

Wednesday Update

February 20, 2008

Please note: Lauren is on the Division V winter trip and was thus unable to do the Wednesday Update this week. Please bare with this simple text version Wednesday Update and look forward to a glorious return to form next week!

Aftercare Behavior Expectations and Policy.

Although the majority of students have been acting according to the behavior expectations of our aftercare staff, we have had a few incidences recently. To address these problems, aftercare staff will begin issuing behavior notices for behaviors such as:

- Discounting
- Insubordination or disrespect
- Inappropriate topics of conversations to include violence, sexual content, threats (verbal or physical)
- Argumentative
- Hands on other people's property
- Leaving the aftercare area without permission

If a second infraction occurs parents will be called for an early pick-up. After several early pick-ups, a student may be suspended from aftercare for a week. If infractions continue, a meeting with parents will be arranged. In summary, Renaissance Academy holds aftercare students to the same high standards they are used to during regular school hours.

School Security Initiative: Update!

Thank you to all parents who have donated to our recent school security initiative. Because of your generosity, we have met our financial goal and will begin forging ahead with the installation process as soon as we receive 1 final bid being provided by a Division V parent. We will continue to pass along information on this front as it becomes available.

DPR Corner

Teacher Support - Our teachers are exceptional and as parents we want to do whatever we can to support them. We have a great deal of direct access to our teachers unlike many other schools both public and private, which limit access to specific days or prescheduled meetings. For the teachers, this access has both positives and negatives. Here are a few ways we can best help our teachers:

- Remember class starts at 8:30 - please make sure all parents have left the classrooms by that time. While younger children may need more time for goodbye, this prompt beginning of the day is important for all of the

- students.
- Teachers have a great deal to accomplish before and after class - E-mail is one of the best ways to communicate with teachers. They can give your question or information their full attention. Most teachers also have evening phone hours and are happy to discuss your child during this time.
 - Parents have friends too - The doors do not block out much sound. After drop-off or before pick-up please stand in the commons because parents are distracting other students. Plus you might just make a new parent friend in another division.

Letters to Renaissance Community

A Message From Patty Burke

Dear Parents, students and staff of Renaissance Academy,

No words can express my gratitude to this community, for all the support that Patrick, Aiden and I have received after the loss of Morgan. The delicious meals were wonderful to have, and they provided me with extra time to spend with the boys those first few months. The hugs I received and continue to receive are wonderful reminders that I have friends to help put a smile on my face which is always needed. The cards were well received and I still take them out and read them again. To those families that donated to the Memorial Fund, the boys and I truly appreciate your support. Unfortunately, due to the privacy act, after October 31, the bank was unable to provide me with names of the donors, so if you donated and you didn't receive a personal thank you, I apologize. I am very grateful for your support.

There were times when I didn't think I could go into the school without bursting into tears, but I knew that someone would be there at any given time to give me a hug or hold my hand.

A special thank you goes to Ms. Holub, Mrs. Harder, Mrs. Priest and Mrs. Baker. These wonderful teachers have been extremely patient with me. Patrick and Aiden are truly blessed to have them! The teachers understand the needs of my children. Thank you also for the specials teachers that have to endure missing classes due to other commitments.

I want to close with a sincere thank you, to all the support you have given Patrick, Aiden and I. I wish the circumstances were very different but they are not, and I could not ask for a better support system than Renaissance Academy.

Patty, Patrick and Aiden Burke

A message from Laurie Wood

Dear Renaissance Community,

We are finally moved into our apartment and settled in the town of Octavalo, Ecuador, about 90 miles north of Quito, if you consult a map.

I finally have time to thank the wonderful Renaissance community for the magnificent send-off I received. I am humbled and appreciative of all of the time and thought that went into the quilt and the slide show (muchas gracias, mi amiga Carmenza) and to Clayanna-faculty for the kind words and amazing sundial sculpture. Renaissance is a unique and special place that lives within me wherever I go, just as it does with its students. I would love to hear from anyone who wants to write. We walk into town cada dia y email dos-tres veces a semana. (ask Carmenza!) hasta luego mis amigos,

Love,

Laurie

RenPac Parent Social

Come Relax and enjoy the company of fellow Renaissance parents at the annual RenPac Parent Social. A sampling of scrumptious deserts, beer, wine and coffee will be served.

Saturday, February 23rd – 7:00 to 9:00
Casa Verde
1355 Lindenwood Grove
Colorado Springs, CO 80907 (just north of downtown)
Maps will come home with your child.

For more information, please call
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