Dear Renaissance Families,

We hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the last remaining days of autumn.
October's sunny days were perfect for our pre-kindergarten class to take a short walk and enjoy the outdoor playground.

Kindergarten students took an interactive science lesson while on a walk outdoors!

Our third-grade students had a fantastic time during recess!
A DAY IN OCTOBER

Our students working hard to learn Mandarin!

VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to our volleyball team for ending the year with a splash by making it to the Semi-Finals!

HISPANIC/LATINO BOOK FAIR:

Expressing gratitude to our school Community for attending the Hispanic/ Latino book fair! We appreciate your support. Additionally, we were honored to have our council member, Shekar Krishnan, make an appearance.
THE RENAISSANCE CHARTER SCHOOL EARNs PRESTIGIOUS PLACE ON COLLEGE BOARD AP SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The Renaissance Charter School is proud to announce its place on the College Board’s AP® School Honor Roll for the 2022-23 school year. In addition to being named to the AP School Honor Roll, The Renaissance Charter School has also received the AP Access Award, a prestigious distinction that recognizes schools for their commitment to increasing participation in AP courses among low-income students and underrepresented minority groups.

The AP School Honor Roll assesses schools based on three key metrics: college culture, college credit, and college optimization. The Renaissance Charter School has demonstrated exceptional performance in all three categories. In the assessment, the school achieved a distinguished gold ranking for fostering a vibrant college culture and for optimizing the college-bound experience. In the metric of college credit, the school earned the highest honor, a platinum ranking.

MOVIE NIGHT

Our Parent Association’s long-awaited movie night finally happened in mid-October! The event was a great success as families came together to watch the movie Up.
MEET THE NEW STAFF

Our School community is growing, and here’s a small insight to our staff for this school year! We discovered where they graduated from and what they enjoy as a teacher!

Ethel Rodriguez – Art

I was born and raised in Queens. I received my BFA in fine arts and Education from Queens College in 2020. I had my first teaching experience and discovered my love for teaching despite the chaos. I find it incredibly rewarding to teach art as it helps students build confidence that can be applied to other areas of their lives.

IMPORTANT DATES

November

11/07, Tuesday, Election Day - Students do not attend school
11/08, Wednesday, Board of Trustees Meeting
11/09, Thursday, Miss Chocolate School Deliveries
11/15, Wednesday, Parent Association Meeting Followed by CSG Meeting
11/13-17, Mon-Fri, PA Pie Sale
11/21, Tuesday, Picture Day
11/22, Wednesday, Half Day
11/23-11/24, Thurs-Fri, Thanksgiving Recess - School Closed
**RENSIZZLE WEEK 2023**

**One school, one week, one big impact!** The purpose of our ‘unique to Renaissance’ Rensizzle program is to let students learn as much as they can about a chosen area of study by doing interdisciplinary and multi-sensory work. Rensizzle learning units are suggested by students and staff alike and include academic, cultural, culinary, scientific, artistic and technological areas of study. In keeping with our mission statement, we ask students to look at their group’s experiences through our core values of sustainability, social justice, and global citizenship. Reflection plays a key role in rounding out this experiential learning program that every student in grades K-12 get to participate in every year.

**Passions are translated into action during Rensizzle:** there are students who love to cook, sew, and design—clothes, buildings, and furniture; there are students who want to build things, learn about architecture and engineering, learn all kinds of dance styles, and create social justice documentaries. As we tell our students when we survey them for their interests, “There is bound to be something you DO and want to share, are curious about and want to learn more, or have never done and want the challenge!”

**Featured Group: HISTORY OF GREEN SPACES IN NYC**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Have you ever wondered how spaces in New York became so environmentally friendly? Well, you have come to the right place! Everywhere we go we can see pockets of green thriving in NYC. Travel with us by foot, ferry, surrey, and pedicabs in Fort Tryon Park, Governor’s Island, Central Park, and the High Line to take in the sights, smells, sounds, and many exciting activities within these city spaces—along with the diverse and rich foods nearby each of these outdoor NYC treasures!
MEET THE NEW STAFF (continued)

Cindy He – Mandarin
I was born in New York City but moved to China at a young age. I later returned to NYC when I was 12. I attended CUNY Hunter, where I earned my BA in Adolescent Education with a focus on Chinese in 2022. My favorite part about teaching is that I encounter different students every time and face new challenges every day. It’s a rewarding experience to watch my students grow, and I feel that I can learn and develop alongside them.

Ryan Siegel – Music
I am from a town called Shirley here in NY. I received my Master’s from Teachers College. As a teacher, I enjoy imparting the values I believe in on students while sharing the gift of music.

November Calendar & Food Menus:
Please click here for our school calendar!
Please click here for our school food menus!

Naquan Holden – Gym
I was born and raised in Bed-Stuy, Brooklyn. I received my Bachelor’s degree from McDaniel in 2020. As a teacher I enjoy sharing my knowledge to connect with students. By building connections with them, I can help keep them on track and motivated to succeed.
MEET THE NEW STAFF (continued)

Vanessa Monsalve  
ICT Science
I was born and raised in the Bronx. My mom is Colombian and my dad is Puerto Rican. I received my Master’s in Early Childhood Education & Special Education plus advanced certificates in bilingual education. As a teacher, I love the ability to see my students progress through the year and to use what we’ve taught them.

Paromita Mumu  
ICT Elementary
I was raised in NYC, specifically in Jackson Heights. I obtained my Master’s in Special Education from Hunter College. As a teacher, I love the fact that every day presents a new opportunity to learn and grow. The job is constantly engaging and never dull, as I am always challenged to think creatively.

Ayesha Naseem – ELL
I was born in Pakistan but migrated to the United States in 2000 when I was just three years old. I completed ESOL at Hunter College, a program that specializes in teaching English to non-native speakers, graduating in May 2023. One of the many things I love about teaching is the opportunity to work with a diverse population of students and knowing that I can make a difference in their lives.

Rosemarie Jones – 2nd Grade Coverage
I was born and raised in Yonkers, NY. My family background is Italian and Irish. I received my Masters in General education for grades 1-6 from Lehman College in 2019. My favorite part of being a teacher is the ability for me to be a respite for children. I enjoy seeing the light come into students’ eyes when they finally understand a subject.
# 2023 Safety Workshops

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Our 2023-2024 Partnerships

Social Media
Please click on the icons below to take a look at our social media accounts

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