



RENAISSANCE RAVEN REVIEW

December 7, 2018

Dear Parents,

I want to thank all of you who were able to attend your child's conference. Listening to each student share his or her work was extremely gratifying. Watching you interact and ask questions of your child solidifies our belief at Renaissance that these conferences are time well spent and a valuable part of our year. To those who could not make the conference, my hope is that you will set aside some time this weekend to listen to your child, to create goals, and to celebrate what he/she has accomplished so far this year.

In January students will revisit the goals set and begin the process of making new goals, continuing to strive for the ones set, or adjusting the ones in place. I am already looking forward to hearing the students' responses.

As your children have reflected on their learning, I have reflected on mine. We continue, as a staff, to hone our skills by working as a team, bouncing ideas off one another, asking questions about how we move children forward in their understanding, and making sure that RSAR is a place where kids have an opportunity to learn at an appropriate level.

Thank you for sending us your kids. It is a pleasure to work with them and see them achieve their goals.

Regards,

Karen Amaya

6TH AND 7TH GRADE FIELD TRIP- THURSDAY DECEMBER 13TH

Permission slips were sent home this week please return to the office by Monday December 10th.

FRENCH AND SPANISH CLASSES

Additional spots have been added to each class. New students will have opportunity to catch up while we review concepts after the class resumes in January. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

SKI BUS

Ski bus begins on January 9th. Registration forms are available on their website or in the office if you would like to sign up. This is not run through the school so please contact WEBBSKI directly for any questions. Please see information flyer attached for details.

WRITERS IN RESIDENCE

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.

PERFORMING ARTS- MS. DAMAN

VOLUNTEER NEED: If there are any parents interested in helping Mrs. Daman with orchestrating performances and coordinating volunteers for production, please reach out to Mrs. Daman as soon as possible. Thank you for all the help that parents continue to provide to our program.

Sara Joy is a local professional dancer, choreographer and teacher who enjoys working and creating dances with middle school students. Mrs. Daman met Sara at a professional work shop this summer and found an instant connection together. In August, Mrs. Daman met with Sara to discuss the possibility of her coming in and working with a multi-age group of students to create a piece for this year's dance concert. We started the choreography workshop on Tuesday, October 23rd. **We will be meeting every Tuesday from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm until the dance concert in January.** If you are interested in participating or having your student participate please contact Mrs. Daman.

Annie @ The 5th Avenue Theatre | DOWNTOWN |
206.625.1900 | [map](#) | [more info](#)

RUNS THROUGH: Dec 30

SHOWS REMAINING: 34

2 FOR \$10: Sundays

IN BRIEF: Join Annie, Sandy, Daddy Warbucks and the wicked Miss Hannigan for these classic, truly unforgettable stories and songs. This is a theatrical thrill perfect for the entire family!

GOOD FOR: wholesome entertainment, holiday feelz

RECOMMENDED FOR: Ages 13+



Seattle Shakespeare Company Opportunity - In Short Shakes, students age 11-17 rehearse and perform a shortened version of our main stage production, directed by a theatre professional. Students will perform on the set of our main stage production of *As You Like It*, and get the opportunity to mingle with the adult cast at the Players Feast!

Ages 11-17

\$315 early-bird price before January 1st

Starts March 17, 2019 at 6:00 pm

EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY 2020

Mrs. Daman will be sending out an informational email about the next trip she is leading in June of 2020. Last summer she took a group to Washington DC and New York City for the first with Explorica Educational Travel. It was fantastic!

YEARBOOK

We are holding a contest to select an original cover design for the 2018-2019 Yearbook. The theme for this yearbook is galaxy. We are encouraging all students to participate, this is their opportunity to make their mark on the yearbook. The cover design must be turned into the office by December 18th.

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.

BOOK CLUB OPPORTUNITY: THROUGH ISSAQUAH LIBRARY:

6th grade student Harloe Hockett (under her "code name" Valkyrie.) leads the book club. The official flyer is attached. The next meeting is on December 8th.

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.

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 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
- **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 THESPAIN 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.

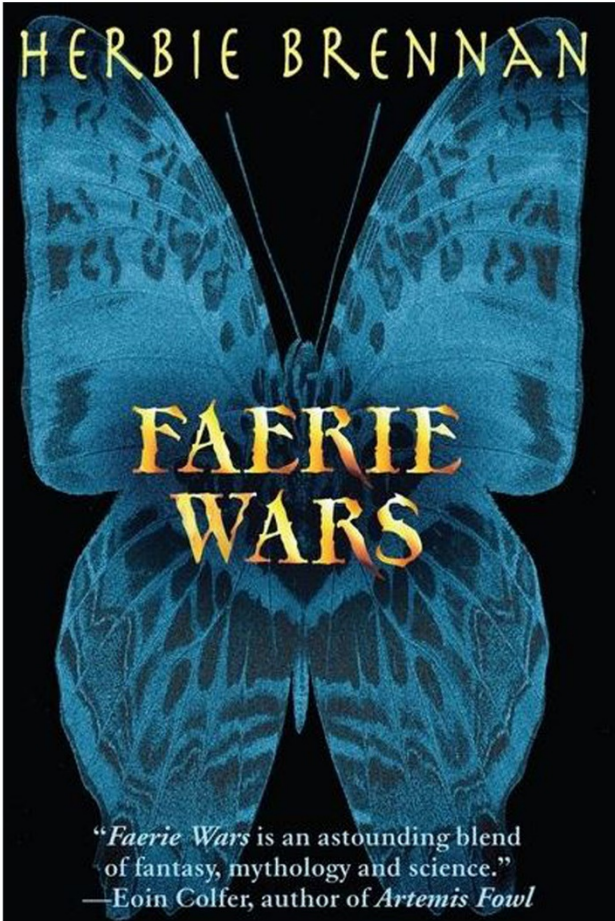
We are continually looking to increase learning and experiences for our students. We are open to a variety of activities/clubs/enrichment classes. Do you have an idea for a club, let us know!

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

DECEMBER 13	6 TH /7 TH GRADE FIELD TRIP TO SAM
DECEMBER 24- JANUARY 4	NO SCHOOL- WINTER BREAK
JANUARY 8	7 th GRADE VISION AND HEARING SCREENING
JANUARY 8	RENAISSANCE CHOICE SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT @ 7PM
JANUARY 15	DANCE CONCERT @ 7PM
JANUARY 21	NO SCHOOL
JANUARY 23	EHS 9 TH GRADE INFORMATION NIGHT
JANUARY 25	LAST DAY OF FIRST SEMESTER
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 TH GRADE PROMOTION
JUNE 19	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



T W E E N
B O O K
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Saturday, December 8th, 12pm
Issaquah Library

Ages 12 to 14 years old.

Revolutionary Readers Book Club.

Join us for a fun, candid and creative discussion of

Faerie Wars by Herbie Brennan

This brand new book club meets one Saturday per month.

Please see calendar for further details.

Reasonable accommodation for individuals with disabilities is available; please contact the library prior to the event if you require accommodation.

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Monday-Thursday, 10am-9pm • Friday, 10am-6pm • Saturday, 10am-5pm • Sunday, 1-5pm
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