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Message from the Dean

Thank you for a fabulous first two weeks of school!! I hope you are all getting back into the school groove, and that our new school schedule is becoming easier and more routine by the day! A big shout out to all of our on-campus students - you look fantastic in your fresh dress code clothes and cute/fun/creative masks!! I have been so impressed (and I know I am not the only one) with how well our RA students are keeping their masks on and doing their very best to show their 'listen to learn' behavior and attitudes. We love seeing all of your children and their smiling eyes back at school!!!

Please check out the important reminders below. Don't forget - No school on Monday, September 7th for Labor Day!

1. School Drop-Off & Pick-Up - Please drop/pick-up your children outside the main entryway/at the curb.

Now that all students know how to get to their classes, we ask that you drop-off your students and pick-up them up outside of our main school entry doors. To help us maintain and increase student and staff health and safety, we ask that you no longer walk your students to their classrooms. Our security doors are now operating and all visitors/adults will be required to check-in/request their student for check-out through the front office.

a) **Early check-out** - If you need to check your student out of school early you will need to bring your ID to the front office. We will scan your ID, and your student will be called down.

b) Did your student **forget their homework/water bottle or recess snack?** - Leave it at the front office and we will call your child down to collect their belongings.

c) **Sad student struggling to come to school?** - Let us know! We have a fabulous school counselor and other support staff who come and help you talk with your child and encourage them, help them feel comfortable at school, and can walk them into class if they are struggling to get inside the building.

d) **Is your student feeling unwell?** - Students are encouraged to tell their teacher if they are unwell, and then to come to the office to call home if they are sick and unable to remain in class.

Please note - Moving forward, we will be reminding/asking parents to refrain from entering the school building moving forward.

2. FAQ - Masks

If you have questions about our school mask policy, please see our school website for more information.

<https://renacademy.org/dress-code>

3. Online Class Reminders & Expectations

Please ensure your student adheres to the following guidelines and expectations for all RA online classes;

a) School appropriate clothing is required - Please ensure your children are dressed and ready to learn in all online classes.

b) Workspace - All students require a quiet and appropriate learning space for online class. They need a chair, table/desk, and appropriate location at home to listen and learn. They need a learning space where they have a flat surface to write/draw etc. Beds, floors, couches and other places are not best suited for online learning.

c) Materials - All online students need the correct equipment and materials (device with web camera, headphones, and required textbooks)

d) Full-time online students - Your children need their MyMath and Reach for Reading textbooks to complete their online classes. If you have not already done so, please collect their school equipment from Mr. Wright in the library ASAP. Your child cannot do their work if they don't have their books!

e) Eating/Drinking - Please feed your children before/after their online classes. All students should have a water bottle (like at school). Snacks/soda are distracting and inappropriate during online classes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our students have done SO well with wearing their masks! We have all been very impressed. We know it's hard to remember everything early in the morning, especially in the rush of getting out the door. We encourage you to put a spare face mask in your child's backpack in case they lose, break, or forget the one they come to school with!



Picture Day is September 22nd! All families (online or hybrid) will need to be on campus for picture day or they will not be pictured in class composites. Ashley will let online families know what time to plan for as it gets closer.

For those who would like their child(ren) to participate in our sack lunches, please remind them to let their teacher know at the beginning of school *for the morning session* or drop them off at 12:15pm *for the afternoon session* so they have time to eat in the lunch room before school starts!



If you have not yet received your student's login to the Mandarin Matrix, the remaining logins will be sent by early next week. Once received, please save for future reference.

WORLD LANGUAGE TEAM

We are off to a fantastic start with our World Language program! Our Elementary students have been especially busy making crafts, [playing games, creating and telling stories, and community building in their Spanish and Arabic classes. Middle school students have also been busy learning about current events happening all over the world, team building and listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The World Language team thanks you sincerely for your support of our program. We, as teachers, are very passionate about the languages and cultures that we teach and we love sharing this passion with your students! Our students come to class excited to learn each day, and we just love their excitement, curiosity, and enthusiasm to learn! Please check with your children and ask them about what they are currently learning in their Spanish and Arabic classes. They will love teaching you! If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Reading Corner with Ms. Scott

Our Acadience (DIBELS) testing will be conducted from September 14th to September 24th. We will be assessing the at school students from September 14th to September 21st. Please have your student in attendance at school this week if at all possible.

Online students are being invited to come to the school in the afternoon on the 16th, 17th, and 21st, then all day on the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. You should have received an email about setting up a time for your students to come to school to be assessed. If you have more than one student, you can sign them up together.

The online students will be assessed out in the portables (behind the school). There will be one tester and one student in at a time to practice social distancing. Parents are welcome to come in and observe during the assessment.

Thank you for your help in the huge undertaking!

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Last month at Renaissance Academy...



The remodel this summer was quite thorough and impressive! The first picture is where the office is now. The second picture was upstairs in the now yellow hallway and the last picture is the front! We love the changes and hope you do too!

We are so proud of all your hard work at home! While we know our teachers and staff are amazing, without your help we wouldn't be nearly as successful or have nearly as much fun during this crazy time. Thank you for all you are doing to help your children flourish this year!



IMPORTANT WEBSITES

[Renaissance Academy Website](#)

[Renaissance Academy
Facebook Page](#)

[The Official Renaissance
Academy FEC Facebook Group](#)

[Grade Level School Supply Lists](#)

[Space Academy Website](#)

Follow our Instagram page [@renacademy](#) for glimpses into our student's days, get to know the faculty a little more, and stay in-the-know for upcoming events/fundraisers!