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April 2023



IMPORTANT DATES

4/3-7	SPRING BREAK (NO SCHOOL)
4/12	Board Meeting 7 pm (virtual)
4/13	FEC Spirit Night - Costa Vida (Lehi)
4/14	FEC Meeting 8 am (Arabic room)
4/17-21	EOY Acadience reading testing (K-6)
4/19	2nd grade field trip - Lehi Police & Fire Stations
4/19-21	BOB grade level battles
4/20	MS field trip - Chinese Language Fair & Espanolandia
4/20	5th Grade field trip - University of Utah
4/20	1st grade field trip - Hogle Zoo
4/21	MS "Spring Fling" Dance 6-8pm (free)
4/24	TEACHER WORK DAY (NO SCHOOL)
4/25-27	EOY Acadience math testing (K-3)
4/25	6th grade outreach program - Tracy Aviary (on campus)
4/27	Kindergarten field trip - Aquarium
4/28	BOB Final Battles
4/28	World Culture Night 4-6 pm

IMPORTANT LINKS

- [April Breakfast Menu](#)
- [April Lunch Menu](#)
- [RA School Calendar](#)
- [Kindergarten AM/PM Friday Schedule](#)



SCHOOL Announcements

World Culture Night (Friday April 28th) - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

This year, once again, we will be hosting World Culture Night on Friday, April 28th. This is a very unique experience that supports Renaissance Academy's school wide mission of creating global citizens. We will be transforming several classrooms into different interactive cultural experiences from all around the world. There will also be a showcase of performances for students in grades 1-4. You will not want to miss this memorable evening! It is so much fun and FREE!

We are looking for volunteers. We will need all the parent participation we can get in order to make this an unforgettable experience! Any and all volunteers are happily welcomed! Please click on this link to sign up. We are so grateful for your support and looking forward to this night! Please save the date and plan to attend with your family and friends!

[World Culture Night Volunteer Sign-up](#)

School Lunch Reminder

Important Reminder: As we're heading towards the last 2 months of school please keep a close eye on your students account balance. During the last month of the school year in May, students with a delinquent account of any amount will be given an emergency meal until payment is made in full as stated in our School Meal Payment Policy. All accounts with negative balances are expected to be paid off the last day of the school year.

We're testing out a monthly survey. You can fill out the survey one week at a time or for the entire month. If you are filling out for the entire month do not submit a survey every week. Please mark hot lunch or PB&J for the days you want your student to each school lunch. Fridays are a sack lunch, when you select hot it's for the turkey, ham & cheese sandwich or there's also PB&J. You can skip the days you do not need a school lunch.

You can find the link on the school main page Renacademy.org under Lunch Order Form or by going here: <https://forms.gle/QCEsGvurLLTAysLc8>

With this new implementation it's important to keep in mind and be considerate that due to labor constraints, food availability and our food delivery schedule, school meals are required to still be ordered by the Friday before. We'll be pulling the lunch participation report every Friday so we can order for the following Monday. We get our food delivery truck on Mondays for that entire week's menu. We keep PB&J sandwiches in stock however since the hot lunch varies daily we only have so much freezer space for storage when considering how much extra we can have on hand.

Lunch is \$2.85. You must fill out a survey for each student individually.

Breakfast is served every school day for \$1.75 from 7:40-7:55. Please bring your students on time they need to be done eating by 7:55. There's PE at 8 and we have to clean and put tables away for class. There's no need to fill out a survey for breakfast as we have a small number of students coming for breakfast.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.
Stella Aires, Nutrition Service Director
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SCHOOL Announcements

Call for New Board Members

The Renaissance Academy Board of Directors is looking for new members. There is an immediate need to fill one open position and possibly two additional positions in the near future. There are no specific requirements for work experience or skill set; however, all candidates must pass a background check as required by law. Terms are 3 years.

Candidates with experience in non-profit governance, accounting, law, or business development are highly encouraged to apply. Interested parties should email a resume and cover letter to Jared Barfuss at jbarfuss@renacademy.org. Cover letters should highlight your skills and experience, and detail why you are interested in serving as a board member.

2023-2024 RA School Calendar

Our 2023-2024 Renaissance school calendar is now available [online](#).

Important dates in 2023-2024

Elementary class lists posted - Friday, August 4th
6th-9th grade schedules available - Thursday, August 10th
Back to School Night - Thursday, August 10th
School starts (1st-9th graders) - Monday, August 14th
Kindergarten assessments - Monday-Thursday, August 14th-17th
Kindergarten class lists & orientation - Friday, August 18th
Kindergarten students start school - Monday, August 21st

FEC Spirit Shirt Hoodies - Get your classic spirit hoodies before they sell out!

There is still time to heat up your wardrobe with the much-loved must-have Renaissance Academy hoodie starring our school mascot, the rising phoenix, emblazoned on the back. Hoodies may be worn Monday-Friday with dress code. Order online using the link below. Hoodies will be delivered to your child's classroom.

- Available in Red & Blue
- Zip-Front and Pullover Styles
- Fiery Phoenix Logo on Back
- Youth & Adult Sizes
- ORIGINALLY \$25, NOW JUST \$16!!!

Quantities are exceptionally limited - get yours today!

[FEC Online Store](#)



FEC Announcements

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We still need parent volunteers for some events to finish out this school year. Volunteers are needed for reading, classroom parties, field trip chaperones, Battle of the Books judges, and as chaperones at our MS dance this coming Friday, April 21st.

Classroom parties, reading, field trip chaperones, Battle of the Books judges, Middle school dance chaperone.

- [Middle school dance volunteer sign up](#)
- [Battle of the Books \(BOB\) volunteer sign-up](#)

Check in with teachers/coordinators for field trips and other classroom needs.



FEC EVENTS/FUNDRAISERS THAT HAPPEN BECAUSE OF RA PARENT VOLUNTEERS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall Carnival • Steam Festival • Field trips • Spirit shirts • Battle of the Books • Book Fair • Spirit Nights | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donations Drive (Tabitha's Way) • Classroom coordinators • Teacher Appreciation Week • Inspirations • Spelling Bee • SEP Teacher snacks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red Ribbon Week • White Ribbon Week • Field Days • Middle School dances • Classic Skate Nights • Parent/Child activity nights (cancelled due to lack of volunteers) |
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RA HAPPENINGS

3rd Graders studying types of rocks



5th Grade trip to the capitol!



2nd Grade celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday by making their own "Wockets in a Pocket"



2nd Grade Spelling Bee in Mrs. Peterson's class

RA HAPPENINGS

Lion King Assembly



WORLD LANGUAGE SPOTLIGHT

ARABIC



Our Arabic students welcomed spring with great joy and enthusiasm!

We learned about 3 Middle eastern countries this month; Jordan, Iraq and the United Arab Emirates. They were excited to learn interesting facts about these countries and the major tourist attractions.

We also learned about Ramadan; who celebrates it, when it is, and how it is celebrated. And we had fun painting Ramadan ornaments and decorating our hallway with Ramadan lanterns.



CHINESE

Chinese Character Challenge



Students from all grade levels have participated in the Chinese Character Challenge competition. It was a big success and thanks to everyone who worked so hard to prepare for it! Congratulations to all the winners from each grade level! We are so proud of you all! Keep up the good work and have fun learning Chinese!!!



1st Grade: Students made some crafts to learn food words in Chinese.

WORLD LANGUAGE

SPANISH WITH SENORA BEEBE

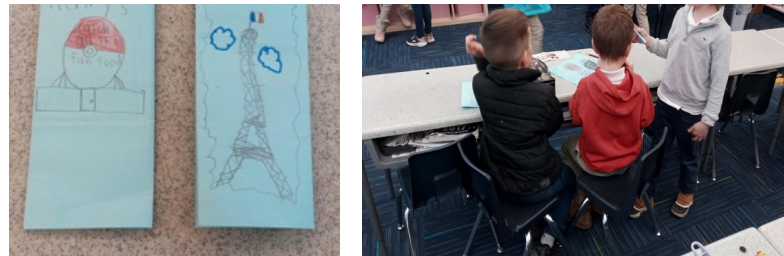
1st and 2nd grade students are still working on learning to talk about being hungry and practicing talking about fruits and vegetables. They are also excitedly practicing their song that they will perform for World Culture Night!

3rd and 4th grade has been reviewing parts of the body with a story about Mr. Potato Head as well as practicing giving their opinions about whether they love, like, or dislike songs and food items! They are also excitedly practicing their song that they will perform for World Culture Night!

Middle School has been learning about Argentina and Spain as well as voting in an international music competition of Spanish songs. They will be learning the lyrics to the winning song next week! They are busy preparing for their language competition at BYU coming up on April 20, 2023. A few additional chaperones will be needed! Please email bbeebe@renacademy.org if you can help up!

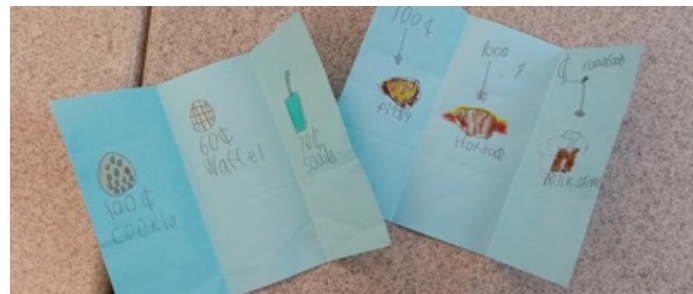
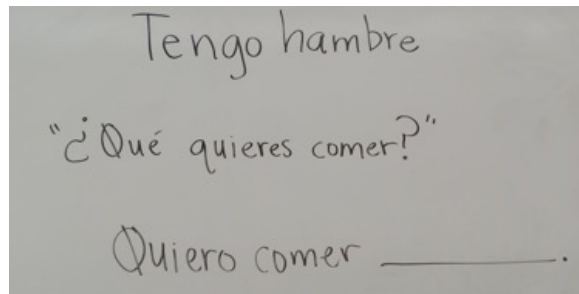
We are in full swing preparing for our World Culture Night on April 28, 2023! Please SAVE THE DATE!

SPANISH WITH SENORA MORALES



1st & 2nd Grade: "Tengo hambre"

1st grade menu samples/playing restaurant.



The 2nd graders made Senora Morales a banquet! They had paps, pastel, sandwiches, sushi, hot dogs, ensaladas and huevos!



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



TRACY SCOTT, READING SPECIALIST, ELL

Where are you from? I was born and raised in Salt Lake City, Utah. I have lived in England and the Bay Area of California, but ended up back here because roots run deep.

Tell us about your family: I have five grown children, four daughters and one son. I have six grandsons and one granddaughter...in the grand scheme, things always even out.

What is a fun fact about yourself? I have been a teacher at Renaissance Academy since it's inception in 2006. It has been a ride!

What is your favorite thing about teaching? My favorite thing about teaching is that there is always something new to look forward to...and students really do say the darnedest things.

CATHY BABCOCK, MATH INTERVENTIONIST

Where are you from? I was raised in Orange County California and came to college at BYU and pretty much stayed here to raise my family.

Tell us about your family: All 10 of my children went to Segoe lily elementary but only 8 went to Lehi high school because my two youngest went to Skyridge the first year it opened.

What is a fun fact about yourself? I went to school with John Stamos in California. He and I were in drama together.

What is your favorite thing about teaching? I love working with the kids. I love to watch them learn and I enjoy their frankness.



TESS COOK, ART

Where are you from? I was born and raised in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Tell us about your family: I have two older brothers who would take me everywhere with them and helped me gain interest in skateboarding and skiing. My mom worked as a social worker for the Burn ICU at the University of Utah for 25 years. On occasion she was allowed to bring me to work with her when I was an elementary student. I got to meet a lot of interesting people and see the amazing work of the 'Burn Team'. My dad worked for Delta Airlines which provided my family with the opportunity to travel around the world for free. Some of the amazing places we visited were Japan, Mexico, and the United Kingdom. Both my parents are very artistic and would encourage me often to cultivate my creative and artistic capabilities.

What is a fun fact about yourself? I've shown my art work in several Art Galleries in Salt Lake City such as Finch Lane, Gittins Gallery, Williams Fine Art, and Alpine Art. I also received many awards and scholarships for my work while attending the University of Utah.

What is your favorite thing about teaching? I love to help my students discover and cultivate their creative and artistic capabilities.

DORIAN KINDER, MUSIC & THEATER

Where are you from? Chicago Suburbs

Tell us about your family: I have 5 brothers and a sister. 3 of my siblings live in Lehi and I love it. My husband and I get to spend lots of time with nieces and nephews.

What is a fun fact about yourself? I love using power tools.

What is your favorite thing about teaching? I love helping students find their own unique talents and watching those talents grow.



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



ALEXIS WEBB, PE & HEALTH

Where are you from? I was born in Logan, Utah and grew up in Eagle Mountain, Utah for 18 years.

Tell us about your family: I come from a family of 5, I am blessed to still have my middle school sweetheart parents still happily married, and I have two younger sisters. I am the oldest of 3 girls and we are all about 2 years apart and the best of friends. I also have a dog named Koda who is my favorite of the family and I am his and I have two cats Bruce and Tootsie.

What is a fun fact about yourself? I love trying new things, any hobbies, any sports, I have to try atleast once. I learned I love motorcycle riding and currently have a motorcycle and am always trying to find new hobbies to try.

What is your favorite thing about teaching? My favorite thing about teaching is seeing the kids improve. Seeing kids try something for the first time, them being a little skeptical at first but loving it and being proud of themselves and telling me about it with smiles on their faces.. I love it! Being a PE teacher and being the one to teach students how to take care of their body, health, and being active and showing them the fun ways to do it has been the best job. Also being one of the favorite teachers and specialties, and creating relationships isn't a bad bonus either. :)

TRUDY MESSICK, HEAD AIDE

Where are you from? I have lived in Utah most of my life and right now I live in Eagle Mountain.

Tell us about your family: My family is all grown up. I have four children. Two boys and two girls. Three are married and I have four super cute grandchildren.

What is a fun fact about yourself? In the past I wrote some songs that can now be found on YouTube. And, I have written a couple of books. Some of which can be found on Amazon or even in our school library.

What is your favorite thing about teaching? My favorite thing to do here at the school, besides making sure that some of you get paid on time or make sure that someone is teaching in your class, is to go on a morning walk about and make sure that the children have their smiles on and are ready to start the day.



SAMANTHA LONG, AIDE

Where are you from? Southern California

Tell us about your family: My husband and I have 4 kids, three boys and one girl and black lab named Finn.

What is a fun fact about yourself? I love to distance run, climb mountains, and canyoneer.

What is your favorite thing about teaching? I love watching the kids progress with their reading and seeing them grow! It is amazing watching a child go from learning their letters and sounds to reading whole words and sentences.

AMALIE MOSS, AIDE

Where are you from? I was born and raised in San Diego, California.

Tell us about your family: I have 5 children, 4 of whom went to Renaissance.

What is a fun fact about yourself? I came from a family of 12 kids. Love to garden, see, and feed the neighborhood birds.

What is your favorite thing about teaching? My favorite part of teaching is getting to know the children, and seeing them come to understand new concepts.



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



BRITTANY TAYLOR, AIDE

Where are you from? I am from Salt Lake City, UT. I have lived in northern Utah my whole life, despite my disdain for winter.

Tell us about your family: In October, my husband and I will celebrate our 20th anniversary. We have 4 kids, 3 of which are at Renaissance. We love spending time together as a family at the beach, camping, and just generally being outside...when it is warm.

What is your favorite thing about teaching? I love working at the school and seeing the kids improve and learn, especially when it is something they really struggled with.

DORIE, PENA, AIDE

Where are you from? I was born in Colonia Juarez one of the mormon colonies in Chihuahua, Mexico. (search it to see how beautiful it is!) I lived most of my life in Monrovia, California.

Tell us about your family: I am married and have the best kids! Seth, Bryanna and Jared plus a Husky named Nala, she is the most dramatic girl in our home!

What is a fun fact about yourself? I love walking! I can walk for miles! I also loved to jump rope...I am not as good anymore! During lockdown I learned to make my own tamales!

What is your favorite thing about teaching? I always wanted to work with kids! I love to see them learn and grow. It is so gratifying to see them read with so much confidence in themselves.



JEWEL KLOTH, AIDE

Where are you from? I was born in Philadelphia but had lived in 9 out of the 50 states prior to my 18th birthday.

Tell us about your family: I am married to a wonderful husband and we were blessed with only one child.

What is a fun fact about yourself? A fun fact about myself is that I spent 8 yrs in the Airline Industry as a flight attendant prior to meeting my sweetheart. I left flying to be a wife and a mother and am glad that I did so.

What is your favorite thing about teaching? My favorite thing about teaching is when a child realizes that they are smart, capable, and they've got this! That's why I am going to school to become a teacher as I am surrounded by so many awesome examples at Renaissance.

AMBER MURIE, AIDE

Where are you from? I grew up in Layton Utah and come from a family of five.

Tell us about your family: I now have my own awesome family which includes a great husband named Jeremiah but we call him Miah for short. I have two beautiful kids Alivia, who turned 18 in November and a handsome son, Canyon, who just turned 16 in February. Those two kids bring me so much happiness and also have caused me to have a permanent twitch in my eye!

What is a fun fact about yourself? I love ballet and although I can't dance anymore I love watching all kinds of dance. I'm also a big basketball fan but sadly I rarely can afford tickets to go see any live games... well considering the Jazz this year maybe I can get tickets cheaper!

What is your favorite thing about teaching? My favorite thing about being a kindergarten aide is watching their faces when they catch on to the fact that they can string letter sounds together to make a word, then a sentence, and pretty soon a book!!



READING CORNER

We have had an enjoyable time celebrating reading here at school. We had a Read-A-Loud day where we had Administrators, office staff, and the reading team visit classrooms

and read a story to the students. Everyone loves this day and looks forward to it.

We also had a week of reading where students had a chance to read in class and at home

and count up the minutes they read so that we could keep track of the hours logged in reading. We have included a picture of the winning students from each grade level as well as an overall winner. We appreciate all the students being mindful of reading and hope that the extra time spent reading will translate into new habits.

If you visited the school in the last couple of weeks, you might have noticed little posters

that were put up around the entrance of the school. We asked the teachers to tell us their favorite all time book, as well as what they were currently reading. It was interesting for all of us to see the results.

We hope that everyone will keep reading at school and at home. Practicing reading every day will make all the difference!



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If you would like to contact the board, you may do so by emailing board@renacademy.org.



BREAKFAST

APRIL 2023
RENAISSANCE ACADEMY

Breakfast \$1.75 Monthly \$33.25
Reduced \$0.30 Monthly \$5.70
Staff/Guest \$2.50

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
NO SCHOOL 3 SPRING BREAK	NO SCHOOL 4 SPRING BREAK	NO SCHOOL 5 SPRING BREAK	NO SCHOOL 6 SPRING BREAK	NO SCHOOL 7 SPRING BREAK
FRENCH TOAST 10 CEREAL FRUIT MILK	BANANA BREAD 11 CEREAL FRUIT MILK	APPLE STRUDEL 12 CEREAL FRUIT MILK	BAGEL 13 CEREAL FRUIT MILK	BREAKFAST VARIETY 14 CEREAL FRUIT MILK
WAFFLES 17 CEREAL FRUIT MILK	DONUT 18 CEREAL FRUIT MILK	PANCAKES 19 CEREAL FRUIT MILK	MUFFIN 20 CEREAL FRUIT MILK	BREAKFAST VARIETY 21 CEREAL FRUIT MILK
NO SCHOOL 24 TEACHER WORK DAY	FRENCH TOAST 25 CEREAL FRUIT MILK	APPLE STRUDEL 26 CEREAL FRUIT MILK	BAGEL 27 CEREAL FRUIT MILK	BREAKFAST VARIETY 28 CEREAL FRUIT MILK

A La Cart
Milk \$0.50

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

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LUNCH

APRIL 2023
RENAISSANCE ACADEMY

Lunch \$2.85 Monthly \$54.15
Reduced \$0.40 Monthly \$7.60
Staff/Guest \$4.00

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
NO SCHOOL 3 SPRING BREAK	NO SCHOOL 4 SPRING BREAK	NO SCHOOL 5 SPRING BREAK	NO SCHOOL 6 SPRING BREAK	NO SCHOOL 7 SPRING BREAK
NACHOS 10 SANDWICH SALAD/FRUIT BAR MILK	PIZZA 11 SANDWICH SALAD/FRUIT BAR MILK	BBQ PULLED PORK 12 SANDWICH SALAD/FRUIT BAR MILK	CHEESEBURGER 13 MACARONI SALAD/FRUIT BAR MILK	SACK LUNCH 14 DELI SANDWICH PB&J SANDWICH CARROTS/FRUIT MILK & TREAT
PANCAKES 17 SANDWICH SALAD/FRUIT BAR MILK	PIZZA 18 SANDWICH SALAD/FRUIT BAR MILK	BACON CHEESEBURGER 19 SANDWICH SALAD/FRUIT BAR MILK	SPAGHETTI 20 SANDWICH SALAD/FRUIT BAR MILK	SACK LUNCH 21 DELI SANDWICH PB&J SANDWICH CARROTS/FRUIT MILK & TREAT
NO SCHOOL 24 TEACHER WORK DAY	PIZZA 25 SANDWICH SALAD/FRUIT BAR MILK	GRILLED CHICKEN 26 SANDWICH SALAD/FRUIT BAR MILK	SWEET PORK BURRITO 27 SANDWICH SALAD/FRUIT BAR MILK	SACK LUNCH 28 DELI SANDWICH PB&J SANDWICH CARROTS/FRUIT MILK & TREAT

A La Cart
Milk \$0.50

Online Payments
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