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Important Dates in January

01/11-19	DIBELS testing
01/11-15	Elementary Play Auditions
01/15	Inspirations Awards Night (7:00 pm)
01/15	Last day of Term 2
01/18	Martin Luther King Day - NO SCHOOL
01/19	Term 3 Starts
01/19	DIBELS Testing
01/19	Elementary Play Rehearsals begin 3-5pm*
01/20	Board Meeting (7:00 pm)
01/23	Ballroom Alpine Team Match @ Timpview HS
01/25-29	HOPE Week
01/27	5th Grade Field Trip - Utah State Capitol
01/27	Phoenix 200 Club Field Trip - BYU Marionettes (9:00 am)
01/28	4th Grade Mountain Man

*Elementary Play Rehearsals - T & TH 3-5pm 1/19-3/17

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Teacher Spotlight

KINDERGARTEN TEAM



Welcome to our new teacher Ms. Hooker!

Ms. Hooker - Kindergarten Teacher

Ms. Hooker just joined the Renaissance Academy team and we are so excited to have her with us! Ms. Hooker grew up in Hyrum, Utah but recently moved here from Pahrump, Nevada. She is the mother of five and grandmother of three. She received a Masters in Reading Literacy from Touro University in Nevada. She likes to sing, play guitar, crochet, read, go camping and go on roadtrips. She also loves to listen to 70's rock and 80's music!

Ms. Hooker's educational philosophy is that learning is life long and should be enjoyed! Teachers need to create an atmosphere for the students where they feel safe within the boundaries but free to explore!

Welcome to Renaissance Academy, Ms. Hooker!



Mrs. Gailey - Kindergarten Teacher

Mrs. Gailey has been teaching at Renaissance Academy for 2 years now in the Kindergarten program. Mrs. Gailey is married and has three children, two girls and one boy, two of which attend Renaissance Academy. She speaks French fluently, but her household speaks German and Chinese as well. Chocolate chip cookies, fresh bread and cheeses can catch Mrs. Gailey's eye, but Disney and the ocean win her heart!

This year she has had fun with her students. Some of the highlights include Pumpkin Day studying pumpkin science as well as taking a trip to Pumpkinland as well as performing the Grinch play and learning about Holidays Around The World!



Mrs. Holmgren - Kindergarten Teacher

Mrs. Holmgren was born and raised in Southern California. She graduated from BYU in Early Childhood Education. She has dual teaching certificates in Early Childhood Education and in Elementary Education. She lived for over a year in the Philippines where she gained a great love of other cultures and languages. Although this is her second year at Renaissance Academy, she has also taught second grade and kindergarten in the Alpine School District. Mrs. Holmgren loves learning and wants all of her students to love learning, too.

Mrs. Holmgren and her husband have four children. She loves doing adventurous activities with her family such as river rafting, hiking, zip-lining, and riding rollercoasters. She also likes to spend time with her family playing board games and family video games. When she's not spending time with her family, she enjoys reading, especially children's books, learning about other cultures, and doing genealogy.

Mrs. Bean - Kindergarten Aide

Mrs. Bean has been married to her husband John for 23 years. She has 5 children. The oldest is 22 and the youngest is 6. Her family has lived in 7 different states and have lived in Utah for almost 10 years. She has had all her children at Renaissance since the school opened. She has been a stay at home mom until her youngest started school and that's when she started working here. She is on the Board of Trustees for Utah County Academy of Sciences(UCAS) High School. She also works with EF High School Exchange Year and helps find families to host students from all over Europe and Asia. Her family is currently hosting Paula from Germany. Some things she likes to do are running, hiking and exploring places especially in Utah. She loves watching movies and learning ASL. In the future she would love to run another marathon.



Science Fair January 7, 2016

This year's Science Fair introduced an entirely new concept of NON-TRADITIONAL categories including photography, dance, sculpture, paintings, Rube Goldberg Devices, Karaoke, etc. It is an attempt to bring in the creative arts combined with science.

Congratulations to our winners!

Division I

Kindergarten-4th Grade

1st: Haley Burnah
2nd: Savannah Hutchings
3rd: Madeline Burnah
4th: Ashlynn Despain
5th: Mya Mora; Kathryn & Abigail Guiman

5th-6th Grade

Math, Physics & Engineering

1st: Addie Ihler
2nd: Elvin Liu
3rd: Kylie Bryan & Annika Mecham
4th: Gavin Broderick
5th: Anderson Vargus

Earth & Space

1st: Sebastian Hamilton
2nd: Grant Hess
3rd: Tenlie Jones
4th: Zane Miner
5th: Parker Salazar & Jackson Stillman

Chemistry

1st: Tyler Michealis
2nd: Stephanie & Stephen Roper
3rd: Braxton Jensen
4th: Jane Fassmussen
5th: Joey Walker

Life Science & Biology

1st: Parker Stewart

Ecology

1st: Jane Goebel

Health & Microbiology

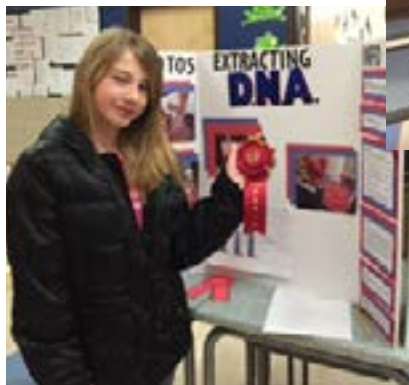
1st: Avery Peterson
2nd: Savannah Ursic

Digital Photography

1st: Lizzie Christiansen

Behavioral & Social Science

1st: Rian Mofu



Division II

7th-9th Grade

Digital Vocabulary

- 1st: Spencer Stokes
- 2nd: Bruna Santos
- 3rd: Sam Mountour

Science & Art: Static Display

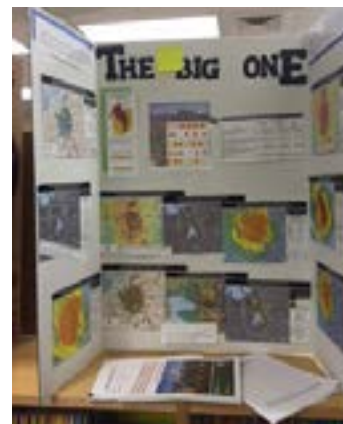
- 1st: Aaliyah Tibbett
- 2nd: Annie Broderick & Brynlee Jensen
- 3rd: Aubree Haskell & Vanessa Mofu
- 4th: Daxton Brown
- 5th: Devin Astin

Science & Art: Performance

- 1st: Will Dodson
- 2nd: Jessika Baker
- 3rd: Bianca Day

Rube Goldberg Devices

- 1st: Nathan Bayly & Miriam Seeley
- 2nd: Ainsley Davies & Sierra Somerville
- 3rd: Dean Goebel & Josh Rodriguez
- 4th: Nikki Krivka & Diddy Hollingsworth
- 5th: Brad Smith & Ethan Freestone



Overall Middle School Winners: (These students will advance to the next level of the competition at Utah Valley University on February 16, 2016)

- 1st: Mariah Hayes
- 2nd: Jade Sanford
- 3rd: Kegan Covey
- 4th: Trevor Douthit
- 5th: Max Osmond



Phoenix 200 Club

Congratulations to our latest group of Phoenix Club winners. The 'Mystery Motivator' reward this round is a field trip to see the Salzburg Marionette Theatre perform 'Peter and the World' and 'Little Red Riding Hood' at BYU on January 27th. Students will be transported to and from BYU in car driven by parents and faculty members who have cleared driving safety requirements.

If your student is on the list below and you have not yet done so, please email me at smccappin@renacademy.org to give permission for them to participate in this field trip. Please also indicate if you are interested in helping transport students and attending as a parent chaperone.

Matthew Speirs

Paige Schmickrath

Brockton Ursic

Mark Urisc Jr.

Avery Peterson

Katy Gilles

Jack Wilson

Addison Jensen

Ryan Porter

Alivia Murie

Jackson Stillman

Sebastian Sutton

Christy Bean

Gracie Farabee

Maddie Lambert

Lina Marghin

Kylie Bryan

Ryan Robbins

Briseida Rodriguez

Adell Gardiner

Bauer Anderson

Grace Harper

Sophie Harper

Lydia Baird

Savannahh Bayly

Ryan Christiansen

Brade Stewart

Benjamin Granados

Erycka Rodriguez

Harmony Bishop

Anthony Paredes



For those of you who are new to our school, the Phoenix 200 Club is our school wide positive behavior program whereby teachers look to present tickets to students demonstrating good behavior, going above and beyond, and following our school expectations of Be Successful, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Honest, Be Kind and Be Safe.



Announcements

ELEMENTARY PLAY AUDITIONS

Audition material is ready for Cinderella (open to grades 3-6). Auditions will be held on January 12th or 14th (students sign up for a specific day). Visit the drama website at <http://my.uen.org/myuen/253592> to find scripts and songs.



SPELLING BEE

It's almost that time of year again! The Spelling Bee will be here before you know it. There are over 1,000,000 words in the English Language. And with barely any hard and fast spelling rules, it makes English truly unique (or ridiculous depending on how you see it). Please take the time to celebrate our wonderful, nuanced language and the amazing kids who manage to spell words correctly by participating. And get your students excited about it, too!

Classroom and grade-wide spelling bees will take place sometime before January 29. Ask your teachers when the class and grade Spelling Bees will take place. Each student has already received a study word list. Contact your teacher for a new one if it got lost.

The school-wide Renaissance Spelling Bee will be held on February 18th at 6:30pm.

The FEC will provide awards to winners at each level of competition. Let's get spelling!

Please email Mr. Scheerer at dscheerer@renacademy.org for more information. For a copy of your students grade level spelling list visit our FEC Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/renaissancefec/files/> or see Mr. Scheerer.

DANCE - Calling all dancers!

Elementary Ballroom grades 4-6 - Mon/Wed 3-4:15 in the gym

Junior High Ballroom grades 7-9 - Mon/Wed 4:15-5:15 in the gym

Middle School Dance Team grades 6-9 - Tuesdays 3-4 & Fridays 12:45-2pm in the gym

Kids Dance Club - 3-4:30 Thursdays in the gym

Hope to see you there! For further information, please contact Mrs. Harris at mharris@renacademy.org or Mr. Wright at dwright@renacademy.org.



INSPIRATIONS

The Inspiration committee is excited to introduce all 8 categories for our art contest this year! Students can enter projects in one or more of the following categories: Visual Arts, Photography, Musical Composition, Theater, 3-D Art, Film/Video, Choreography/Dance, Graphic/Digital Arts.

Our school Inspirations Awards night will be Friday, January 15th!

Entry Forms and rules can be found here or in the front hallway of the school: <http://charterinspirations.org/printables>.

HOPE WEEK 'Kindness Matters' - January 25-29

Encourage your students to participate in our upcoming HOPE WEEK 2016 activities this January. Our MS HOPE SQUAD and School Counsellor Mrs. Naumann have an assembly with guest presenter organized, and many other engaging and exciting activities planned to promote the important theme 'Kindness Matters'.



There will be a Poster Contest for all grades when students will be able to design a poster for HOPE Week. The Elementary School students will create posters focused on "Kindness Matters" and the Middle School will design posters based on hope and suicide prevention. Then, the HOPE Squad will judge the posters and choose the winners!

There will also be a Great Kindness Challenge that you can find at the end of the RAPP! Please encourage your students to participate. Please have your student bring back the kindness challenge checklist to his or her teacher with as many kindness deeds as possible completed and they will receive a prize.



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS 2016

I hope all of your students were busily reading and preparing for our 2016 Battle of the Books over the break. If you have any specific questions about our RA 2016 Battle of the Books or your teams please contact Rachael Hutchings at rachael.hutchings@gmail.com.

AIDE SUBSTITUTE NEEDED

Parents, we are looking for some individuals who are interested in helping out at school while simultaneously earning some extra income. Apply to become a school aide substitute. For more information, please contact Patti Davis -pdavis@renacademy.org or Trudy Messick -tmessick@renacademy.org.



2015-16 Basketball Schedule



Date	Result	Opponent	Location	Satutus
Tue Dec 1	-	APA Draper Blue	11938 S Lone Peak Parkway Draper UT 84020	6:30 PM MST
Wed Dec 2	-	APA Draper Red	APA Draper 1 Campus: 12892 S Pony Express Dr., Draper, UT 84020	4:30 PM MST
Mon Dec 7	-	Summit Bluffdale	15327 S Noell Nelson Drive, Bluffdale UT 84065	6:30 PM MST
Wed Dec 9	-	AISU	To Be Determined (Renaissance Hosting)	4:30 PM MST
Fri Dec 11	-	Summit Bluffdale	15327 S Noell Nelson Drive, Bluffdale UT 84065	6:30 PM MST
Tue Dec 15	-	APA Draper Red	11938 S Lone Peak Parkway Draper UT 84020	5:30 PM MST
Thu Dec 17	-	APA Draper Red	11938 S Lone Peak Parkway Draper UT 84020	7:30 PM MST
Tue Jan 5	-	AISU	To Be Determined (AISU Hosting)	4:30 PM MST
Wed Jan 6	-	Summit Bluffdale	15327 S Noell Nelson Drive, Bluffdale UT 84065	4:30 PM MST
Thu Jan 7	-	APA Draper Blue	11938 S Lone Peak Parkway Draper UT 84020	5:30 PM MST
Mon Jan 11	-	AISU	To Be Determined (Renaissance Hosting)	4:30 PM MST
Wed Jan 13	-	APA Draper Blue	11938 S Lone Peak Parkway Draper UT 84020	6:30 PM MST
Wed Jan 20	-	AISU	To Be Determined (AISU Hosting)	4:30 PM MST
Thu Jan 21	-	APA Draper Red	11938 S Lone Peak Parkway Draper UT 84020	5:30 PM MST
Mon Jan 25	-	Summit Bluffdale	15327 S Noell Nelson Drive, Bluffdale UT 84065	4:30 PM MST



FEC Announcements

FEC MEETING

Happy New Year! Come and join us for our monthly Family Engagement Committee meeting this Friday, February 8, 2016 in the faculty lounge at 8:00 a.m. It's always a privilege to see new faces at our meetings!

LOST AND FOUND

Come and check out the lost and found items located in the gym. We will post pictures of most lost items on Facebook. Remember to please label all jackets and lunch boxes.

ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Are you logging your hours? Please pop into the front office before heading to your volunteering! Use the laptop to select your name and sign in. We need to have you sign in for safety reasons, and the program will automatically track your hours throughout the year for you! Next month we will have a raffle for Volunteer of the Month from the names of people who log hours throughout this month!! (If you would like to log past hours from home go to www.helpcounter.net/volunteer).



Please do not use your cell phones any time during pick-up and drop-off.





The Great Kindness Challenge

SCHOOL EDITION

We challenge you to perform as many kind deeds as you can in one week. Using the checklist below, check off your acts as you go. Have fun!

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The Challenges

- ☐ Smile at 25 People
- ☐ Slip a Nice Note in Your Friend's Backpack
- ☐ Compliment 5 People
- ☐ Pick Up 10 Pieces of Trash on Campus
- ☐ Make a New Friend
- ☐ Tell a Joke and Make Someone Laugh
- ☐ Be Kind to Yourself and Eat a Healthy Snack
- ☐ Learn Something New About Your Teacher
- ☐ Draw a Picture and Give It to Someone
- ☐ Help a Younger Student
- ☐ Give a KIND Handshake to Greet a Classmate
- ☐ Recycle Your Trash
- ☐ Hug Your Friend
- ☐ Pick Up Trash Outside Your School
- ☐ Cut Out 10 Hearts & Give Them to Friends
- ☐ Entertain Someone with a Happy Dance
- ☐ Make a Kind Poster for Cafeteria Helpers
- ☐ Show Appreciation to a Counselor or Mentor
- ☐ Say "Good Morning" to 15 People
- ☐ Design a Thank You for the PTA/PTO
- ☐ Make a Wish for a Child in another Country
- ☐ Say "Thank You" to a Crossing Guard
- ☐ Invite a New Friend to Play/Hang Out with You
- ☐ Send a Thank You to Your Superintendent
- ☐ Offer to Help Your Custodian
- ☐ Sit with a New Group of Kids at Lunch
- ☐ Read a Book to a Younger Child
- ☐ Give an Apple or a Note to Your Teacher
- ☐ Step Up for Someone in Need
- ☐ Make and Display a "Kindness Matters" Sign
- ☐ Carry Your Friend's Books
- ☐ Help Your PE Teacher with the Equipment
- ☐ Make a Bookmark for a Friend
- ☐ Hold the Door Open for Someone
- ☐ Pat Yourself on the Back
- ☐ Thank a Bus Driver or Car Pool Driver
- ☐ Write a Thank You on a Band-Aid for the Nurse
- ☐ Listen to Your Teacher the First Time
- ☐ Whisper Thank You to the Librarian
- ☐ Help Someone Up If They Fall Down
- ☐ Lend a Pencil to a Friend
- ☐ Learn to Say "Hello" in a New Language
- ☐ Bring a Flower to the Office Staff
- ☐ Show Appreciation to Your Principal Creatively
- ☐ Help Your Teacher with a Needed Task
- ☐ Be on Time for School
- ☐ Say "Thank You" to a Volunteer
- ☐ Give Your Friend a High Five
- ☐ Make a Friendship Gift for Someone New to You
- ☐ Create Your Own Kind Deed



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