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Important Dates

Dec 2          MS Basketball @ Freedom Academy (4:30pm)
Dec 6          FEC Meeting @ 8am
Dec 9-20       AAPPL Testing -- Chinese DLI only
Dec 9-13       FEC Winter Donation Drive
Dec 16         SWIG Spirit Day! (Traverse Mtn location)
Dec 18         RA Board Meeting @ 7pm
Dec 23-Jan 3   Christmas Break (NO SCHOOL)

Jan 6          School resumes
Jan 10         FEC Meeting 8 am
Jan 10         Panda Express Spirit Night!
Jan 10         Term 2 ends
Jan 13         Term 3 begins
Jan 13-23      MOY DIBELS testing
Jan 15         RA Board Meeting 7 pm
Jan 16         STEAM Night!
Jan 20         Martin-Luther King Jr. Day! (No school)
Jan 22         Spirit Night - FatCats!
Jan 22         3rd-grade field trip - Museum of Natural Curiosity
Jan 29         4th-grade - Mountain Man visit

The Renaissance Academy Printing Press
1. Annual FEC Winter Food Drive!
This Week - December 9-13

We are excited for our annual FEC food drive this week December 9-13th! All donations will go to Tabitha’s Way, a local food bank in American Fork. Last year, the generosity of Renaissance Families was outstanding and we donated over 3500 lbs of food and other personal items! This year, our goal is to donate the same amount or more! Starting today, we will again have tubs displayed in the hallway for students to put donations in their grade level bins. All donations will be sorted and counted at 9:30 am on Friday morning, December 13th.

This year we have two incentives for our students:

1) As in previous years, the grade level that donates the most lbs will receive a week of free dress next week December 16-20!

2) If we set a new record and beat our 3,500 lbs donated last year, the entire student body will be rewarded with a week of free dress December 16-20!

Here is a list of donations they currently need at Tabitha’s Way:

- Breakfast Cereal
- Ketchup, Mayo, and Mustard
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Ramen Noodles
- Pancake Mix
- Rice & Dry Beans (1-5 lbs pkg)
- Peanut Butter Jam/Jellies
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Flour (5-10 lbs pkg)
- Sugar (5-10 lbs pkg)
- Vegetable Oil
- Hygiene Items (shampoo, deodorant, etc.)
- Feminine Hygiene
- Baby Diapers (sizes 4-6)
- Adult Diapers
- Dishwashing and Laundry Soap
- Toilet Paper
- Empty Egg Cartons
- Plastic Grocery Bags

**Donations need to have dates 2016 and newer**
**No food with open packaging where the food is exposed**
**No home canning**
**Please tape flip-top lids closed**

2. Swig Spirit Day/Night! - Monday December 16th

Grab yourself a soda and/or cookie and earn money for our school! Don't forget to say you are from Renaissance and 25% will be donated back to Renaissance all day and night long!

3. FEC Spirit Gear Sales!

We have Renaissance Spirit Gear available for Christmas gift purchases! Beanies are being ordered. $12 each or 2 for $20/ Beanies can be worn outside during recess during these cold months. Available soon. Contact Jenny Chang Buck at chiachen212@gmail.com for details. Renaissance sweatshirts are also available for purchase, these can be worn Monday-Friday and are available in all sizes.

4. Amazon Smile - Earn money while shopping for our school!

As you prepare and shop for Christmas, don't forget Amazon Smile donates back to the school on any purchases made through your Amazon account when you have your account linked up to Renaissance. Sign up at smile.amazon.com No additional cost and Amazon will donate % of your purchases to the school. We all probably shop at Amazon so why not earn $ for the school while we do it!

5. Renaissance Spelling Bee - February 20th 7 pm

Our annual Renaissance Spelling Bee is scheduled for February 20th at 7 pm. All grade level bees will be held prior to the whole-school event. Our grade spelling bees are scheduled for January 17. Help your students prepare over the holidays! See the following link for grade level spelling lists, https://renacademy.org/spelling-bee

6. Inspirations Entries - Due Friday, January 9th

Our STEAM Night with Inspirations is coming up right after the holidays on January 16th. Inspirations entries are due Friday, January 9 to Ms. Cook in the art room. The theme for Inspirations is "THINGS OF MY IMAGINATIONS".
Parents, we are excited to be bringing the Pulsera Project to our school once again. “Pulsera” is the Spanish word for bracelets. The Pulsera Project is a Fair Trade Non-Profit organization that partners with U.S. schools to empower artists in Central America.

The World Language Department will be selling hand woven pulseras made by nearly 200 artists in Nicaragua and Guatemala as a way to support them and their communities!

Money raised from our sale will help employ the artists with high-paying jobs while also funding scholarships, workers rights initiatives, youth shelters, secondary education programs, environmental programs, human rights initiatives, and much more.

Each pulsera is a one-of-a-kind work of art and costs only $5!

We will also be selling hand woven purses for only $10!

Monday - Thursday in the cafeteria during all lunch periods as well as between classes in the World Language office the week of 12/2-12/13. Come support this great cause while also getting a beautiful bracelet to color your wrist!

Winter is here!

As we enter winter, please send your student to school with appropriate attire to wear for outdoor recess (coat, gloves, hat, scarf, boots). Students have three outdoors recesses daily and we prefer for them to get their wiggles out outside when weather permits. Please ensure your student stays warm and dry during outdoor recess.

*Please also continually check our lost and found, as many gloves, hats, coats etc end up in the lost and found on a daily basis.

Reading Corner with Tracy Scott

The State of Utah has recently published a guide to help parents know how they can support literacy with their children at home. The guide lists benchmark skills children should attain as they progress in their learning. The guide also suggests opportunities that parents can take at home to help support the things their students are learning at school.

Click here to find the guide!
We are currently looking to hire a part-time kitchen assistant. Typical hours are: Monday - Thursday 9am-2pm and Friday 10-1pm. The position offers $13/hour. If you are interested, please send your resume to Stella Aires at saires@renacademy.org!
This month at Renaissance Academy...

For the 50th day of school, Kindergarten got to dress up in 50’s attire!

Red Ribbon Week was a blast! Crazy hair day and Freedom Friday were definitely the favorites.

Kindergarten classes held a Thanksgiving feast while dressed up as pilgrims and Indians.

Mrs. Felton’s class made characters from their books come to life in the form of “Forgotten Pumpkins”!

This project was an at-home project and it was so fun to see how creative parents & students were!

Ms. Dorian Kinder put together an incredible production of Aladdin Jr! If you follow us on Instagram, you got to see snippets of the work that went into the play! Thank you to all who came & supported our students performing. They did AMAZING! (I wish I had gotten more pictures!)

Renaissance Academy Website

Renaissance Academy Facebook Page

The Official Renaissance Academy FEC Facebook Group

Grade Level School Supply Lists

Space Academy Website

Renaissance Academy After-school Activities

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!