



## RENAISSANCE RAVEN REVIEW      October 12, 2018

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### A NOTE FROM MRS. AMAYA

Dear Families,

It is a bit shocking to me that today is October 12th and that we have been in school for over a month. Students are in full "school mode." Although these dark mornings make it a bit harder to elicit smiles from sleepy middle-schoolers, the sunshine in the afternoon wakes and energizes them.

Sunshine awaits us next week as well while we are at Camp Arnold! Luck seems to be on our side. The forecast calls for clear skies during the day and chilly nights (perfect for a campfire). Please check the packing list and make sure that your student has a variety of clothes for all conditions. Weather reports have been known to be wrong! The teachers are excited to go to Camp Arnold with your children. It is an opportunity for us to see the kids in a different environment, interacting with their friends away from the school setting, meeting new friends, and discovering strengths they might not yet recognize. Because our focus during these days will be on building community and leadership skills, we ask that students not bring any electronics with them. We want this to be four days away from cell phones, computers, and any other technology. The chaperones at camp will have access to cell phones, as will the teachers and the camp staff. If, for some reason, you need to contact us please call The Eastlake School office on Tuesday/Wednesday or the RSAR office on Thursday. Sarah Simmons, our office manager, will be attending camp with us Monday through Wednesday.

As mentioned before, the students are in the swing of school. They are checking assignments, making use of our Raven Time, and asking thoughtful questions during class. It is quite impressive from a teacher stand point. We had our first field trip to the UW last Friday where the students were treated to dancers from South India and Sri Lanka. I have heard nothing but positive reviews of our first outing. There are many more exciting field trips planned for your children this year.

After we return from camp, we will begin our Writers in the Schools (WITS) program. During our first semester we are pleased to have Danny Sherrard teaching poetry to all the classes. Danny is a published poet and has the honor of being both the National and World Champion of Slam Poetry. Ours kids are going to create incredible works...again. Jourdan Keith will return in February to work with RSAR students to produce short stories.

After school programs are also gearing up. If your child is interested in participating in club please come to the office for more details. A list of the after school programs can be found below, in the raven review.

This will be a year of growth for all of us at Renaissance, teachers and students alike. We invite you to learn along side us. Thank you for sending us your children. It is our honor to teach them.

Sincerely,  
Karen Amaya

## **CAMP INFORMATION: Monday October 15<sup>th</sup> to Thursday October 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Departure: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM from RSAR**

**BE SURE TO PACK THE TIE-DYED T-SHIRTS!**

Students are expected at school at the usual morning bell time of 7:30AM.

An email will be sent to inform parents of a safe arrival to camp. Communication during the span of camp will be limited, if any. There is limited wifi and cell phone coverage at the camp. The emergency number for the camp is 253-847-2511 or you may call the EHS office at 425-936-1500.

**Return: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> between 1:30PM-2:00PM at RSAR**

Please be prompt and be ready to pick your student up from RSAR when we return. An email will be sent after the buses depart camp with an estimated time of arrival at the school.

**Luggage:** Students must bring their luggage with them to school on Monday morning. Please see the attached packing list for specifics on what to bring. Please **DO NOT** bring any electronics, that includes cell phones. Students can leave items in the locked classrooms until Thursday if needed.

## **PERFORMING ARTS**

RSAR students will be participating again in the “Thrill the World Event” that is happening on October 28<sup>th</sup> at Redmond Town Center. If you want more information on the event, please see the attached flyer. For your student to participate at the event on the 28<sup>th</sup> with RSAR, they will need to attend AT LEAST 3 REHERSALS. The full list of rehearsal dates is included in the attached flyer. The upcoming practices are,

- Final Thriller Rehearsal Saturday, October 20th 11:00 – 12:00 review
- Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at Redmond Town Center – Check in starts for performers at 12:00 pm

Please make sure to register yourself and/or you student if you plan to participate in the Thrill the World event. The full make-up treatment package (Full Brains) is quickly running out. Registration can be found at

<http://thrilltheworld.org/redmond/>

## **HEALTHY YOUTH SURVERY**

Renaissance School is registered for the 2018 Healthy Youth Survey. The survey will be administered October 8th - 24th. Please see the attached information sheet regarding the Healthy Youth Survey. If you have questions or do not want your student to take this survey, please notify [Todd Apple](#) or [Sarah Simmons](#).

## **PTSA CORNER**

RSAR Family Directory- Pre Order Form (attached to email)

If you are a current PTSA member who purchased an **Individual membership**, you will receive 1 free copy of the directory. If you purchased a **Family membership**, you will receive 2 free copies.

If you want extra copies of the School Directory, fill out the form below and send the completed form together with a check to the RSAR Office. Directories are \$5 each and will be available in November.

You do not need to be a PTSA member to purchase a directory. **Please pre-order by October 19, 2018.**

## **PTSA REFLECTIONS – DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

Please see attached flyer for more information

## **LUNCH PROCEDURES**

Students may purchase food in the Eastlake Commons cafeteria or bring their own lunches. Students can purchase lunch with cash or their student account. Adding money to student account: 1) use myschool bucks or 2) have student bring check to EHS kitchen cashier. **RSAR DOES NOT ACCEPT THE LUNCH MONEY.** If your student brings their own lunch be sure that they pack healthy foods. Please do not allow your student to bring soda or energy drinks.

## **STUDENT LAPTOPS**

### Trouble Connecting at Home

If your student is having difficulty connecting to your wireless network at home, please follow the steps below:

- a. Before you leave campus – shut down your computer
  - i. This mean go to the Start Menu>Power Options>Select Shutdown
  - ii. If you do not shut down, then a restart will be needed at home before you try to connect to DirectAccess.
- b. When the student gets home, power on the laptop
- c. Connect to Home WiFi
- d. Then the student will need to wait about 1-5 minutes while the device connects to Direct Access.
  - i. If no connection is made with in 5 minutes, restart the laptop
  - ii. After the restart – connect to home WiFi and let DirectAccess connect (allow the 1-5 minutes)

### Laptop Insurance Options

Families may wish to protect against liability for lost, damaged or stolen property by reviewing their insurance options. Some homeowner's policy may offer coverage and some may offer this coverage if a rider is acquired. In addition, Lake Washington School District has arranged for an insurance option for families wishing to purchase a specific additional insurance to cover their student's laptop. This insurance can be purchased from Worth Insurance Group. The premium is \$63.60 per year and covers accidental damage and theft (police report required). The deductible in this policy is \$0. This insurance can be acquired directly by going to <https://www.worthavegroup.com/portal/lakewashington>. The company also offers coverage for other personal technology devices. If you chose not to purchase the optional insurance or do not otherwise have coverage, you will be responsible for fees for damaged or lost/stolen equipment as defined above.

## **YEARBOOK PRE-ORDER**

If you have not pre-ordered your students yearbook now is the time to do it! The cost of the yearbook is \$25 and forms can be found the main office.

## **STUDENT ABSENT/LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY DISMISSAL:**

**Students that are taking math over at EHS, if they are absent/late you will need to notify both RSAR and EHS about your students' absence.**

**Absences-** An absence may only be excused within 48 hours. Parent/Guardian communication is required for excusing an absence or late arrival. You can email [sasimmons@lwsd.org](mailto:sasimmons@lwsd.org) or leave a voicemail at (425) 936-1544. Please spell the last name of the student clearly and provide a reason for the absence/tardy.

**Late Arrival-** If your student is arriving to school late they need to check in at the office **before going to class**. You do not have to sign the student in but if the student does not stop by the office the absence put in by the teacher will NOT be changed into a TARDY and you will likely receive an attendance call.

**Early Dismissal** – Please come into the office and sign your student out. You do not need to call or email ahead of time. Please just come into the office, sign your student out and your student will be called out of class to leave with you. You must sign your student out in order for them to leave campus.

### **AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS:**

- **YEARBOOK**: Wednesdays 12:30-1:30 PM- Will begin after Camp.
- **LGBTQ CLUB**: Every other Tuesday 2:00-3:00 PM
- **FRENCH** Fridays 2:10- 3:10 PM Please see attached flyer for more information on how to sign up.
- **SPANISH** Thursdays 2:10- 3:10 PM Please see attached flyer for more information on how to sign up.
- **ROBOTICS** – PTSA is looking into starting and sponsoring a robotics club- Please email Mrs. Simmons if your student would be interested in joining. More information will be provided as it becomes available.
- **JUNIOR THE SPAIN CLUB**- Please see Mrs. Daman for more information.
- **NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY (NJHS)**- We are looking to get NJHS started this year but we need a parent volunteer to step in and help lead the group with Mrs. Bawa. If you are interested please email Monique Wirrick at [mwirrick@outlook.com](mailto:mwirrick@outlook.com).

**We are continually looking to increase learning and experiences for our students. We are open to a variety of activities/clubs/enrichment classes. Do you have an idea for a club, let us know!**

### **LOST AND FOUND:**

Please remind your student to look in the lost and found for any items they may be missing throughout the year. Items left in the lost and found are donated twice a year.

# 2018/2019 School Calendar

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OCTOBER 15-18	OUTDOOR EDUCATION - CAMP ARNOLD
OCTOBER 19	NO SCHOOL- LEAP DAY
OCTOBER 24	PICTURE RETAKES
NOVEMBER 2	SCHOOL DANCE @ RSAR 7PM-9PM
NOVEMBER 12	NO SCHOOL- VETERNS DAY
NOVEMBER 19	OREGON SHAKESPHERE FESTIVAL @ RSAR
NOVEMBER 21	EARLY RELEASE
NOVEMBER 22-23	NO SCHOOL- THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
DECEMBER 24- JANUARY 4	NO SCHOOL- WINTER BREAK
JANUARY 8	RENAISSANCE CHOICE SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT @ 7pm
JANUARY 15	DANCE CONCERT @ 7PM
JANUARY 21	NO SCHOOL
FEBRUARY 14-18	MID WINTER BREAK
FEBRUARY 26	TALENT SHOW @ 7PM
MARCH 9	NO SCHOOL

APRIL 8-12	SPRING BREAK
MAY 5-11	SPRING PLAY PRODUCTION WEEK
MAY 24	NO SCHOOL
MAY 27-28	NO SCHOOL
JUNE 18	8 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE PROMOTION
JUNE 19	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

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# HEROES AROUND ME

## Who's your hero?

Students in Pre-K through Grade 12 are encouraged to participate in the 2018-2019 National PTA Reflections Awards!

### It's easy to participate:

1. Reflect on this year's theme: Heroes Around Me.
2. Create an original work inspired by the theme.
3. Celebrate your achievements and win prizes!

### Arts Categories

- Dance Choreography
- Film Production
- Literature
- Music Composition
- Photography
- Visual Arts

## Deadline November 2nd 2018

For more information contact Jo Richardson at: [art@jo-richardson.com](mailto:art@jo-richardson.com)  
For rules visit: <https://www.wastatepta.org/events-programs/reflections/>

