Renaissance and ASB Working in Harmony
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Past Problems
- Tension between Renaissance and ASB
  - One group always feels like they are doing more than the other
  - One group gets more recognition than the other
  - Lack of support for each others' events/activities out of jealousy
  - Competition to recruit students for ASB vs Renaissance
  - Competition to fundraise
  - Lack of communication between groups

Solutions that work for us . . .

Master Schedule
- Renaissance and ASB scheduled same period
  - Allows for the two groups to have weekly joint meeting.
    - Increases communication between ASB and Renaissance
    - Allows both groups to have input in the planning of all events/activities
  - Homeroom is attached to the same period to allow for:
    - Homeroom deliveries (ie. holiday grams, Renaissance cards, etc.)

Collaboration
- ASB Director and Renaissance Advisor
  - Communicate about events and students. This is key!
  - Calendar events together
  - Provide clear guidelines and expectations to students and parents
  - Reflect on what works and doesn't work

Weekly Schedule for Renaissance and ASB
- Monday- Building maintenance
- Tuesday- Leadership meeting
- Wednesday- Team Building
- Thursday- Separate group meetings/ work time
- Friday- Work time/ Event day
Creating a bond between Renaissance and ASB...

Joint Leadership Camp
★ Renaissance and ASB attend leadership camp together in the summer

- Students are assigned roommates to increase interaction between Renaissance and ASB members
- Participate in numerous team-building activities together so everyone gets to know one another
- Plan most of the activities and themes for the year
- Set goals for the year

Renaissance vs ASB Events

**Renaissance**
(Academic recognition and community service)
- Canned Food Drive
- Toy Drive/Community Toy Party
- Renaissance Cards/Certificates
- Renaissance Fridays
- A-Games
- Annual Awards Assembly

**ASB**
(School spirit and campus support)
- Sports Rallies
- Dances
- Student Store
- Spirit Week
- Lunchtime activities
- Club rush

Working Smarter Together
★ Renaissance and ASB students have jobs for all leadership events

- Poster making for rallies divided by grade/class (done on Saturdays)
- Social media and school event promotions done by small groups consisting of ASB and Renaissance members
- Every student has to work the student store/student union 3 times a week (before or after school, snack shift, lunch shift)
- Each person is assigned a homeroom to deliver to

Grading
★ Common Leadership Handbook

- Every student in leadership receives a handbook that has:
  - Grading criteria
  - Calendar of all school events
  - All required leadership dates
  - Leadership documents (ie. fundraising form, permission slip, etc.)
  - Event planning form and reflection for every event we do

Leadership Gear
★ ASB and Renaissance=Leadership

- Collectively, Renaissance and ASB are known as Artesia High School Leadership
- All gear that we purchase for Renaissance and ASB is the same (t-shirts, jackets, sweatshirts)
- Titles are added to gear to indicate different positions and ASB or Renaissance
Direct Success
Through the efforts of our students, our Leadership program has been able to help change the culture of Artesia High School. This is one of the reasons why Artesia was featured in the Huffington Post for a 5 part series last school year!
Article link below: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/Karin-Chenoweth/a-high-school-that-demors_b_9840876.html

Notable Recognition
- Gold Ribbon School
- 200 point API gain in 8 years!
- CA Distinguished School
- Gold Ribbon School

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