

# RAPP

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### Important Dates

Sept. 30-Oct. 4	Box Tops Collection
Oct 3	3rd grade field trip - 'This is the Place'
Oct 4	FEC Meeting @ 8am
Oct 7-11	SEPS (Parent/Teacher Conferences)
Oct 8	MS field trip - STEM Fest
Oct 9	Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night! (Traverse Mtn location)
Oct 10	SEP's (Parent-Teacher Conferences) **Students get out at 12:15!
Oct 16	2nd grade field trip - 'Hare Krishna Temple'
Oct 16	RA Board Meeting @ 7pm
Oct 17-18	FALL BREAK ( <u>No school!</u> )
Oct 21	Staff Professional Development Day ( <u>No school!</u> )
Oct 23	Kindergarten field trip - 'Hee Haw Farms'
Oct 25	SWIG Spirit Day (Traverse Mtn location)
Oct 26	Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for Emergency Kits from 8am-11am
Oct 25	Term 1 ends
Oct 28	Term 2 begins!
Oct 28-Nov 1	Red Ribbon Week
Oct 29	2nd grade field trip - 'SCERA Theater play Junie B Jones'
Oct 31	Halloween Celebrations

The Renaissance Academy Printing Press



# Message from the Dean



Dear Renaissance Parents/Guardians and Families,

I hope you enjoyed a smooth start to the school year, your students have settled into their new classes and are enjoying new friends and teachers, and that everyone is now well and truly into the school year groove. We have had a fabulous first half of Term 1 and I look forward to getting to know all of our new students and families, and to the year ahead. Please take a few moments to carefully review the following information and reminders included in this month's edition of the Renaissance Academy Printing Press (RAPP) to keep yourself informed about the many activities, events and happenings at Renaissance both this week and in the near future.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about anything at Renaissance by emailing me at [savery@renacademy.org](mailto:savery@renacademy.org).

1. Do you know someone interested in attending Renaissance this year? Invite them to enroll now for 2019-2020?

This year we will continue to enroll new students interested in attending our school throughout the year. We do still have some seats open in several grades and classes that we would love to fill with your family, friends or neighbors! If you have friends or neighbors who might be interested in attending RA this year, please have them check out our school website at [www.renacademy.org](http://www.renacademy.org), contact our school office at 801-768-4202 or email me directly at [savery@renacademy.org](mailto:savery@renacademy.org) with any questions, schedule a tour, and/or to find out if a seat is available in their respective grade level.

2. School starts at 8:00 am - Please be prompt

Please help us maximize student learning by having your student/s at school before 8 am. Parents, please support your student/s and our teachers by bringing your student/s to school early and making sure they are in their classroom/s and ready to learn before 8 am (but no earlier than 7:40 am when the doors open to students). Our classroom schedules are very tight here at Renaissance, and our teachers aim to maximize student learning and instruction time by beginning to teach immediately following the 8 am bell. We understand that sometimes things happen and you don't make it out the door quite early enough, however please do your very best to get your students here on time. If a student is late to school and arrives after 8:10 am they are required to check in at the office to receive a late slip before heading to class. The late slip is then presented to their classroom teacher for attendance tracking purposes.

\*Please remind your late students to go by the office on the way to class to pick up their late slip!



3. Student Absences - <https://renacademy.org/excuse-absence>

If your student is absent from school, please go online to our school website as soon as possible to excuse the absence and let us know why your student is not at school. School attendance is required by law and we are required to keep track of who is and is not regularly attending school. It only takes a moment - Please see the following link if and when you need to excuse your student's absence from school at <https://renacademy.org/>

4. How to check your students grades and missing work on Aspire

You can easily check your students academic progress and grades online through our student information system Aspire. We encourage you to be involved in your students education and to learn and to check aspire regularly/at least weekly. Please contact your students teacher if you are struggling to access your students grades through Aspire.

To create a login for your student:

- Click on the link - <https://renaissance.usoe-dcs.org/Login.aspx>
- Click on 'Request a Username'
- Enter your student ID number (same as their lunch number and can be obtained from their classroom teacher), date of birth and then create an account
- Check your students grades and missing work regularly

5. Middle School Student Tardiness

We are beginning to have a problem with MS students being consistently late to class. Students are showing up frequently late, both first thing in the morning and then to various class periods throughout the day. Please make the extra effort to help your students to be on time to school and remind your students that if they are consistently late to class they will receive an instant after school detention. Please remind your students how important it is for them to be punctual to class to ensure they do not miss valuable instruction time or course content. Each MS teacher has put into place a specific tardy/detention policy in their classroom. This policy has been clearly communicated to your student/s, they know what is expected of them and when they will receive an after school detention for tardiness. If your student receives a detention for being tardy the teacher who issues the detention will inform the student and contact you as their parent via email to inform you of the detention date and time, as well as why the detention was issued. If you have any specific questions regarding each individual teacher's tardy/detention policy please contact them directly by email.



## 6. Lost & Found

Just a reminder to please mark all student sweaters, jackets, lunch boxes, and other personal belongings with your student's name. This makes it easier to find the owners and prevents you having to re-purchase lost items. Lost and found items are regularly placed in the gym and will be kept for one week before they are donated. Pictures are also posted weekly to our Renaissance Facebook page thanks to our parent volunteers.

## 7. Lunch Payments & Online Menu

Our monthly school lunch menu can be found online at [www.renacademy.org](http://www.renacademy.org) Students may choose to bring home or school lunch. If your student will be purchasing school lunch, please deposit cash or check into their account using their lunch ID number (ask their teacher). Hard-copy deposit slips, envelopes and a grey deposit box located on the right as you enter our school hall. Deposits are made daily by our fabulous lunch staff. If you would like to deposit money onto your student's lunch account electronically, please use the following link <https://renacademy.org/online-payments> and click on the School Lunch payment link. Please contact our Food Services Manager Stella Aires at [saires@renacademy.org](mailto:saires@renacademy.org) with any questions about our lunch program or payments.

## 8. Toys at School

Parents, please remind and do not permit your children to bring toys, fidget spinners, BeyBlades or Pokemon cards to school unless special privilege is granted by your student's classroom teacher for a special occasion, Fun Friday or class reward. These items are not permitted in the playground during any recess or lunch period to help the student make the most out of their time to run around outside. Students will receive reminders before items are taken from them by their teachers if seen during recess. Any item taken from a student may be collected from their classroom teacher by a parent/guardian.



If you missed it, Mrs. Avery bravely took a turn in the Dunk Tank at our annual Carnival this year!

# About Renaissance Academy



## Vision

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

## Mission

Inspiring students to excel by applying innovative, individualized, and experiential learning methods in World Language and classical education.

## World Language

Renaissance Academy prides itself in a focus on language studies that is “exemplary among foreign language programs” (Renaissance Academy Charter). All students at Renaissance Academy are enrolled in daily World Language classes that focus on interpersonal communication. We believe that students must be given the opportunity to practice communicating regularly in a second language, and a large percentage of the time spent in World Language class is dedicated to speaking with others. This ties in with our emphasis on Experience Education.

## Experience Education

We believe that the best education comes through experience. Whether it's on field trips, through in-class experiments, presentations and projects, doing local service projects, visiting college campuses, or during after school programs, students at Renaissance are constantly learning via dynamic experiences that enrich the curriculum and give a variety of opportunities for growth and success.





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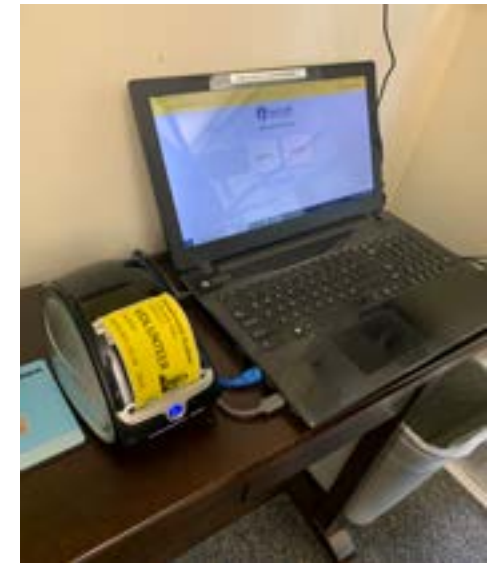
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# Announcements & Spotlights

1. Emergency Procedures - Please keep our students safe and ensure you always sign in at the office and wear a visitor badge when on campus.

Parents/guardians and all other school volunteers and visitors are required to sign in at the office and wear a 'volunteer/ visitor' badge when you are on school premises. This requirement is for your own safety as well as the safety of our students. We need to know who is on campus at all times. In the case of an emergency, if you have not signed in at the school office as required, we do not know you are in the building and will not be looking to account for your whereabouts and safety (i.e., in case of fire or lock down). Please remember, all volunteers must also have a current background check to volunteer at school. Please contact Trudy Messick at [tmessick@renacademy.org](mailto:tmessick@renacademy.org) if you would like to confirm if your background check is current or needs to be renewed.



## 2. After School Procedures

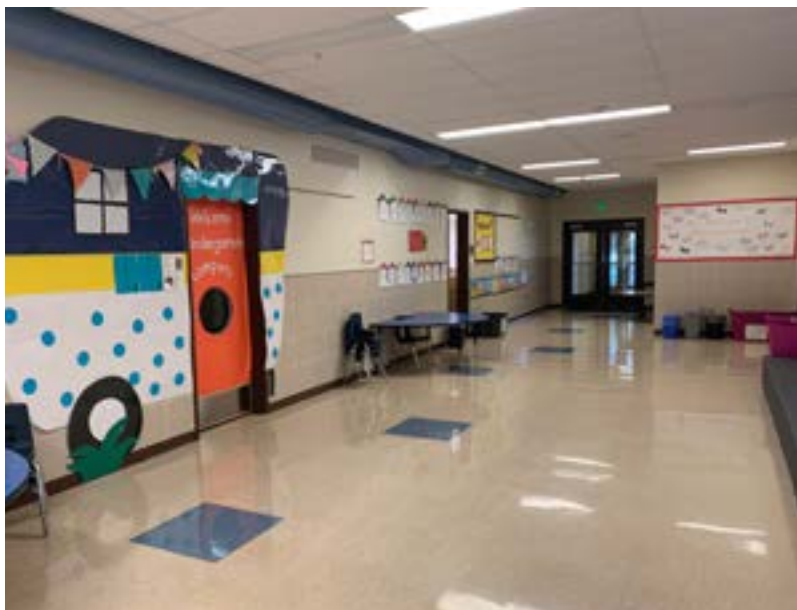
Please coordinate with your students and carpools before school as to where and when you will be meeting for after-school pickup. The overhead speaker is only to be used in case of an emergency. For your information, students are not permitted to use the office phone until 3:15 pm after school.

## 3. Checking Students In and Out

All students who arrive at school late or leave early must be checked in and/or out of the office. Please remember to bring your driver's license with you when coming to check out your student so we do not have to ask you to go back out to your car. It is also not possible to call ahead and check your student out over the phone as we must scan your license to check out your student. Please be patient and understanding, our check in/out procedure is for the safety of our students.

## 4. Parking - Please do not park in our neighboring parking lots

Please do not park your car in the parking lots of local businesses surrounding our school. Business owners have repeatedly asked us as a school community (i.e., you as parents) not to park in their parking lots. We as an administration, also request that you respect our neighbors and do not park in the parking lots other than our own school lot. Please be advised, if you continue to park in any of the surrounding parking lots not belonging to Renaissance, you risk receiving a pricey parking ticket if reported to police by the local business owner.





5. Traffic Reminders

Please help us keep our students safe and to keep traffic moving smoothly by remembering and adhering to the following rules and procedures:

- No cell phone use
- Do not park in traffic zone before or at the end of school. Parked cars cause a lot of problems when we are trying to keep cars flowing. If for any reason you need to leave your vehicle, please pull into a parking spot.
- Please wait in the line of traffic unless directed otherwise by those assisting with traffic.
- Please pull forward as much as possible. We have many parents waiting in line, and the more cars that pull forward, the more students can be taken care of and move traffic at a faster rate.
- Stay on sidewalks. Many of our students like to cut across the turn-a-round instead of remaining on the sidewalk. We have many parents who also like to turn their cars around in this circle area as who may not see the students crossing the road.
- Please be courteous of our neighbors. Please do not park, drop-off/pick-up or cut through the Learning Dynamics or Dental parking lots next door to us. We have had complaints from some of our business neighbors of cars parked in their lots, students asking to use business phones, business patrons feeling un-
- Please only have students exit on the north side of vehicle for the safety of students from cars driving past. If your students take a long time at drop off, please pull into a parking spot to help keep the flow of drop-off traffic moving.
- Please pull forward as much as possible. We have many parents waiting in line, and the more cars that pull forward, the more students can be taken care of and move traffic at a faster rate.
- For the safety of our students, Please use crosswalks. Crosswalks are located by the entrance of our school, and at the exit of the parking lot. Please try to keep our students in the habit of safety by encouraging them to use these crosswalks.
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6. Halloween Celebrations - Thursday 31st October

This year we will be celebrating Halloween at Renaissance on Halloween, Thursday 31st October. Students are invited to come to school dressed in their Halloween costumes and be prepared for our elementary Halloween parade and classroom celebrations. Please remember that students are required to wear shoes to school with their costume (no slippers) and that masks or full-face paint are not permitted.

# S E P ' S

SEPs (Parent/Teacher Conferences) are next week!  
October 7-11

**\*Please remember - Early out for all students next Thursday 10/10 as well as Friday 10/11 (per usual) at 12:15 pm for SEPs!**

If you have not already seen one, all teachers will be sending out parent/teacher conference sign-up sheets this week. Don't forget to sign up to meet with your students teacher next week to discuss their progress, goals, achievement and any concerns you might have so far this year.



SEPs will be held from all grade levels Monday-Wednesday after school from 3:10-5:30 pm. Due to higher student numbers, Chinese Immersion and 7th-8th core Middle School Teachers will also be available by appointment during school hours on Thursday and Friday (Chinese DLI only) from 8:00-12:15. Parents, please ensure you schedule an appointment with each of your students teachers and arrive on time to ensure all SEP appointments run smoothly, and to help teachers remain on schedule.



## Scholastic Book Fair

First book fair of the year was a success! The students were so excited to look at all of the fun books and many had "wish lists" for their parents. We will have two more throughout the year, so if you weren't able to participate in this one, no worries! We will keep you posted.





*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!*



We'd like to congratulate Mr. Victor Williamson for receiving Utah's 'Best of State K-12 Teacher' award! We are honored to have him teach here at Renaissance Academy, and are happy to see his hard work and connection with students recognized on a state level.



## Renaissance Space Academy

**Now enrolling for this school year!**

**InfiniD program takes flight!**

Starting at the beginning of the school year, elementary students have begun their Colonial Command training and are on their way to becoming explorers of the cosmos without leaving the comfort of their own school. This year, our elementary students have the opportunity to fly 5 InfiniD missions during the school day. This month students have been briefed and trained by Mr. Funk and Mr. Robinson and flown their first training flight as individual classes. The InfiniD program allows students of all ages to fly age appropriate, academically driven, space missions centered around experiential education. All missions are based around grade level curriculum and teach students basic computer usage skills, problem solving, teamwork, leadership, and many other skills.

If you have any questions about how to enroll in the Space Academy Camp, or about the Space program in general, feel free to reach out to Mr. Bracken Funk!

You can reach him via text (preferred) at (801) 669-1041 or by email at [bracken@spacecamputah.org](mailto:bracken@spacecamputah.org)





Registration for **2nd** through **8th** grade will begin **October 7th** through the **16th**. The link will be posted on the blog which is [renaissancebob.blogspot.com](http://renaissancebob.blogspot.com)



The “battle” is a game show style competition held on specified dates in March. Teams earn points by answering questions about books they have read from the specific list. At the ends of the rounds, points are added up and the top 2 teams go onto the “Final Battle” in their category.

Please contact the Battle of the Books Committee with any questions or comments.  
Thank you!

## Support Renaissance Emergency Preparedness!!



### Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Come Support Renaissance Academy's  
Emergency Preparedness

In support of Marcus Besaw's Eagle Scout project

**Saturday, October 26th, 2019 8am-10am**

3435 N 1120 E, Lehi, UT 84043

Tickets\*: Individual-\$5.00 Family-\$20.00 (up to 6 people)

Purchase Tickets: <https://marcus-besaw-eagle-project.square.site/>

Menu: Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit, Juice

(Additional Donations Gladly Accepted online  
or via Venmo @kent-besaw)

\*Tickets must be purchased by Oct. 24



## WORLD LANGUAGE ANNOUNCEMENT

Hello parents, Fall is finally upon us!

World Language teachers have really been enjoying getting to know your talented students. We want to thank you for all of the generous donations we have received this year from you! The students are eagerly learning and having fun singing songs, creating and further developing their language skills. SEP's for Spanish and Arabic will be held in the Art room again this year. Please feel free to drop in and check in on your child's progress or if you have any questions or concerns. You are always welcome to contact us! We appreciate your support.

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## After-School Activities!

After-School Clubs are available through our [Renacademy.org/After-school-activities](http://Renacademy.org/After-school-activities). Go to “tickets” to see details of each club. Aladdin (Middle School Play),Elementary School Ballroom, R.A.'s Silicon Slopes Ballet, Chess Club, and Middle School Basketball have all kicked off the year and are now in full swing. Starting Friday Sept 27, Mr. Robinson hosts a free “Open-Gym” for any kid to come shoot hoops from 1:30-2:30. If you are interested in hosting a club, please email [nbybee@renacademy.org](mailto:nbybee@renacademy.org).





# Elementary School Field Trips (K-6)



*Pictured: 5th grade Chinese Immersion kids hiking Timanogos to the cave at the top. Students had a hard hike but had their confidence grow by not quitting and accomplishing a hard goal! One student said, “There was a rock called 13 stitches. I think it should be named 26 stitches”. All students enjoyed being geologists and learning how the cave was formed and how it is still growing.*

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. Field trip costs are covered as part of the MS student fee schedule in 7th and 8th grade. We understand this K-6 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” through our field trip program, 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 our students.

Field trip donations can be made in the office (cash or check only) or online at <http://renacademy.org/online-payments> (see K-6 donations, 'field trip' or 'misc donation' and label as '1st grade field trip donation' etc). Thank you for your generosity and support of our elementary field trip program. For more information regarding each specific field trip please contact your students teacher directly. Please also contact your students teacher if you are interested in helping chaperone a field trip. Parent helpers are always happily welcomed and appreciated. Once again, we appreciate and are grateful for any generosity demonstrated to our students.

\*Please note - All field trip chaperones must have a clear and current background check. Background checks are valid for three years. If you are unsure if your background check is up to date or needs to be renewed, please contact Trudy Messick at [tmessick@renacademy.org](mailto:tmessick@renacademy.org).

## Field Trip Schedule

Grade Level	Field Trip Destination	Date Scheduled
Kindergarten	Hee Haw Farms	Oct. 23rd
	Museum of Natural Curiosity	Feb 20th
	Aquarium	March
1st Grade	Hogle Zoo	Sept. 25th
	Treehouse Museum	April 28th
	BYU Museums	May
2nd Grade	Radha Krishna Temple	Oct. 16th
	SCERA Play	February
	Clark Planetarium	March
3rd Grade	Heritage Park	Oct. 3rd
	Museum of Natural Curiosity	Jan. 22nd
	Aquarium	March 25th
	Red Butte Gardens	May 18th and 19th
4th Grade	Utah Lake	October
	Natural History Museum	Nov. 21st
	Mountain Men (on campus)	Jan. 29th
	Hogle Zoo	March 24th
	Camp Floyd	May 26th
5th Grade	Timpanogos Cave	September
	Utah State Capital	TBD
	Biz Town	TBD
6th Grade	Hill Airforce Base	Nov. 26th
	Mary Poppin's Hale Center	May
	Timpanogos Cave	





# 2019-2020 Academic Calendar

August/September				
M	T	W	T	F
	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

## Renaissance Academy 2019-2020 Calendar

October				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

November				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

1st Term  
August 20 - October 25  
45 Days

2nd Term  
October 28 - January 10  
43 Days

3rd Term  
January 13 - March 20  
47 Days

4th Term  
March 23 - May 29  
45 Days

December				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

January				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

February				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

March				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

April				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

May				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

August 20 - First Day of School  
September 2 - Labor Day  
October 17-18 - Fall Break  
October 21 - Professional Development  
November 27 - Teacher Comp. Day

November 28-29 - Thanksgiving Break  
December 23 - January 3 - Christmas Break  
January 20 - Martin Luther King Day  
February 17 - Washington-Lincoln Day  
March 9 - Professional Development

April 6 - Snow Make-up Day  
April 7 - Teacher Comp Day  
April 8-10 - Spring Break  
May 25 - Memorial Day  
May 29 - Last Day of School

## Dress Code Reminders

### Philosophy

The use of a dress code is an important part of a distinctive Renaissance Academy educa-tion. These stan-dards and guidelines for dress and grooming are purposefully employed to create a learning environment that encourages serious study and fosters the development of self esteem.

The dress code accomplishes this by:

- Decreasing distractions created by modern fashion and socioeconomic differences
- Instilling students with discipline and self-respect
- Eliminating social distinctions
- Maintaining a healthy and positive school image
- Providing a visible and public symbol of commitment to high academic standards

### Clothing Color Scheme

The Renaissance Academy student dress code color scheme is as follows:

- Tops, Shirts & Dresses - **red**, **navy blue**, **light blue**, **light yellow** or **white**
- Pants - khaki or navy blue.
- Renaissance Plaid (available through ‘French Toast’)
- Sweaters, sweater vests, cardigans, blazers - may be worn in any approved top color.
- Hoodies - Navy blue or red only (zip-up and pullover styles are both accepted.)



### General Guidelines

- Students are required to adhere to the standards of the dress code during school hours and when participating in any on-campus or other school sponsored activities, unless stated otherwise by school adminis-tration.
- Students must present a modest, clean and neat appearance at all times.
- Clothing must be clean, in good repair and worn properly.
- Clothing that is baggy, low-rise, over/undersized or low cut is not permitted.
- Clothing items may not have visible brand names, logos or words of any kind (except school logo). Lace, sequins or decorative embroidery is not permitted.
- Clothing must be an approved solid color (see above ‘clothing color scheme’ section). No contrasting color stitching, exposed zippers, lace, sequins or decorative embroidery is permitted.
- Renaissance Plaid is permitted for some articles of clothing (where specifically stat-ed). Renaissance Plaid is (“Blue/Red” in the French toast catalog). No other plaid is permitted.
- Hair must be neat, groomed and clean cut. No extreme hairstyles or unnatural colors (i.e., mohawks, faux hawks etc.) Student who present with extreme hairstyles and colors will be sent home until the situation is rectified.
- Sunglasses are not permitted inside the school building.
- Visible tattoos are not allowed.



## Tops, Shirts, and Dresses

1. Approved styles-girls: shirts (polo and oxford), collared blouses, polo dresses
2. Polo dresses may be worn in any top color and may not be shorter than 2” above the knee
3. Approved styles-boys: shirts (polo and oxford)
4. Tops may be long or short sleeved.
5. Tops must be an approved colors i.e., red, navy blue, light blue, light yellow or white
6. Undershirts in approved colors may be worn under an approved dress code top, which must be buttoned up. Jumpers may only be worn with an approved dress code top.

## Bottoms

1. Approved styles for girls: pants, shorts, skorts, skirts, capris, jumpers
2. Approved styles for boys: pants or shorts.
3. Must be an approved solid color for bottoms: khaki or navy
4. Skirts and jumpers may also be Renaissance Plaid.
5. Skirts and jumpers may be no shorter than 2” above the knee. Shorts may be worn under these items for modesty; however, they must not show.
6. Shorts may be no shorter than 4” above the knee.
7. Pants may be cargo style, cuffed or straight legged. Knit pants, athletic pants and sweat pants are not acceptable.



## Outerwear - It’s starting to get cold enough to send students with jackets!

Some types of outerwear may be worn in the building for personal comfort over a dress code complaint collared shirt. Sweaters, sweater vests, cardigans, blazers may be worn in any approved top color. Students may also wear a solid color (zip-up or pullover style hoodie) in navy or red. Hoods on sweaters or sweatshirts may not be worn in the school building. An Official RA logo hoodie will be available for purchase at ‘Back-to-School Night’ Jackets/coats worn to and from school, and during outside recess are not considered part of the dress code. These items may not be worn in the building. Students will be asked to remove all non-dress code winter/ outerwear items when in the school building.

# Getting Involved

## Board of Directors

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## FEC Presidency

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## Board Meetings

Renaissance Academy Board Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month. Board Meeting Agendas and Minutes can be found on the school website at [www.renacademy.org/board-meetings](http://www.renacademy.org/board-meetings).

We are currently looking to fill a board member vacancy. If you are interested or would like to learn more, please contact the board directly at: [board@renacademy.org](mailto:board@renacademy.org)!

## FEC Meetings

The FEC (Family Engagement Committee) 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.





## Message from the FEC President

The FEC presidency wants to welcome all the new and continuing students and parents to this school year. If you are new, the FEC (Family Engagement Committee) is our school's parent volunteer organization. We celebrate teachers, provide hundreds of hours of support in classrooms, chaperone field trips, plan and execute school activities like Red Ribbon Week or parent/child date nights, help fundraise, and more. We would love for you to come serve the school with us. We have a meeting the 1st school Friday of each month at 8am in the teacher's lounge. Come meet us, have some treats, and get informed of all the fun going on around the school.

We want to do a big shout out to all our students, parents, and staff. Thank you for all your wonderful support at our carnival. That is our one major fundraiser for the year, and we did well! We also want to send a big thanks to our amazing carnival team, lead by Emily Haleck. You provided a great experience for our school, and we all thank you very much.

Here are a few FEC events coming up that you might want to put on your calendar:

- \*Box tops collection - 9/30 - 10/4
- \*FEC Meeting 10/4 8am
- \*Chick-fil-a Spirit Night (Traverse Mtn) 10/9
- \*Swig Spirit Day (Traverse Mtn) 10/25
- \*Red Ribbon Week 10/28 - 11/01

Sincerely,  
Jessy Feveryear  
FEC President  
jessyjensen@yahoo.com



I am still waiting on official numbers from the FEC treasurer, but my calculations show we made \$17,175 in profit. I think it would be safe to state that the carnival made about \$17K.

Special thanks to all the parents who donated silent auction items and volunteer hours, and the local businesses that supported the school by providing booths, cash sponsorships, concessions and silent auction items. Thanks to everyone who attended--half of the profit is from wristband/ticket sales so we couldn't have done it without such a supportive school family!



*Some of the ladies who made sure the carnival was the success that it was!*



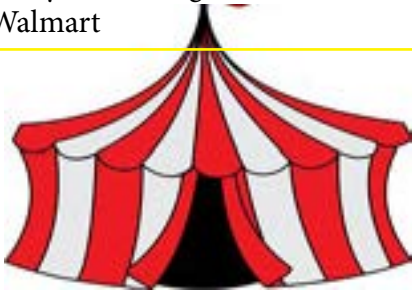


A big thank you to our sponsors this year!

A1M Arena (new)  
ACT Alpine Community Theater  
Airborne PG  
Alphagraphics  
Alpine Pediatrics  
America First Credit Union  
Arctic Circle  
Bank of American Fork  
Battle of the Books Committee  
Bean Museum  
Big 5 Sporting Goods  
Blaze Pizza  
Bobby Lawrence Karate  
Boondocks  
Cal Ranch  
Chick-fil-A  
Chipotle  
Classic Fun Center  
Club Utah  
Coconut Cove  
Cookie Cutters  
Cornbelly's (new)  
Costa Vida  
Costco  
Crumbl (new)  
Culver's  
Daylight Donuts  
Discovery Gateway Children's Museum  
Disneyland  
Doz Sleepwear  
Dry Creek Pediatric Dentistry  
Evolve Fitness / Just Dance Arts Academy  
F45  
Fairbanks Orthodontics  
Farpoint Institute / Voyager Space Center  
Fresh Market  
Funtopia  
Game Grid

Geneva Rock (Clyde Companies)  
Getout Games Provo  
GOAT Haircuts (Lehi, UT)  
Good News Lutheran Church  
Gorilla Car Wash  
Gygi's  
Hale Center Theater  
Hardy Smiles  
Harris Orthodontics  
Holdman Studios at Thanksgiving Point  
Home 2 Suites by Hilton  
Hutchings Museum (new)  
Hydrosleeve  
Jimmy Johns  
Jump Around Utah (new)  
Just Add Chocolate (new)  
Kneaders  
Leaps and Bounds Dance  
Lehi Legacy Center  
Let's Play Music  
Lifted Life Yoga (new)  
Little Adventures Dress Ups  
Living Planet Aquarium  
Log Haven (new) Lone Peak  
Dance / Fitness  
Maceys Highland  
Maceys Lehi  
Meiers  
Modest Molly  
Momentum Climbing  
My Little Paintbrush (new)  
Natural History Museum of Utah  
Nothing Bundt Cakes  
O'Reilly Auto Parts  
Obstacle Warrior Kids  
Oriental Trading  
Owlet (new)

Painter's Palette  
Parent: Preethi Sarada  
Potluck Paint Party  
ProPix  
Provo Beach Resort  
Provo Beach Resort Flowrider  
Quick Quack Car Wash  
RA Cub Scout Pack 799  
Ring  
Rodizio Grill  
Sam Comte (new)  
Slapfish  
SoJo Dental (new)  
Subzero Ice Cream (new)  
Summit Inn Pizza (new)  
Sunrider International  
Tadasana Yoga (new)  
Target  
Teton Toys  
Thanksgiving Point- Museums  
Thanksgiving Point- Programming  
The Ninja Playground (new)  
The Sewing Academy  
The Sweet Tooth Fairy  
Tracy Aviary  
Trader Joe's  
Tsunami Restaurant  
UCCU  
Upstart (new)  
Utah Olympic Legacy (Olympic Oval, Soldier Hollow, etc.)  
Utopias  
Valkyrie Fencing Club  
Walmart



CONCESSION  
DONATIONS



Avenue Bakery  
Beyond Glaze bakery  
Chip Cookies  
Costco  
Crumbl (new)  
Day light doughnuts  
Dough Co.

Fiiz  
Harmons  
Jack's Donuts  
Kneaders  
Lehi bakery  
Macey's Lehi  
Meier's grocery store

Ridley's  
Ship & Sip  
Smart Cookie Company  
Smiths  
Sugar High Confections  
Sweet Tooth Fairy  
Sweetopia

Swig  
Target – AF  
The Chocolate  
Village Baker  
Walmart- AF  
Walmart- Cedar Hills

Meet our Faculty



Mark Ursic  
Executive Direcor



Stephanie Avery  
Dean of Students



Shelby Dieters  
Dean of Instruction



Stephanie Johnson  
Director of Special Education



Angie Cobiella  
Director of World Language



Patti Davis  
Business Manager



Susi Blackhurst  
Enrollment Specialist



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Lorna Anderson  
Kindergarten



Noelle Boyd  
Kindergarten



Keri Holmgren  
Kindergarten



Angela Walker  
1st Grade



Jessi Atkinson  
1st Grade



Sandy Chen  
1st Grade Chinese Immersion



Yolanda Qiu  
1st Grade & MS Chinese Immersion





Amanda Barbosa  
1st Grade Chinese  
Immersion Partner



Alysa Dominguez  
2nd Grade



Anna Felton  
2nd Grade



Dawn Lee  
2nd Grade Chinese  
Immersion



Kelli Harman  
2nd Grade Chinese  
Immersion Partner



Peggy Taylor  
6th Grade



Carol Qin  
6th & 7th grade  
Chinese



Camden Robinson  
Middle School History



Lawrence Vidinha  
Middle School Science



Jessy Feveryear  
Middle School  
Language Arts



Jill Strate  
3rd Grade



Emilyanne Spencer  
3rd Grade



Di (Wendy) Wu  
3rd Grade Chinese  
Immersion



Meitzu Chiang  
3rd Grade & 8th grade  
Chinese



Julie Ahlstrom  
3rd Grade Chinese  
Immersion Partner



Chelsea Smith  
Middle School Math



Brittany Beebe  
Spanish



Carey Ventura  
Spanish



Rina Hanna  
Arabic



Melissa Christensen  
Special Education



Emily Depallens  
4th Grade



Jenna Hall  
4th Grade



Lisha Zhou  
4th Grade Chinese  
Immersion



Paige Carsey  
4th Grade Chinese  
Immersion Partner



Keri Todd  
5th Grade



Luke Blain  
Special Education



Wendy Close  
Special Education  
Intern



Tracy Scott  
Reading Specialist



Dorian Kinder  
Music, Drama



Nikke Bybee  
P.E., Dance, &  
After-school clubs



Heather Booth  
5th Grade



Jun (Bonnie) Yin  
5th Grade Chinese  
Immersion



Clarissa Flink  
5th Grade Chinese  
Immersion Partner



Samantha Bischoff  
6th Grade



Victor Williamson  
6th Grade



Drew Wright  
Library &  
Keyboarding



Tess Cook  
Art



Sarah Tekulve  
Elementary &  
Middle School P.E.



Trudy Messick  
Head Aide/Library  
Aide



Melissa Covey  
504 Intervention &  
Math Aide





Serene Bean  
Reading Aide



Dorie Pena  
Reading Aide



Amber Murie  
KIndergarten Aide



Jordyn Johnson  
Kindergarten Aide



Tracy Royall  
1st Grade Aide



Christy Rich  
2nd Grade Aide



Carolina Araya  
3rd Grade Aide



Amanda Nicholas  
4th Grade Aide



Cathy Babcock  
5th Grade Aide



Amalie Moss  
6th Grade Aide



Stella Aires  
Food Services  
Manager



Julie Bryan  
Lunch Room  
Staff



Larry Smith  
Lunch Room  
Staff



Satomi Steadman  
Lunch Room  
Staff



Annie Walden  
Lunch Room  
Staff

# Lunch Room Message

Renaissance Academy Food Service Department offer five component items: Protein (meat or meat alternate), grain (breads, rice, pasta, etc.), fruit and vegetable (must take a minimum of 1/2 cup), and fluid milk (fat free chocolate milk or white 1%). They must choose at least three of the five items, one of the choices must be a fruit or vegetable as required by the State/Federal regulation.

## Lunch Menu/Application Forms

Lunch Menu can be found at the school website calendar <https://renacademy.org/calendar>. The printable version is located at the school's main page under Lunch Menu. Additionally, all forms for 2019-2020 related to the Lunch Program are now updated. Please help your student memorize their School Lunch ID so check out at cashier point is easier.

## Price

Lunch is \$2.50. Monday through Thursday we have three main dish options of hot lunch, PB&J, and meat and cheese sandwich which is either ham or turkey with cheese depending on what we have on hand. Fridays we offer sack lunch between 12:15 and 12:40. We may offer other healthy a la carte choices such as milk (\$0.50), pizza (\$1.25 Tuesday only), PB&J (\$1.25) and other snacks for an additional price. We do not offer a la cart items to students under 3rd grade for the exception of milk. Students on Free and Reduced Program can get one meal we do not cover second meals or a la cart items.

## Financial Assistance

Families in financial need may apply for USDA's Free and Reduced Meal Program. To apply, parents/guardians can: 1) apply online through their Aspire account or 2) complete a hard copy application. To receive a hard copy application, contact the Food Service Department at (801)768-4202 x-5112 or email Stella Aires at [saires@renacademy.org](mailto:saires@renacademy.org). Free and Reduce Applications are also located across the front office with the lunch money envelopes.

\*Note to families on the Free and Reduce Program a la cart items are not covered by the Program.

\*\*Students' may be given an emergency lunch when their account reaches -\$10.00. The alternate meal consists of a cheese sandwich that can be melted, anything from the salad bar (fruits and vegetables) and milk for a charge of \$1.25 for full paid students and \$0.40 for reduced eligible students.

You can refer to the Lunch Charge Policy for more information. by going to our website.

## Special Diets


If your student has special dietary needs you must provide a doctor approved special diet statement and acceptable substitutions. This application must be signed by an approved medical authority listed on the Special Diets Meals and Accommodations Forms, please contact me if you need to fill out a form. Be aware that we are not a peanut free school. We do provide a peanut free table. For the safety of your student's our PB&J sandwiches are bought prepackaged so our kitchen has less contact with allergens.



If you have questions or concerns feel free to contact me before or after serving time when school is in session.

Thank you,

Stella Aires  
Food Service Director  
Renaissance Academy  
SAires@renacademy.org  
801-768-4202 x 5112

 LUNCH

OCTOBER 2019  
RENAISSANCE ACADEMY

Lunch \$2.50  
Reduced \$.40  
Staff/Guest \$3.75


Monthly \$50  
Monthly \$8

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Pizza 1 PB&J Sandwich Meat & Cheese Sandwich	Cheesy Beef Nachos 2 PB&J Sandwich Meat & Cheese Sandwich	Orange Chicken 3 PB&J Sandwich Meat & Cheese Sandwich	Sack Lunch 4
Apple Cinnamon 7 French Toast PB&J Sandwich Meat & Cheese Sandwich	Pizza 8 PB&J Sandwich Meat & Cheese Sandwich	Spaghetti 9 PB&J Sandwich Meat & Cheese Sandwich	Sack Lunch 10	Sack Lunch 11
Ham & Egg Biscuit 14 PB&J Sandwich Meat & Cheese Sandwich	Pizza 15 PB&J Sandwich Meat & Cheese Sandwich	Pork Burrito 16 PB&J Sandwich Meat & Cheese Sandwich	NO SCHOOL 17	NO SCHOOL 18
NO SCHOOL 21	Pizza 22 PB&J Sandwich Meat & Cheese Sandwich	Navajo Taco 23 PB&J Sandwich Meat & Cheese Sandwich	Baked Potato 24 PB&J Sandwich Meat & Cheese Sandwich	Sack Lunch 25
Cinnamon Roll 28 PB&J Sandwich Meat & Cheese Sandwich	Pizza 29 PB&J Sandwich Meat & Cheese Sandwich	Cheesy Baked Chicken 30 PB&J Sandwich Meat & Cheese Sandwich	Mummy Dog 31 PB&J Sandwich Meat & Cheese Sandwich	

Served M-T-F  
Fruit/Salad Bar  
Milk

A La Cart  
Milk \$0.50  
PB&J Sandwich \$1.25  
Pizza \$1.25 (Only Tuesday)

Online Payments  
<https://secureinstantpayments.com/sip/?ID=21717>



"Menu items are subject to change"

# This month at Renaissance Academy...



Classic Skate Night (okay, this was in August, but we didn't get to show you last month).



Science fun! Each class spends time doing fun hands-on experiments with 'Mr. Tache'.





# IMPORTANT WEBSITES

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