

January 23, 2008

Wednesday Update Jan 23rd

DPR CORNER

Renaissance Academy has grown dramatically over the last 5 years. With nearly 100 sets of parents who are interested in information regarding their student, classroom, institution and new initiatives, Diane Eid (who stepped into an information coordinator capacity in September) increased her team to include Kim Casey and Vanessa Barnett. To communicate the volume of activity constantly occurring at the Academy, Kim, Vanessa and Diane are working with the school to maximize current communication vehicles and structure additional ones that result in more frequent reporting. Also, these individuals will be working closely with DPR's to create structures that will promote the advancement of the institution through committees that will focus on a number of initiatives. Currently, we are organizing task forces for the following school-wide goals:

Playground- this team will work with Jen Baker to select playground structures from an assortment of possibilities that have been administratively approved. This committee will fundraise within the school for items and costs necessary for installation. The playground committee will also be responsible for scheduling the installation of the structures. The goal is to have the first piece in the ground before the end of this school year! If you have any interest in this initiative, please contact Vanessa Barnett who is the committee chair. We look forward to working together to accomplish this goal!

Environmental- the Academy is interested in an environmental plan that itemizes attainable goals promoting sustainability and "green" living. This committee will focus on a school wide recycling effort and the use of recycled materials. Lauren Myers is the school representative that will work with Julie Ott who is heading up this task force. They welcome any parents who can lend expertise and support to this initiative.

Technology- the school and more specifically, Doug Larkey wants to replace all the i-mac computers with newer models before the next school year. This will be an ongoing committee that helps the Academy acquire state of the art technology for our lab and each classroom. Kim Casey is your point of contact for this committee who will work on an on-going basis with Doug Larkey.

While the school is committed to these goals, it will take all of us pushing forward to accomplish them. DPR's will be inviting parents to "jump on board" so please let them know any area of interest or expertise that you could bring to their committees. DPR's are your point of contact for any questions, concerns or ideas to help promote their mission of advancing the institution. Please use them as information sources as they meet monthly to stay abreast of everything occurring within the school community. DPR's will also serve as an advisory committee representing parental viewpoints on new programs and initiatives. Now that DPR's are meeting regularly, look for frequent reports updating you on committee progress in the Wednesday Updates!

Admission Parent Survey Calls: To ensure our parent survey calls offer ample time for you to share your ideas and feedback with Renaissance Academy, the calls have taken more time than originally projected. We apologize for any scheduling inconvenience. Lauren will be making calls all day Thursday and Friday. If you are not available to talk on these days, please e-mail her to set up a time.

International Luncheon: GO NORTH!

The Renaissance International Luncheon, sponsored by RenPac, will be held Thursday, January 24 in the Commons. Bring a dish and share a meal with your child. The theme is 60 Degrees North, a celebration of winter, but any dish you care to bring is most welcome. Winter comfort foods are everyone's favorites!

Please take note of the Division lunch schedule below:

Division I 12:00-12:30
Division II 11:15-11:45
Division III 2:00-12:30
Divisions IV & V 11:30-12:00

RenPac: Scrip Family Cards

Don't forget RenPac is still selling King Soopers, Safeway, Starbucks, and Cinemark Scrip Cards Monday, Wednesday mornings at drop off and Friday afternoons at pickup. Thanks to all of you for supporting our parent organization!

Scrip Family Forms are available in a folder on the Community News and Events Board. Simple fill out the form, make your check payable to RenPac and give the form with the check to Lauren at the front desk. If you have any questions feel free to call or email Alice Henshaw at 488-1318, 459-5178, aliceandtom2@comcast.net. Thanks for supporting RenPac.

Upcoming Wednesday Update: January 29th

Spring Break Travel 4: Get-A-Ways for Mom & Dad
Presented by *A Travel Advantage*

Correction from last week's Wednesday Update: Renaissance Academy recognizes Vanessa Barnett for her hard work in sewing Laurie Wood's quilt in preparation for last week's appreciation ceremony. Thank you for your support and we apologize for the mis-recognition.