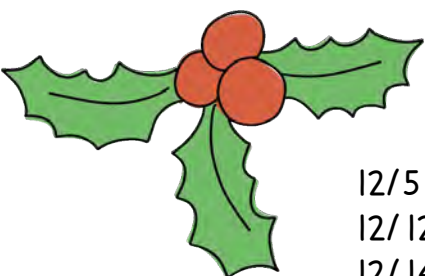


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December 2022



IMPORTANT DATES

- 12/5 Lion King Jr. Performance - 7pm
- 12/12-16 Free Dress
- 12/14 Ugly sweater day
- 12/16 Last day of term 2
- 12/19-1/2 Winter Break (NO SCHOOL)
- 1/3 First day of term 3

IMPORTANT LINKS

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



SCHOOL Announcements

CARPOOL REMINDER

Please take a moment to review our RA carpool procedures [HERE](#). The cold weather and snow is here, and it seems many of us need a reminder to put down cell phones, drive slowly, and pull all the way forward at drop-off. Let's keep all of our students and staff safe, and help carpool run as smoothly as possible. Thank you in advance!

SCHOOL STARTS AT 8AM

We are seeing an increased number of students consistently arriving late to school. Every time a student is late, they miss valuable instruction in the classroom. Our teachers start immediately at 8 am. We know it is hard, but please do your best to get your children to school on-time to ensure their best chance for success!

OUTDOOR RECESS - ALL STUDENTS NEED A WARM COAT/HAT/GLOVES

Now that the cold weather has hit, please ensure your children come to school dressed to go outside for recess. The playground and field areas of our school are FREEZING on windy days (if very windy - we do call indoor recess). Please make sure to send your children to school in a winter coat, long pants, gloves/hat and appropriate shoes/boots during winter months. Unless it is snowing or temperatures/wind chill is 20 degrees or below, our students spend 50 minutes per day outside (20 mins maximum at any given time). We have too many students who come to school with a sweatshirt instead of a jacket and a skirt or shorts in winter - it doesn't cut it. We want our students to be warm and comfortable to allow a short outdoor recess, please dress your children appropriately.

*Please note - If wind chill is bad behind the school, we do call indoor recess regardless of temperature. Many teachers also often coordinate in grade level teams to allow students to participate in indoor or outdoor recess depending on their preference during winter months. Teachers also make decisions about AM/PM class recess based on student age, weather and class preference.

LOST & FOUND - DON'T FORGET TO CHECK IT!

All lost & found items can be found in the gym or at the office (small items only). We have many lost coats/sweater shirts, gloves, lunch bags and all things. Come and check for any missing items before our FEC volunteers donate lost items before winter break.

SCHOOL Announcements

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS (BOB) - SIGN UP NOW! (2ND-9TH GRADE ONLY)

Battle of the Books sign ups have begun. This year's theme is Super Hero, and we want all Super Readers to sign up. BOB is a fun reading program for students in 2nd-9th grade. Student teams work together to read a list of books and compete in the spring answering questions about what they have read. Sign up to join a team [HERE](#). You can also find book lists and more information [HERE](#)

6TH GRADE LOCKER UPDATE

Our 6th graders will have lockers in the new building from January 3rd. We apologize for the delay, and have workmen scheduled to move the lockers from the main building to the new MS building over the winter break.

MS SEMESTER 2 ELECTIVE COURSE REQUESTS (7TH-9TH GRADE ONLY)

All 7th-9th graders have completed a semester 2 course request form at school this week. All 7th-9th MS student schedules will be distributed to 7th-9th grade students the week beginning December 12th. The semester 2 elective course request form can be found online [HERE](#).

Placement in preferred elective courses is not guaranteed, and we do the best to accommodate all students. Once schedules have been distributed, all elective course change requests must be emailed to [Miss Felton](#) before Friday, January 6th. Students will not be permitted to request a course change after January 6th.

DECEMBER 12-16 - FREE DRESS

All students are invited to wear 'free dress' the week of December 12th-16th before winter break. We will have an 'Ugly Sweater Day' on Thursday, December 15th.



FEC Announcements

BE PART OF THE RENAISSANCE COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER

Renaissance Academy asks that each family volunteer 40 hours.

Volunteer hours can be hours that you spend at the school in classrooms, doing prep-work for teachers, chaperoning field trips, taking work home for teachers, with the FEC programs, on the school board, or when you watch children so another parent can volunteer at the school.

We have many ways for you to volunteer, please come join us!

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Family Engagement Committee is known as the FEC. The FEC leadership organizes RA parent efforts as classroom volunteers, event coordinators, and committee heads. In addition, the FEC organizes many school events; finds parents to go on field trips; sets up literacy events; holds school dress code clothing sales; feeds the teachers during SEPs; organizes Red Ribbon week for students and Teacher Appreciation week for teachers. The FEC is an integral part of making our school vision come alive.

All volunteers must sign in at the front office and receive a visitor badge. All volunteers must have a background check with the school. (You can do this by requesting a background check at the front office.)

RA VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

After a COVID hiatus, RA's Parent/Child Activity Night is back! You may have known this in the past as a Mommy/Son or Daddy/Daughter activity. Moving forward, we are calling this "Parent/Child Date Night," where students are invited to bring one parent or other trusted adult to the activity.

This year's activity is "Minute-To-Win-It" Date Night! All students in grades 4-9 plus a parent/adult are invited (we alternate grades every year, so next year's activity will be for students in grades K-4).

The plan is to have a dozen Minute To Win It-style games in the school gym--but WE NEED YOUR HELP! Parents, please sign up to host one of the Minute To Win It activities, especially if this is your child's "off" year. You can find hundreds of simple, fun ideas with a quick Google search. We can't run these types of activities without parent volunteers so PLEASE sign up on the [volunteer spreadsheet](#) today!

RENAISSANCE ACADEMY
MINUTE-TO-WIN-IT
PARENT/CHILD DATE NIGHT
FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 4-9 PLUS A PARENT OR OTHER ADULT "DATE"
(GRADES K-3 GET DATE NIGHT NEXT SCHOOL YEAR)

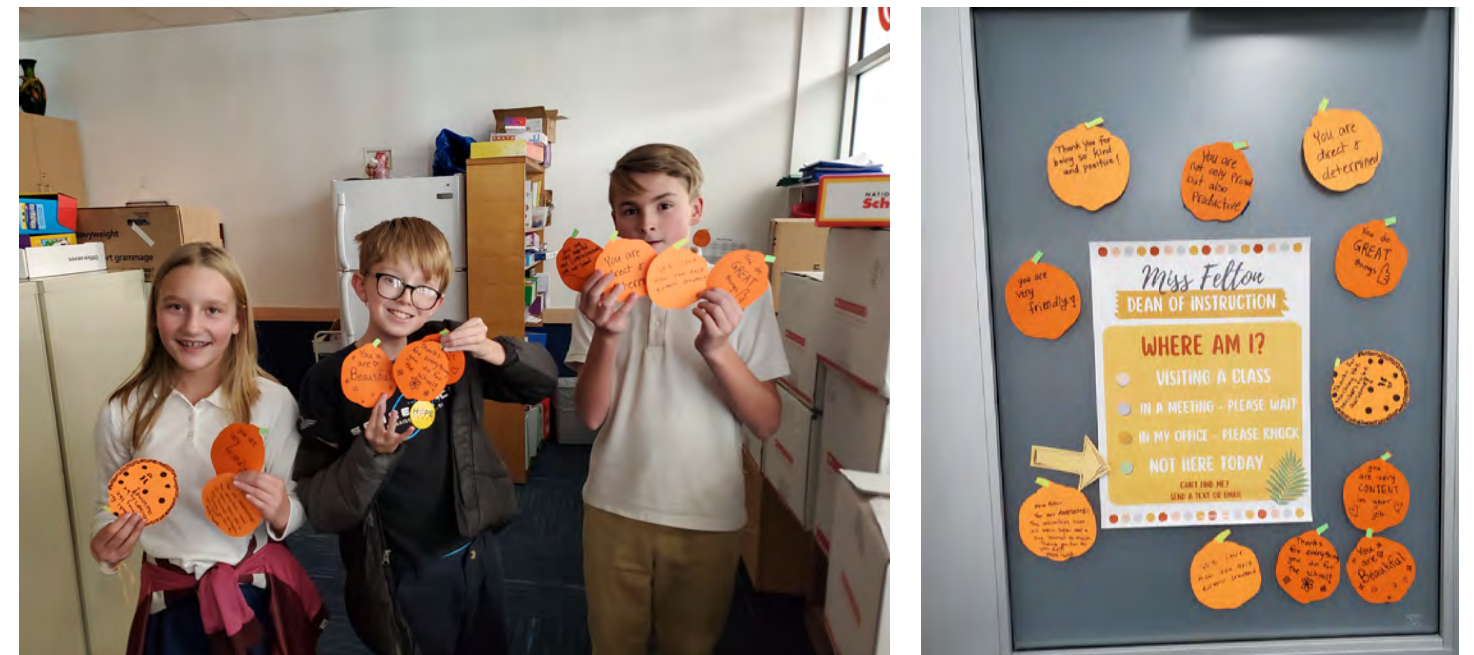
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

THURS JAN 26 6:30-8 RA GYM

JOIN US
for a dozen different "Minute-To-Win-It"-style games and refreshments

RA HAPPENINGS

During the month of November, the Hope Squad celebrated some of our 'behind the scenes' staff members who don't have classes. They made pumpkin cards to share some of the many reasons they are so appreciated here at Renaissance Academy



RA HAPPENINGS



Check out Mrs. Fevery-ear's door for Christmas! The Middle School teachers did "tree" themes.



Mrs. Baker's 5th grade class door - "Rudolph in the dark!"



Ms. Carsey's 4th grade class - "Chillin' with my gnomes"



The 5th grade had a special guest on Veteran's Day, Specialist VonDoersten (Mrs. Baker's brother!)



Some 5th grade students hiding from the wind at recess!

RA HAPPENINGS



Ms. Chen's 1st grade class made tiny backpacks to learn and practice words and sentences about school supplies. (See above)

They also made turkey hats to celebrate Thanksgiving. (See below).



RA HAPPENINGS

Ms. Sun's 4th grade Horse and Oxen claswses have been doing experiments to learn about plant stems!



RA HAPPENINGS

VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY



RA HAPPENINGS

LION KING JR. PLAY



WORLD LANGUAGE SPOTLIGHT

CHINESE

In early November, 3 visitors from the Chinese Embassy Culture Division in D. C. came to visit our school and observed our DLI program. They gave our school very positive feedback about how amazing our students are capable of learning Chinese at such a young age and how much the kids enjoyed their learning of the Chinese language and culture! We are so proud of our students who work so hard everyday to make good things happen!



SPANISH

We had so much fun with our Locotubre music competition last month! The kids had a blast listening to Spanish hits over the decades. Here were our bracket winners.



The kids love competitions and since the World Cup 2022 is upon us we have been learning about the cultural significance of soccer in Latin American countries and all over the world. Kids are enjoying cheering on their countries' teams. Let's see who this years winner is!

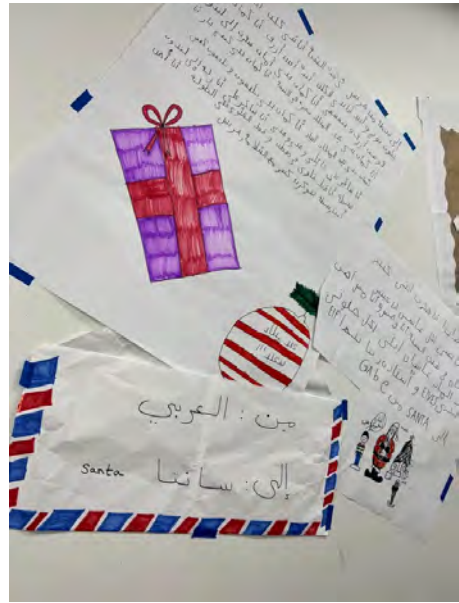


WORLD LANGUAGE SPOTLIGHT

ARABIC

We had fun thinking about everything we are grateful for this year, creating our "turkey of gratefulness" wall project and writing down everything we are thankful for.

We also learned about how christmas and new year are celebrated in the Middle East, sang festive songs, wrote letters to santa and made some fun crafts.



FIFA WORLD CUP 2022

We are very excited that the World Cup this year is hosted in a Middle Eastern country. We learned about Qatar, about the middle eastern countries that qualified, and watched how middle eastern fans are rooting for their teams and we cheered with them in class.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



CARLEE SMITH, 4TH GRADE TEACHER

WHERE ARE YOU FROM? I'm from Spanish For, Utah.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY: I have a husband named Ririe, and a two year old son named McKay. We like to watch movies together and go for walks.

FUN FACT? I spent some time in Peru, observing elementary classrooms and teaching short English lessons, even though I speak absolutely no Spanish.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT TEACHING? Getting to know and love 27 little humans, and getting to help them learn.

KATELYN WEST, 4TH GRADE TEACHER

WHERE ARE YOU FROM? I'm from Daytona Beach, Florida.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY: I am an only child with two fur babies, Ollie and Bruin

FUN FACT? I love playing pickleball and traveling to compete in tournaments.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT TEACHING? Making learning fun and engaging, I love seeing students get excited about what we are learning!



WENDY SUN, 4TH GRADE DLI TEACHER

WHERE ARE YOU FROM? I am from Hebei, China.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY: There are 6 people in my family, my mom, my dad, my younger brother, my sister in law and my lovely cousin. I miss them so much. I haven't seen them in person for over a year.

FUN FACT? I have a VERY poor sense of direction. I use my GPS to drive to school every day but I do enjoy solo travelling very much. And I have been to over 20 states in America by myself.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT TEACHING? Watching my students grow and make progress every day.



PAIGE CARSEY, 4TH GRADE DLI PARTNER TEACHER

WHERE ARE YOU FROM? I'm from Draper, Utah!

TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY: I have 5 people in my family. I am the middle of two sisters! We also have our dog Lucy and cat Pipurr.

FUN FACT? I was able to teach in Spain at an English immersion school!

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT TEACHING? Getting to know the kids and building relationships!



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



ANNIE BAKER, 5TH GRADE TEACHER

WHERE ARE YOU FROM? I am originally from Austin, Texas!
TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY: My husband and I live in Saratoga Springs, and we love it! I have 2 older brothers and a younger sister. We have 8 (almost 9) nephews and 5 nieces!
FUN FACT? I love to be active! I go to the gym, road bike, and I am getting my spin teacher certification right now! Fitness is my 'me' time!
WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT TEACHING? My relationship with my students. I love getting to know kids and their families, and getting to know their interests, and having them get to know mine.

ANDIE-MARIE WENDELKEN, 5TH GRADE TEACHER

WHERE ARE YOU FROM? I am originally from South Carolina.
TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY: My dad still lives in South Carolina and I have two sisters in the service. One sister in the Navy stationed overseas and another sister is a pilot in the Air Force stationed in North Carolina. I recently got engaged to my Fiance, Kirk. I have a dog named Atlas and a cat named Katniss! I love my little family and I am so excited to get married next year!
FUN FACT? I have run a marathon and been to 15 National Parks.
WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT TEACHING? Watching my students grow and helping them learn new things each day!



BONNIE YIN, 5TH GRADE DLI TEACHER

WHERE ARE YOU FROM? I'm from Suzhou, China, before moving to Utah, I spent 4 years in Idaho.
TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY: I'm the only child in my family. My parents are retired and still living in China. I haven't seen them since 2018:(
FUN FACT? I've been to more places in the States than I did in China.
WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT TEACHING? To see students using Chinese in their life and getting improved every day, and I like the chances I have to be creative.

ANELA NORIEGA, 5TH GRADE DLI PARTNER TEACHER

WHERE ARE YOU FROM? I am from Salt Lake City, Utah.
TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY: I am the baby of my family. I just have my mom and my brother! My mother came from Mexico on her own, as a child when her mother died.
FUN FACT? I've been to about 50 countries! I love traveling, taking pictures, and learning about people and cultures! I also did humanitarian service in Guatemala teaching teachers how to teach, and how to teach English.
WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT TEACHING? I love teaching children to be good citizens, and to be kind to others, along with gaining knowledge. I love seeing the difference I can make.



READING CORNER

The Christmas season is upon us. Planning gifts for family and friends is always something that comes to mind. Please consider giving some books for Christmas this year. There are many lists on the internet of good reads for children, young adults and adults. The lists give summaries of the books and you can also look up the lists by genres. A good book is something that lasts and having a home with lots of books encourages reading.



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BREAKFAST

DECEMBER 2022

RENAISSANCE ACADEMY

Breakfast \$1.75
 Reduced \$0.30
 Staff/Guest \$2.50

Monthly \$21.00
 Monthly \$3.60

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Strawberry Strudel Cereal Fruit Milk 5	French Toast Cereal Fruit Milk 6	Breakfast Round "Cookie" Cereal Fruit Milk 7	Breakfast Burrito Cereal Fruit Milk 1	Breakfast Variety Cereal Fruit Milk 2
Apple Pie Bar Cereal Fruit Milk 12	Donut Cereal Fruit Milk 13	Breakfast Burrito Cereal Fruit Milk 14	Pancakes Cereal Fruit Milk 15	Breakfast Variety Cereal Fruit Milk 16
NO SCHOOL Christmas Break 19	NO SCHOOL Christmas Break 20	NO SCHOOL Christmas Break 21	NO SCHOOL Christmas Break 22	NO SCHOOL Christmas Break 23
NO SCHOOL Christmas Break 26	NO SCHOOL Christmas Break 27	NO SCHOOL Christmas Break 28	NO SCHOOL Christmas Break 29	NO SCHOOL Christmas Break 30

A La Cart
 Milk \$0.50

Online Payments
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DECEMBER 2022

RENAISSANCE ACADEMY

Lunch \$2.85
Reduced \$0.40
Staff/Guest \$4.00

Monthly \$34.20
Monthly \$4.80



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



5 Pancakes, Egg & Sausage
PB&J Sandwich
Salad/Fruit Bar
Milk

6 Pizza
PB&J Sandwich
Salad/Fruit Bar
Milk

7 Cheeseburger
PB&J Sandwich
Salad/Fruit Bar
Milk

8 Lasagna
PB&J Sandwich
Salad/Fruit Bar
Milk

9 Sack Lunch
Deli Sandwich
PB&J Sandwich
Carrots/Fruit
Milk & Treat

12 Chili Cheese Fries
PB&J Sandwich
Salad/Fruit Bar
Milk

13 Pizza
PB&J Sandwich
Salad/Fruit Bar
Milk

14 Chicken & Bacon Sandwich
PB&J Sandwich
Salad/Fruit Bar
Milk

15 Chicken Fried Steak w/Mashed Potatoes
PB&J Sandwich
Salad/Fruit Bar
Milk

16 Sack Lunch
Deli Sandwich
PB&J Sandwich
Carrots/Fruit
Milk & Treat

19 NO SCHOOL
Christmas Break

20 NO SCHOOL
Christmas Break

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Christmas Break

A La Cart
Milk \$0.50

Online Payments
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School lunches are ordered a week in advance. By the end of the day, under each Monday in the school wide calendar <https://renaissanceacademy.org/calendar> there should be a title/event that says School Lunch Order Form with the order survey that you can copy and paste to your web browser to fill out. This will serve as an additional access point to get to the order form in case you don't receive the email that's sent out through Aspire every Monday to order school lunch.

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