



## RENAISSANCE RAVEN REVIEW      June 12, 2018

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Dear Parents,

As we wrap up another year it is always difficult to say goodbye to our 8th graders. Our celebration will be held next Tuesday night in the Eastlake Theater followed by refreshments and the 8th grade portfolio displays on our campus. This is open to all RSAR families and we encourage 6th and 7th graders to come support their classmates. It is an opportunity to read reflections the students have about their years at Renaissance and to see what your child will present at their own celebration! This is a very inspiring night. I hope you can join us.

The end of the year swoops down on us quickly. There are so many little details that teachers and students need to cover. Currently, the students are organizing the last portfolio pull of the year. This will be completed next Tuesday. We ask that your child bring an extra bag in which to take home any papers that he/she will not keep in the portfolio. Also, a reminder that we are turning in our computers Monday, June 18th. This includes cords as well as the actual computer. I know that students borrow chargers from each other. You may want to ask if your student has the correct one so that you do not pay the fine. **I would also like to gently remind everyone that the staff is still working on completing THIS year. While you may have questions about next year's placement, schedule, and curriculum, we need to focus on finishing this year. We will communicate information to you in a timely manner.**

I want to thank our community for another wonderful year of support. I feel that, like the students, I learn and grow each year I teach. We reflect on what went well and what we, as educators, can improve upon. Our goal at RSAR is to make middle school a time of not only academic learning, but personal growth; a time students will remember the changes they experienced and the growth that came from those experiences. We want RSAR students to leave our school not only with a greater understanding in the curriculum, but also a greater understanding of themselves. It is with your constant support that this is achieved.

Have a wonderful summer.

Karen Amaya



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MAY RAVENS OF THE MONTH- GREAT JOB!**  
**Raquel Kopper, Nora Pence, Jess Martin, Violet Climer-Kennedy, and Marcus Prokop**

**8th GRADE PARTY at ELEVATED SPORTZ!**

Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm-4pm

**LAPTOP ROLL IN: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**

Monday June 18<sup>th</sup> 12:30-1:30. Please be sure that your student brings their school issued laptop and charger to school on Monday. All laptops and chargers must be turned in prior to the end of the school year. If you have questions please contact Sarah Simmons. The most important thing for parents to know is, **if you plan on leaving town before the school year ends tell your student to turn their laptop in to Ms. Simmons directly.**

**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PROMOTION CERMONY**

Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018

EHS Theater 7:00 pm

Reception following ceremony at RSAR

All current parents and students are welcome to attend the 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony.

Come and celebrate your student's years at RSAR with the staff, teachers and students as they have their last event on stage!

Reception following ceremony at Renaissance.

**ALL STUDENT BBQ**

There will be an all student BBQ on June 20<sup>th</sup> provided during lunch time sponsored by PTSA. This BBQ is only for students. There will be a selection of hot dogs, hamburgers, and veggie burgers available, along with a wide variety of side dishes. If your student does not want to partake in the BBQ please have them bring their own lunch as the EHS cafeteria will not be open for RSAR students that day.

## **YEARBOOK DISTRIBUTION IS COMING!**

If your student pre-ordered and paid for a yearbook, yearbooks will be distributed on Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> after the student BBQ. If you are not sure if you pre-purchased a book, please check with Ms. Simmons. If you did not pre-order, but you would like a yearbook there will some available for purchase, cost is \$25.

## **STATE TESTING**

### **Results from Smarter Balanced Assessments available online June 22**

Each spring, Washington public school students in grades 3-8 and high school are tested in English language arts (ELA) and math, with exams called Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA). Students in grades 5, 8, and high school are also tested in science, with an exam called the Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS).

In the past, the District received hard copy, final score reports from OSPI, which arrived in late August or early September. Individual scores for the SBA exams administered this past spring for ELA and math, are being delivered electronically from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). OSPI now allows the District to share these score reports electronically in PDF format. Downloadable score reports will be added in Family Access on June 22.

Only SBA ELA and math scores will be available in June. Science scores will not be available until the fall after OSPI releases those scores.

### **Directions to access the reports:**

1. To access Lake Washington School District's Skyward portal, click on the [Family Access](#) link on the district website.
2. Log in to Skyward Family Access with your username and password.
3. Click on the Reports Cards- Portfolio tab.

More information about state testing can be found [here](#).

## **DISTRICT NEWS:**

**Lake Washington School District will make up one snow day by extending the school year by one day. The last day of school, a half day, will move from Wednesday, June 20, to Thursday, June 21.**

The LWSD calendar has been updated as follows:

- Wednesday June 20 will be a full school day for students
- Thursday, June 21 will be the last day of school. It will be a half (1/2) day for students and a full day for staff.  
[See the list of half-day dismissal times.](#)

State law requires students to attend school a minimum of 180 days and 1027 hours per year. When school is cancelled due to snow or inclement weather, those days and hours of instruction must be made up.

## **SCHOOL PROGRAMS:**

- **YEARBOOK**: Finished for the year! Please consider joining next year.
- **FRENCH** Finished for the year! This class will be offered again next year!
- **DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS CLUB** Finished for the year!

**We are continually looking to increase learning and experiences for our students. 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. All remaining items will be donated to a local charity at the end of the year.

**SMUG MUG information:** From parent Michael McClary-

I've reorganized the Smugmug site, essentially taking the former 8th Grade specific galleries (as best as I can) into an archive folder and changing the password to **Renpix2017** . This is the new password for Parents to access the site. The parent upload link is the same: <https://rsar.smugmug.com/upload/XBqSRh/parentupload> The About page still contains all of the correct info

## 2017/2018 UPCOMING RSAR IMPORTANT DATES

June 13	8 <sup>th</sup> GRADE PARTY AT ELEVATED SPORTZ
June 18	LAPTOP ROLL IN
June 19	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony - EHS Theater 7:00 pm
June 20	FULL DAY- Wednesday (7:30-2:30)
June 20	ALL STUDENT BBQ (during lunch time)
June 21	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL- Half Day

## 2018/2019 School Calendar

AUGUST 30	BACK TO BUSINESS DAY
SEPTEMBER 4	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
OCTOBER 15-18	CAMP ARNOLD
OCTOBER 19	NO SCHOOL- LEAP DAY
NOVEMBER 12	NO SCHOOL- VETERANS DAY
NOVEMBER 22-23	NO SCHOOL- THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
DECEMBER 24- JANUARY 4	NO SCHOOL- WINTER BREAK

