



RENAISSANCE RAVEN REVIEW

November 16, 2018

NOTE FROM MRS. AMAYA

Dear Parents,

Next week as we leave school for a long weekend, I will pause and think about how lucky I am and about the people for whom I am thankful; my family; my friends; my colleagues. In a world where we see and hear so much negative, whether from the papers, the tv, or even from movies, I am blessed to be surrounded by positive, loving people.

I am also thankful to be teaching your children. I see the good in all of them. Even when I am frustrated beyond belief because I want them to learn and grow and become active participants in this world of ours, I see the good in each of them. This week I listened to poetry being shared by the 6th graders and I was in awe of the depth of feeling and truthfulness of the writing. I listen to laughter at the dances and discussions of math or insights of art and it makes me know that I am one of the lucky people. A person who found her calling and answered it. For that, I am most grateful.

Although the idea of being “Thankful” is always brought forward during this month, it is important to know I am also thankful to you, the parents, for entrusting us with your children and for the support you give to this school, each day. This is a community focused on the idea of helping children succeed in all their endeavors. So, Thank you.

My wishes go out to each of you for a peaceful and family-filled weekend.
Happy Thanksgiving!

Karen

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 21ST IS EARLY REALEASE AT 10:30AM

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

Volunteer Opportunity!!! 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. The parent volunteer would be responsible for running a meeting during lunch time 1x a month, find opportunities where students can volunteer, maintain and record student volunteer hours, and help with the induction ceremony. If you are interested please email Monique Wirrick at mwirrick@outlook.com.

WE SCARE HUNGER

Our school is participating in a canned food drive to support Northwest Harvest. There is a competition between Guilds for who can collect the most non-perishable food donations. The winning Guild will receive a class party. The canned food drive will run until November 21ST.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCE- NOVEMBER 29TH AND 30TH- Early Release at 10:30 AM

Thursday November 29th and Friday November 30th will be student led conference. Students will be dismissed early from school those two days so that we can hold conferences. Students will be dismissed at 10:30 AM. Please note that the EHS bus schedule will remain the same so you will need to arrange a ride home for your student on those days. Teachers will communicate signups and more information in the next few weeks.

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.

EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY 2020

On Tuesday, November 27th at 7 pm come to Mrs. Daman's room for an informational meeting 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! Hope to see you there.

YEARBOOK

No Yearbook Meeting on Wednesday November 21st.

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 the Issaquah Library:

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

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 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.

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

NOVEMBER 19	OREGON SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL (DURING SCHOOL)
NOVEMBER 21	LAST DAY TO BRING IN CAN FOODS- WE SCARE HUNGER ENDS
NOVEMBER 21	EARLY RELEASE @ 10:30 AM
NOVEMBER 22-23	NO SCHOOL- THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
NOVEMBER 27	EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY MEETING @ 7PM
NOVEMBER 29-30	STUDENT LED CONFERENCES- EARLY RELEASE @ 10:30AM
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 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

