

# RAPP



September 2022



## Important Dates

9/5 – Labor Day (No school)

9/6-13 – BOY DIBELS Testing (K-6)

9/8 – FEC Spirit Night 2-10 pm (Blaze Pizza)

9/14 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Discovery Gateway  
“Reaction Time” visit

9/14 – Board Meeting 7pm (virtual)

9/16 – FEC Fall Carnival 4-7pm

9/26-30 – Fall SEPs (virtual)

9/27 – FEC Spirit Night 5-9 pm (Costa Vida  
Lehi)

9/29 – Students released at 12:15 pm (SEPs)

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# SCHOOL Announcements

## MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOLHOUSE

I hope your family has enjoyed a smooth start to the new school year, your students have made new friends and settled into new classes and teachers. We have had a fabulous first half of Term 1. 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 RAPP to keep yourself informed about the many activities and events at Renaissance this month.

## HOW TO CHECK YOUR STUDENTS GRADE IN 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. Teachers are expected to update grades in Aspire weekly. Please contact your students' teacher if you are struggling to access your students' grades through Aspire.

To create a login for your student:

- a) Aspire login - [HERE](#)
- b) 'Request a Username'
- c) 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

## STUDENT ABSENCES – [Excuse student 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. Thank you for your attention!

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## TOYS ARE NOT PERMITTED AT SCHOOL (including Pokémon cards)

Parents, please remind and do not permit your children to bring toys, fidget spinners, BeyBlades or Pokémon cards to school unless special privilege is granted by your students 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. Students will receive a warning before items are confiscated by a teacher/aide if seen during recess. Any item confiscated from a student should be collected from their classroom teacher or the school office by a parent/guardian.

## BATHROOM TAMPON DISPENSERS

Free tampon dispensers are now fitted and required in all female bathrooms throughout the school. Some of our younger students do not understand the use/purpose of tampons and are struggling to manage themselves and display appropriate bathroom behavior in relation to the tampon dispensers. Parents, can you please help us out and take a moment to talk with your children about appropriate bathroom use and ensure your children understand that tampons/dispensers are not toys and should only be used appropriately. Thank you!

## LOST & FOUND

Please remember to label all student sweaters, jackets, lunch boxes, and other personal belongings. 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 office (small items only) and will be kept for one week before they are donated. Lost and found pictures are also posted weekly to our Renaissance Facebook page thanks to our parent volunteers.

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## SCHOOL LUNCH REMINDER

We are having some problems with parents not receiving school emails sent through Aspire. Please make sure you White List/Safe Sender [renaissance-noreply@usoe-dcs.org](mailto:renaissance-noreply@usoe-dcs.org) to ensure you receive school communications sent through Aspire. Please also check your SPAM/junk folders.

IMPORTANT: School lunches are ordered a week in advance. By the end of the day, under each Monday in the school wide calendar <https://renacademy.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 meals.

When making payments with cash or check, please write school lunch at the top of an envelope, your student's names, ID#, grade and payment amount before coming to school.

It is highly recommended that you schedule a weekly Student Summary email through your Aspire account. In addition to an academic update about your student, this summary will also provide you a weekly report of their current lunch balance. You may check their balance on Aspire at any time by going to the "Transactions" section of your Aspire account's landing page.

\*The breakfast and lunch menus for September can be found at the end of this newsletter.

# FEC Announcements

## SPIRIT GEAR

There's still time to get your 2022 spirit gear!

Did we miss you at our special Back-to-School Night Sale? Or do you simply need more Spirit tees, hoodies and caps? Either way, we have an amazing solution to help everyone celebrate their school spirit on the first Friday of the school year.

[Click here to order now!](#)

P.S. Did you know spirit shirts look amazing with jeans, which students are allowed to wear on Fridays?

## FEC SPIRIT NIGHT – September 8<sup>th</sup> @ Blaze Pizza

Calling all pizza lovers! Blaze Pizza is donating 25% of sales on Thursday, September 8th between 2-10 pm to Renaissance Academy. Treat you and your family to a delicious meal and support a good cause too. Renaissance Academy is grateful for your support and would love to see you there! Blaze Pizza accepts orders in store/by phone mentioning Renaissance Academy.

## FALL CARNIVAL TICKETS PRESALE

Carnival ticket presales will begin August 24th-September 9th on Wednesdays 2:30-3:30 and Friday's 11:45-12:45 at pick up. Don't forget to purchase! [Tickets can also be purchased online.](#)



# FEC Announcements

## 2022 RA CARNIVAL

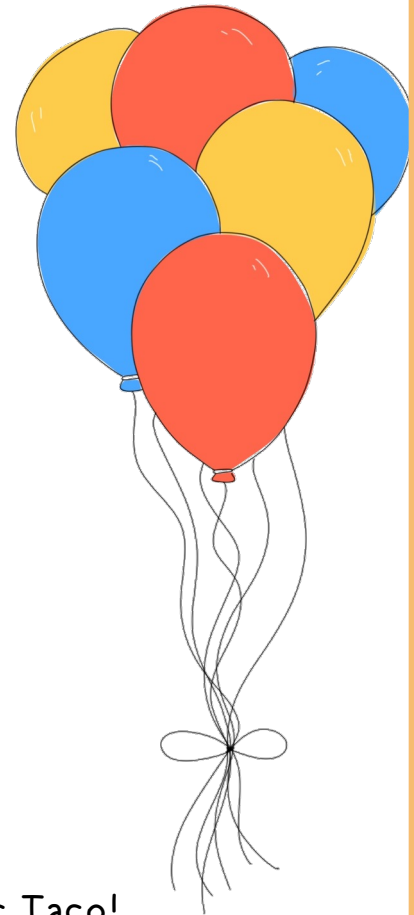
The 2022 RA Carnival and Silent Auction are right around the Corner on September 16th from 4-7 pm.

Don't miss out on the fun and get your tickets while they are still on sale! The last day of the Sale is September 9th! Buy in person or [online here!](#)

Here are some highlights:

- Video Game Truck
- Petting Zoo
- Bouncy Houses
- Face Painting
- Magician
- And more!

This year our food trucks will be Fatty Tuna and Jurassic Taco!



We also need your help with the Carnival!

1. We are looking for families with business connections to help us with Silent Auction items and booths! It's a great way for them to advertise and let the community know they support our school!

2. Volunteers for the Day of the Carnival. We need adults and middle school kids to help with Concessions, ticket gathering etc. Volunteers will be eligible for Concession tickets after their volunteer shift is finished! [Sign up here!](#)

For questions please contact Matthew Lombard at [renaissancemcarnival@gmail.com](mailto:renaissancemcarnival@gmail.com).

# FALL CARNIVAL

## FAQS

### What's the difference between a Basic Booth and a Premium Booth?

#### Basic Booths

- 15+ booths with fun activities and games provided by local businesses
- Anyone with a wristband can play at a basic booth; no ticket required.

#### Premium Booths

- 10+ booths that include our most popular activities and games from professional vendors, video game truck, dunk tank, face painting, hair chalk, live animals, balloon animals, henna tattoos and more.
- To play at a premium booth, participant MUST "pay" with a ticket OR have an orange wristband

### What do I do with tickets?

Tickets can be used in two ways:

#### 1. Use at Premium Booths

All attendees have access to basic booths, but there are 12 premium booths that require one ticket or an orange Wild Child wristband to play. These special booths are our most popular attractions and include laser tag, video game truck, water gun battle, sumo suits, dunk tank, face painting, hair chalk, live animals, balloon animals, soccer darts, henna tattoos, and more!

#### 2. Exchange for Concessions

Exchange tickets for concessions that include popcorn, cotton candy, otter pops, donuts, cookies, candy, soda, and more. Most concessions cost 1 ticket each. The concession stand cannot accept money (cash or credit).

### Why do adults need wristbands if they don't play at any of the booths?

Everyone age 3 and older, including adults, need a wristband to enter to help support the school in its fundraising efforts. Plus, some parents end up playing at some of the booths!

### When can I buy tickets?

- Tickets will be sold after school Wednesdays (2:30-3:30) and Fridays (11:45-12:45 pm) until Sept. 9th. Ticket prices will go up on September 10th.
- Tickets may also be purchased online at <https://renaissance-academy-fec.square.site/s/shop> through Friday, Sept. 9.
- Tickets will be sold at the door at the carnival on Friday, Sept. 16 between 3:45-5:45 pm. Ticket prices will INCREASE on Sept. 9th.

### How do I pick up my wristbands/tickets if I purchase them online?

- Prior to Sept 9th: Email will be sent with instructions after the DocuSign form is signed.
- After Sept 10th, tickets will be at the will call a table at the carnival on Friday, Sept. 16 between 3:45-5:45 pm. Buyers will need to sign waiver.



STEP RIGHT UP AND SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!



# World Language Spotlight

## CHINESE

In our Middle School Chinese Culture class, we are learning the Unit of Education in China and we started with introducing your school in Chinese.

Students work in groups to design their dream school and present their design to the whole class. I had so much fun watching them discuss their ideas in Chinese and loved their imagination!



## ARABIC

Mrs. Holmgren's AM and PM kindergarten classes are starting off this year with Arabic language as part of their World language exposure at RA. We are having a lot of fun singing songs in Arabic and playing our instruments.

The Middle Schoolers had been working on a few projects to tell everyone what they did over summer break. Way to go MS students!! They totally nailed their presentations.



## SPANISH

Acting out our story "La cebra y el rey pájaro" in our 9th grade Spanish class. The kids really get into this and embrace their silly side while learning the language through storytelling.



# Reading Corner

School is off to a running start this year. We will be doing our Beginning of Year Acadience (DIBELS) Testing from September 6th – September 13th. If at all possible, please have your students in attendance on these days.

This testing helps find holes or deficits that your student may have for on grade level reading and then give them extra support in those areas. You will receive a report at SEP's letting you know about your student's progress.

Reading at home for 20 minutes a day will help your student improve their reading skills. If they cannot yet read, read with them. Ask your student about the book they are reading. Have them read to you aloud once a week to see how their fluency is. These are simple ways that the family can work together to gain reading improvement.



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If you would like to contact the board, you may do so by emailing [board@renacademy.org](mailto:board@renacademy.org).

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**



LABOR DAY  
NO SCHOOL

**5**

Cinnamon Roll Bar

**6**

Pancake on a Stick

**7**

Cereal Bar

**8**

Breakfast Variety

**9**

Donut  
Cereal  
Fruit  
Milk

**12**

Dutch Waffle  
"Funnel Cake"

**13**

Banana Bread

**14**

Bagel w/  
cream cheese

**15**

Breakfast Variety

**16**

Muffin  
Cereal  
Fruit  
Milk

**19**

Cinnamon Roll Bar

**20**

Pancake on a Stick

**21**

Cereal Bar

**22**

Breakfast Variety

**23**

Churro  
Cereal  
Fruit  
Milk

**26**

Breakfast Burrito

**27**

Breakfast Round

**28**

French Toast

**29**

Breakfast Variety

**30**

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

**A La Cart**  
Milk \$0.50

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### Monday

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LABOR DAY  
NO SCHOOL **5**

Pizza  
PB&J Sandwich  
Salad/Fruit Bar  
Milk **6**

Chicken & Cheese  
Taqitos  
PB&J Sandwich  
Salad/Fruit Bar  
Milk **7**

Calzone **1**  
PB&J Sandwich  
Salad/Fruit Bar  
Milk

Sack Lunch **2**  
Deli Sandwich  
PB&J Sandwich  
Carrots/Fruit  
Milk & Treat

Orange Chicken **12**  
PB&J Sandwich  
Salad/Fruit Bar  
Milk

Pizza **13**  
PB&J Sandwich  
Salad/Fruit Bar  
Milk

Chicken Nachos **14**  
PB&J Sandwich  
Salad/Fruit Bar  
Milk

Cheeseburger **8**  
PB&J Sandwich  
Salad/Fruit Bar  
Milk

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

Donut **19**  
PB&J Sandwich  
Salad/Fruit Bar  
Milk

Pizza **20**  
PB&J Sandwich  
Salad/Fruit Bar  
Milk

Teriyaki Chicken **21**  
PB&J Sandwich  
Salad/Fruit Bar  
Milk

BBQ Pulled Pork **15**  
PB&J Sandwich  
Salad/Fruit Bar  
Milk

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

Chicken Nuggets **26**  
PB&J Sandwich  
Salad/Fruit Bar  
Milk

Pizza **27**  
PB&J Sandwich  
Salad/Fruit Bar  
Milk

Sloppy Joe **22**  
PB&J Sandwich  
Salad/Fruit Bar  
Milk

Chili Cheese Fries **28**  
PB&J Sandwich  
Salad/Fruit Bar  
Milk

Sack Lunch **23**  
Deli Sandwich  
PB&J Sandwich  
Carrots/Fruit  
Milk & Treat

Pork Rib Sandwich **29**  
PB&J Sandwich  
Salad/Fruit Bar  
Milk

Sack Lunch **30**  
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PB&J Sandwich  
Carrots/Fruit  
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