year full of exciting events and developments. I look forward to seeing you all regularly around the school and getting to you know each of you better in 2015-16. It is going to be a great year!

If you have any questions about the school, our programs, events, or how we plan to do things at Renaissance this year please do not hesitate to contact me at smccappin@renacademy.org

STEPHANIE MCCAPPIN *Dean of Students and Families*

RECORD ENROLLMENT IN 2015-2016



Still have friends or family who want to attend RA this year? They maybe still can.

In addition to academic excellence, one of our 10th anniversary goals this year is to have a record breaking year for student enrollment. Our excellent teachers here at RA truly provide and ensure our students receive a stellar education and experience at school - and our SAGE test results for 2014-15 prove it! (See next weeks RAPP!)

Record enrollment means 2015-16 is already poised to be our biggest year in terms of the student population at RA. Our school and classes, though still capped in size to offer the small class experience, are full or approaching full capacity in many grades. Despite this, we do have some openings in some grades.

We would love to give every student and family interested the opportunity to experience our school and community. If you have friends, neighbors or family that may still consider RA this year, please invite them to join us and let them know the opportunity may still be available!

Anyone interested in enrolling for the 2015-16 school year should contact our front office immediately at 801-768-4202 or email our Enrollment Specialist Susi Blackhurst at sblackhurst@renacademy.org

If you or your friends have any questions about our school, programs and opportunities offered, or the enrollment process please also feel free to contact our Dean of Students, Stephanie McCappin at smccappin@renacademy.org



2015-16 RA SPIRIT ITEMS

1. **2015-16 RA Printed School Calendar** - available for purchase and pick up in the front office (\$12 each) by Friday, Sept. 3rd.

2. **Dress code approved RA hoodies** - now available for order in the front office (\$25 each). Options include red or navy, zip-up or pullover style, both youth and adult sizes are available. Ask at the office to see a demo. Hoodie orders will be placed with our supplier on the first day of every month.

3. **Spirit shirts** - available for purchase at the FEC Carnival (\$10-15).

4. **RA Water Bottles** - available for purchase at the FEC Carnival (\$4-5, Available in Red or Blue)

5. **RA Window Cling** - available for purchase at the FEC Carnival (\$4).



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MEETINGS

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.



Family Engagement Committee

Welcome back to school! 2015-2016 is sure to be a great year at Renaissance Academy! The Family Engagement Committee (F.E.C.) has put together some really fun and great events for this year and we are all really excited.

In keeping with RA tradition, Friday is spirit dress day. Students are able to wear jeans and a spirit t-shirt. If you missed the spirit t-shirts at Back to School night, we will have fresh inventory available at our Fall Carnival on September 18th. Plan on purchasing and taking your shirt(s) on that night (cash/check please). New this year we will also have some fun school spirit items available. Watch for hoodies, jackets, RA water bottles and window clings which will also be available at the carnival.

Speaking of carnival. It is our biggest FEC fundraiser of the year, plus we have an AWESOME committee who have been thinking cotton candy, face painting and fun ever since our carnival ended last September. Watch for pre-sell tickets in the next few days and mark September 18th as carnival night at Renaissance. Volunteers are always appreciated so if you are interested in joining a really stellar volunteer group and helping on a small task or 2, please email Chelsy Burnah at renaissanceactivity@gmail.com.

Thanks to everyone who signed up for a committee at Back to School night. It is great to have so many who are willing to share their time and talents at the school. Our school is a volunteer driven school and all help is so appreciated. If you are wondering how to get involved, please email me and I can let you know about some of the ways you can get involved.

Thanks!

Kristin

FEC President 2015-2016

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Join the Family Engagement Committee on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/renaissancefec/>

We have appreciated all of the support that has come in from our parents this year, we are off to a great start!

For those who are still new or wondering what the FEC is: it our our Family Engagement Committee, similar to a PTA. We represent all of US, our community of families who attend Renaissance Academy. One difference between us and a PTA is that we don't charge dues, we rely on fundraisers to support all of the programs that we provide for the children throughout the year. This includes Battle of the Books, Inspirations, Red Ribbon Week, Teacher Appreciation week, etc.

Our FEC Traditional Carnival Fundraiser is our biggest fundraiser! Entry fees for this help support most of our programs for the year! It will be held on Sept 18th this year from 4:30-7:30. Along with this is our Annual Silent Auction, held on the same evening from 4:30-7pm.

This week we are gathering auction basket items! Listed on the attachment are the themes for each grade. Your child can bring to their first teacher of the day anything from one of their grades themes, or any theme! If you are worried about valuables or gift cards getting lost or hurt, you can take them directly to the office. Just make sure they are labeled with your child's class, because the class who brings in the "Most" by jury decision wins a \$50 Amazon Gift Card! Also, the class who brings in the "highest bid" wins another \$50 Amazon Gift Card!

Auction Items are due by this Friday Sept 4th!

Check the FEC facebook page for previews to the auction starting next week, we already have great items from Disney tickets to Tablets!

Also, Pre-Sale tickets are a great way to get a good deal on your entrance to Carnival. If you missed us at Back to School night or our Pre-Sale week, we will hold ONE bonus pre-sale day, Sept 11 at 9:30 and Noon at the school. Otherwise, you are welcome to purchase your tickets at the gate. Prices do go up.

Once again, we appreciate your Support!!

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Sept 18, 2015



In conjunction with our
FEC Community Carnival

is our Annual
SILENT AUCTION!

The CLASSROOM
that donates the
most items
WINS a PRIZE
for their CLASS!

All items are Due by
Friday Sept 4th

Auction held Carnival Night
Fri Sept 18 4:30-7:00
Watch the FEC facebook
for Basket Previews!

2015-16 Silent Auction Themes!

- Kindergarten
- Sports fan! (ideas: tickets, team gear, meet a famous player)
- New Baby (gift baskets, boy/girl items, etc)
- 1st Grade
- Super Heroes and Princesses (Disney, Marvel, lunch with a hero)
- Game Night (board games, snacks, gift cards, other games)
- 2nd Grade
- Chore Time! (cleaning, outdoor chores, household)
- Movie Night (snacks, movies, gift cards!)
- 3rd Grade
- Arts 'n Crafts! (art supplies, homemade quilts, home décor)
- Master Chef (for the kitchen or pantry, spices, tools)
- 4th Grade
- Swim Party! (beach toys, lotion, spa get-away, vacation)
- Emergency Prep (pantry, emergency gear)
- 5th Grade
- Camping (gear, snacks, food, prep, gift cards)
- I love to Read! (electronic, gift card, all age books-new)
- 6th Grade
- Mom's Night Out (spa package, chocolate, pampering, pedicure)
- Home Improvement (tools, guys stuff!, D.I.Y, gift cards)
- 7-9th Grades
- Sweet Tooth! (desserts, candy, snacks, chocolate, gift cards)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOARD MEETING

The next Board Meeting will be September 16th at 7pm. Public welcome.

The minutes from past Board Meetings as well as agendas for upcoming meetings can be found at <http://renacademy.org>.

LOST AND FOUND

There are a lot of left over Lost and Found items from last year. These will be donated at the end of next week so please come in and see if you are missing anything! We also want to encourage everyone to LABEL EVERYTHING!!!! This will help our Lost and Found Committee in getting everything back to it's rightful owner.

NEW IN 2015-16 - FRIDAY SACK LUNCHES!

Sack lunches are now available for purchase on a Friday immediately after school at 12:15. Students who would like to purchase a sack lunch on Friday will be asked to raise their hand for lunch count first thing Friday morning. Please remind your students to raise their hand if you would like them to purchase a sack lunch on Friday before returning home.

Our Middle School 'Friday School' Academic Remediation Program in 2015-16

Middle School students and parents please be aware that our 'Friday School' academic remediation program will begin next Friday September 11th for students needing a little extra help with their studies. 'Friday School' runs most Friday afternoons from 1 - 3 pm and allows students struggling academically to gain additional support and instruction from our MS teachers. Please see next week's edition of the RAPP for more specific information about 'Friday School' in 2015-16.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS PARENT MEETING

There will be a meeting regarding the After School Program offerings this year on Thursday, Sept. 10 at 7:00 pm in the gym. We have many great and exciting offerings this year. Come learn more about programs and registration. Please email suggestions to jwalker@renacademy.org

STUDENT DRESS CODE REMINDER

SHIRTS

COLORS Red, navy, light blue, light yellow or white. *STYLES* Polo shirts, oxford shirts and polo dresses. Shirts may be long or short sleeved but must be long enough to remain tucked in. *REMEMBER* Undershirts in approved top colors may be worn under an approved dress code top.

BOTTOMS

COLORS Khaki or navy only. Skirts and jumpers may also be worn in Renaissance Plaid (find this plaid at frenchtoast.com “blue red plaid” only). *STYLES* Pants, shorts, skorts, skirts, capris, jumpers.

REMEMBER Skirts and jumpers may be no shorter than 2” above the knee. Shorts may be worn under these items for modesty; but must not show.

SWEATERS

COLORS Red, navy, light blue, light yellow or white. *STYLES* Sweaters, sweater vests, cardigans or blazers. Zip-up hoodie in navy, red or white.

REMEMBER Hoods may not be worn in the school building.

OUTERWEAR

May be worn to and from school and outside recess. They may not contain controversial language, writing, logos or pictures.

ACCESSORIES

ITEMS AND COLORS Belts are considered accessories and may be worn in approved coordinating colors. Socks must be matching in solid white, black, beige, brown or navy. Tights and leggings must be smooth, opaque or cable knit in coordinating top or bottom colors. Tights and leggings may not be worn as pants. Ties must be solid navy or Renaissance plaid.

SHOES

1. Shoes must have a closed toe, back or back strap that allows for daily school activity.
2. Shoes should be conservative in style, and basic (black, brown or white) or coordinating in color (coordinating is defined as any dress code approved color) .
3. Athletic shoes worn to school must also be conservative in style, and basic or coordinating in color as defined above.
4. The following types of shoes are not permitted: with wheels, predominantly fluorescent in color, flashing lights, electronics, character logos, heels greater than 2”.
5. Flip-flops and slippers are not permitted.
6. Athletic shoes may be required in Middle School for P.E.

Dear Parents,

All students this week will receive their first “I Can” form. This is a document that will be given to all students at the beginning of each unit. This shows what they will be working on in the target language with statements starting with “I Can...” At the end of each unit they will evaluate themselves and check off their progress with peers and their teacher. This will be kept in their World Language folder and sent home for you to sign at the end of each unit. Please ask your kids to see what they are learning in World Language this month! Be looking for a form like this -->



RENAISSANCE ACADEMY
World Language Department

Yo puedo!

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Student Name: _____

Language: _____

Level: _____

Proficiency Target: _____

I CAN STATEMENT	YES I CAN!	SHOW A FRIEND	SHOW ANOTHER FRIEND	SHOW MY TEACHER



Middle School and ChinaTrips Parent Meeting

Come learn more about our upcoming trips this year to China and New York & DC on

Thursday, September 24 at 7:00 pm in the gym.

We will be discussing our Middle school trip and fundraising plans, as well as our trip to China to visit our sister school in Chongqing for 5-7th graders.

IMPORTANT ROAD SAFETY & TRAFFIC MESSAGE

This week our teachers will be discussing the rules of walking to and from school, as well as entering and leaving school at AM/PM pick up with your student. This is important information for ALL students to learn and understand, even those who do not typically walk to or from school. Please review the following information with your child/ children and then detach the bottom portion of this newsletter to sign and return to your teacher.

1. Who is the crossing guard at RA? *The crossing guard is a grown up who is there to help keep you safe on your walk to & from school.*
2. Where should you cross the street? *In a cross walk where a crossing guard is there to help you across.*
3. What do I do if there is no crossing guard? *Older children's answers will differ from younger children's answers, please decide on an answer that best suits your child. Examples: look for a cross walk, follow traffic lights and signs and look both ways or return to the school to find a safe way to get home.*
4. What are the rules when walking to and from school? (Parents, please ask your child to elaborate on these rules, and feel free to add to these rules as you see fit.)
 1. Always cross where you are supposed to (at a cross walk with a crossing guard).
 2. Always listen to the crossing guards.
 3. STAY ON THE SIDE WALK.
 4. Do NOT walk on the curb or road (other than crossing in a cross walk).
 5. Do not play near the road.
 6. WALK your bikes, scooters, & rip sticks across the street.
 7. Do NOT bounce balls in the cross walk.
 8. Do not chase papers into the road.
 9. Look & listen to what is going on around you.
 10. Do not climb onto anything (specifically retaining walls).
 11. Go where you are supposed to go.
 12. Do NOT talk to strangers. (We encourage the use of a "family safety password" for this purpose).
 13. Set a good example for others to help keep everyone safe!

Parents, please understand that it is the desire of everyone here at RA, our school crossing guards & the Lehi city Police Department to encourage a community effort to help keep our students and children safe. We encourage you to save this newsletter for periodical reviews, as children often need reminders through out the school year on these issues.

We thank you for taking the time to have an open discussion with your child/children regarding these important safety rules! Let's have a great school year! Stay safe!

AM & PM CARPOOL PROCEDURE & REMINDERS

Student drop-off and pick-up times

School hours for students are 8:00 am to 3:00 pm (Mon-Thurs) and 8:00 am to 12:15 pm (Fri) on early out days. Please do not drop your students to school prior to 7:40 am as there is no supervision provided before 7:40 am and students should not be on campus. This includes playing on the playground or in and around the school building. Students are expected to go directly home after they are dismissed at 3 pm. Prior arrangements must be made for students remaining after school with teachers, participating in after-school activities, or visiting a friend. If prior arrangements have not been made, students must go home at 3 pm.

Parents please remember to adhere strictly to our student drop-off & pick-up guidelines/procedure

- Drive Slowly & Be Patient – The speed limit on school property is 10 mph. Follow all posted speed limits on public roads surrounding the school. Pay special attention to crosswalk areas.
- Follow the directions of the crossing guards and those who are directing traffic.
- Enter and Exit with Caution - If your passengers are loaded and you are ready to exit the parking lot please look over your shoulder for oncoming traffic, look for cars backing out of parking stalls towards you and look for cars ahead of you that may be pulling out as well. Use your signal and slowly proceed
- Pull your vehicle along the curb as far forward as possible before stopping to unload or load passengers.
- Students should only be unloaded/loaded if the car is in the right lane.
- Students should only exit from the right hand side of a car in the direction away from moving traffic.
- If students in your carpool group approach your vehicle and attempt to load before you have come to a complete stop or have moved far enough forward, please motion for them to walk down the sidewalk so you can move forward and allow other vehicles to enter the loading/unloading zone.
- No Cell Phone Usage – Do not use cell phones while driving towards or away from the school. Studies show an increase of accidents when drivers are on the phone
- Do Not Enter through the Parking Lot Exit
- Students/Pedestrians/Passengers:
 - Follow Directions of Adults Working Crossing Guards and Directing Traffic – Only cross streets at designated crosswalks. Do not step off of the curb to cross until the crossing guard has lifted the stop sign and has motioned for you to cross. Never cross a street unless there is an adult.
 - Waiting for Pick-Up - If you are being picked up immediately exit the school, go directly to the area where you are picked up, watch for siblings/passengers of your carpool and remind them to wait in the same area, look for your vehicle, when your ride arrives, if necessary, walk down the sidewalk until the vehicle stops before attempting to open the door and load. Once

in the car quickly fasten your seatbelts so the driver can promptly exit and free up space for the many other drivers who are waiting to enter the school.

- Only open doors and unload/load vehicles once the car is parked alongside a curb.
- No Running, no playing tag, no throwing rocks or snowballs, no climbing on large rocks, no horseplay.

Bicycles

Students riding bicycles to campus must obey all road and traffic laws pertaining to bicycles. Helmets and other proper clothing must be worn. Students must walk their bikes while on campus. Students must lock their bicycles in the appropriate stations on campus. Bicycles may not be used during school hours and must remain locked up until the end of classes each day. Students riding bicycles are assigned to the blue pick-up time and should be leaving campus by 3:05pm (12:20pm on Fridays).

Walking Students

Walking students will be excused at 3:00 pm M-Th and 12:15 pm F. Walkers must use the designated crosswalks and stay on the sidewalk. Students are expected respect the property of surrounding businesses.

Student Drop-off Procedure

To safely and efficiently drop off students in the morning, please do the following:

- REMEMBER, during drop off and pick up times, excited students are present. Please use extreme care and caution and follow the 10 MPH speed limit.
- Students may be dropped off starting at 7:40 am. PM kindergarten students may arrive starting at 11:55 am.
- BEFORE pulling into the drop-off zone, please ensure that students are ready to exit your vehicle. (Coats on, backpacks in hand, kisses planted).
- Pull into the school drop-off zone as close to the curb as possible. Please pull as far forward as you can to expedite the drop-off procedure.
- Please drop off students only in the drop-off zones, not in the street, cul-de-sac, or nearby businesses.
- After dropping off students, please use the exit lane to depart.
- If students are late or tardy (arrive after 8:10 am), parents must park and walk their students into the school and sign them in at the office.
- If you intend on entering the school to volunteer etc., please drop students off first using proper protocol and then park your vehicle. Pick-up Procedure Student pick-up is directed by assigned staff members and volunteers. Parent and students are expected to be conscientious and courteous each day in the process. Parents who need to enter the school must park their vehicles in the south parking lot.

- Pick-up begins five minutes after the end of the school day (3:00 standard day, 12:15 early out). Under normal circumstances, please do not pick up your student before the end of the school day.

Kindergarten Student Pick-Up Procedure

- AM Kindergarten will be picked up at 11:00 am (or 9:55 early out).
- Please hang the colored number card from your rear view mirror. If you lose your card, please obtain a new one from the front office.
- When you enter the parking lot to pick up your student, please pull as far forward as possible.
- Students will be released and helped into the car by assigned staff, faculty, and parent volunteers in the car pool lanes.
- Students are not allowed to leave the curb unless they are entering a vehicle stopped adjacent to the curb or being escorted by an adult to a vehicle parked elsewhere in the parking lot. Please do not attempt to call your student to your vehicle from across the parking lot.
- No one other than a student's parents or legal guardians may pick up a student from school unless written authorization signed by the parent is provided to the school. In accordance with this policy, parents must register their carpool arrangements with the school. Please inform all authorized persons who will pick-up your students about these guidelines and the pick-up procedure.
- Because of limited parking and tight drive-thru areas, carpools are strongly encouraged.
- If car pool staff finds any unexplained inconsistency or change, students will be kept in the school office while the car is parked out of the way and a parent/guardian is telephoned.
- During the pick-up process, please do not ask the teachers for a status report on students.
- Always exit the property with your students in proper seat belts.
- Students should remember the following:
 - o Do NOT leave the curb until your vehicle is stopped and ready for you to enter.
 - o Do NOT leave your loading zone to play with or visit other students.

After School Activity Pick-up

Pick-up time is up to 15 minutes following the end of the activity. Parents should follow the same procedures for pick-up of their students from after school activities as those used during regular school hours. Remember, safety is the first consideration in dropping off and picking up students.

FIELD TRIPS IN 2015-16!

This year we have many exciting field trips scheduled, planned and ready for your students to experience. Field trips can only happen with your financial support and donations. For this reason we ask parents of students in Kindergarten through 6th grade to contribute a \$40 field trip donation if at all possible. Field trip costs are covered as part of the MS student fee schedule. We understand this donation may not be possible for all of our families, hence any donation is always appreciated. Your generosity as parents enables our students to really "Experience Education," expand their understanding of curriculum taught by their teacher and get outside of their classroom. So that you as parents know exactly what we hope and plan to do this year, please see our list of scheduled field trips below. Please help us make our field trip plans a reality for your student/s.

For more information regarding each specific field trip please contact your student's teacher directly. Please also contact your student's teacher if you are interested in helping chaperone a field trip. Parent helpers are always happily welcomed and appreciated. Field trip donations are received in the front office.

Once again, we appreciate and are grateful for any generosity demonstrated to our students. Thank you.

KINDERGARTEN

Oct. 8th - Pumpkin Land
Feb. 25th - Scera Pla 'Peter Pan'
March. 24th - Living Planet Aquarium
May 26th - Swinging Bridge Canyon Hike

1ST GRADE

Sept. 11th - Walking field trip to Smith's
Oct. 13th - Hogle Zoo
Feb. 17th - Scera Play 'Peter Pan'
April 25-29 - Earth Day Movie
May 16-20 - Ogden Dinosaur Park

2ND GRADE

Aug. 31 - Sept. 4 - Walking field trip to Smith's, Alpine Pediatrics and the Bank
Oct. 6th - Hare Krishna Temple visit
Nov. 3rd - Scera Play 'James and the Giant Peach'
Feb. 17th - Scera Play 'Peter Pan'
March 15th - Clark Planetarium
April 12th - BYU Museums visit (People and Cultures Museum, Monte Bean Museum)

3RD GRADE

Sept. 30th - Donut Falls Hike

Oct. 20th - Utah Symphony performance & Etiquette Day

Nov. 6th - Natural History Museum in the Classroom

Feb. 11th - Museum of Natural Curiosity

April 18th - Red Butte Garden and Natural History Museum

May 24th - Recycling Center visit

4TH GRADE

Sept. 15th - Thanksgiving Point

Nov. 18th - Natural History Museum

Jan. 26th - Mountain Man in the Classroom

Feb. 17th - Aquarium in the Classroom

March. 2nd - Bean Museum / Tracy Aviary

May 16 - 20 - Camp Floyd

5TH GRADE

Sept. 24th - Hogle Zoo

Nov. 20th - Thanksgiving Feast

Nov. 24th - BYU Museum of Art

Jan. 27th - Utah State Capitol visit

Feb. 19th - Underground Railroad (in classroom)

May. 12th - Biz Town

May. 19th - Legacy Center Swimming

6TH GRADE

Feb. - BYU Planetarium

Feb. - Polar Bear Swim at the Legacy Center

March. - World Language restaurant field trip

April. - Geocaching in Lehi

May. 25th - Cowabunga Bay Water Slide Park

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Sept. 9th - Math field trip to the Leonardo Museum

Oct. - Service Learning Day

Nov. - BYU Junior High and Middle School Day of Dance

Jan. - Utah State Capitol and University of Utah campus visit

Feb. - BYU campus visit

April 7th - WL Espanolandia trip

May - Lagoon Physics Day (8th graders)

May - Momentum Climbing Gym (7th & 9th graders)

May 9th - 9th grade La Caille Dinner

If you have any questions or specific concerns regarding our field trips for 2015-16 please feel free to email me at smccappin@renacademy.org.

WELCOME BACK (Important School Lunch Info)

The Food Service Department of Renaissance Academy is so happy to see you! This is an overview of how we will start the year 2015/16. We are proud to be part of the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Movement. We serve a beautifully balanced, strictly monitored, healthy, delicious lunch EVERY DAY this year.

This year we will offer a box lunch on Friday between 12:15 and 12:45. We will provide tables for the students to sit and enjoy their lunch. If your student desires a box lunch for Friday, please have them get on the "Friday" count when the teachers take Thursday lunch count.

Every morning the teacher will take a raise of hands count for that day's lunch. The students need to realize how very important it is to raise their hands if they desire lunch. This count determines the amount we prepare. This count is not connected to any other program i.e. student accounts, free or reduced lunches, etc. If they do not raise their hand, the count is short, and someone, at the end of serving will, unfortunately get a substitute meal.

We OFFER five items. Protein (Meat Meat Alternate) Grain (Whole grain Breads, Rice, Pasta, etc.)Fruit or Vegetable (K through 8th Must take 3/4 cup, 9th must take 1 cup. Fluid Milk we offer 1% White milk and Skim chocolate or strawberry. They can choose at least three of the five items, but they must take the quantity required by the State/Federal guidelines. Please talk to your students and help us to help them to make healthy choices. They need to consume the three choices.

We have managed to keep our price point at \$2.50 for one more year. Extra milk is \$.25. Extra main dish is \$1.00 ONLY after student has purchased the full balanced meal. We may offer other healthy choice, extra items, such as Capri Sun Drinks or snacks for \$.50. If you do not wish for your student to take extra items you must make it clear to them, as we have no way of monitoring or flagging the student. We do not offer extra items to students under 3rd grade.

We will do the lunch payments the same way as last year. There will be payment envelopes available across from the front office. Please place the check or cash in the envelope and seal it. Fill out the required information on the front of the envelope, so that the money can be properly credited. Drop the envelope in the box marked Lunch Money. I pick up the deposits each morning by 8:30 am. If the payment is not in the box prior to 8:30 am it will not be credited until the next day. Encourage your students to use this method, instead of bringing the money through the lunch line. We will accept payments and milk money in the line, but it cannot be credited at that time. If you have questions on your student accounts please try to contact me at a time other than during serving, as it disrupts the flow of the line. If you choose to use the online payment option, payment must be made the day previous to need. I download every morning by 9am. I cannot download sameday payments. To set up your accounts follow the instructions and links for Aspire and for SIPlive (online pmts).

If your student is eligible for Free (\$.00) or reduced (\$.40) lunch, there are several ways to apply. You can follow the links on Aspire. You can pick up a hard copy application across from the front office, and submit it directly to the Food Service Department. Fee Wavers and Free and Reduced are two separate programs and applications. You must Put in two separate applications.

As a courtesy, we try to stamp hands if the account balance is getting low (\$5.00). Your student can choose the reminder or decline the stamp. If the account goes negative, your student will be offered an emergency lunch, which consists of Milk, Bread and Fruit and Salad Bar. You can monitor your students' account on Aspire. If you have questions or concerns feel free to contact the Food Service Manager.

Thank You

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