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Jostens Renaissance is proud to announce that the site for the 2007 Jostens Renaissance National Conference will be (drum roll please!) the luxurious Buena Vista Palace Hotel and Spa in wonderful Orlando, Florida! The dates for the conference are July 13-15, 2007.

The 2007 Jostens Renaissance National Conference will be the 16th annual National Conference and we are thrilled to be hosting this conference in a city where truly Anything's Possible. The Buena Vista Palace Hotel & Spa in the WALT DISNEY WORLD® Resort puts the magic of Central Florida's favorite theme parks and water parks - Sea World and MGM and Universal Studios - all within easy reach. Stroll across the street, and spend some time at exciting Pleasure Island, which features colorful international shops, tantalizing restaurants, and a vibrant nightlife. Be awed by spectacular nightly fireworks from your seat at the Top of the Palace Lounge, atop our Downtown Disney World resort. Or schedule preferred tee times at one of the area's five Disney championship golf courses - just one of our many Lake Buena Vista lodging perks.

For more information on the Buena Vista Palace Hotel and Spa, click here http://buenavistapalace.com/?src=ppc_google_brand&s_kwcid=buena%20vista%20palace%20and%20spa|372355167

Most attendees at the 2006 conference considered it the best to date. But, as is always the case with Jostens Renaissance, we remain in constant pursuit of excellence! We are busy planning the 2007 conference and we promise to make it an experience that will be both rewarding and unforgettable. We are working on exciting new additions and changes to the conference format that will provide you with an even greater Jostens Renaissance experience!

We wanted you to be the first to know about next year's conference. Please keep checking the Jostens Renaissance Review and the Educator Services web site (www.jostens.com/edserv) for additional information about the discounted Jostens room rate, etc. Our goal is to establish a new conference attendance record, so start thinking about making your travel plans today. We are anxious to see you in Orlando July 13 - 15, 2007!

This issue's winning JRR Idea

**Network at Lunch Day
Carl Wunsche Sr. High School
Spring, TX**

Students at Carl Wunsche Sr. High School challenged social boundaries at their school on Nov. 14 as part of the first monthly "Network at Lunch Day," an undertaking created to encourage students to respect and understand different academies, communities, groups and organizations in the school.

The network concept was easy, yet effective. For this one day, students were encouraged to sit with someone new at lunch. Nowhere on school campuses are the boundaries of group association more clearly drawn than in and around the food court.

Many of our intolerances and biases tend to fall away when we merge with and meet new people. Carl Wunsche students Networked with other students on Tuesday. This gave students an opportunity to bring down the walls in our school and get to know people they might not otherwise interact with. It helped teach young people the value of integration.

Our Networking lunch is an open window to get to know each other and to get out of our comfort zones. We look for opportunities to meet new friends, foster school spirit and unity, while raising awareness about the academies and organizations in the school. This helped students feel more comfortable interacting with different kinds of people with different career focuses and goals.

Students were given a random colored number and had to find the coordinating table to eat lunch at. We encouraged the students to maximize the opportunity to interact with those joining their table. For one day, students were outside their normal social circle. Let's see if this starts a chain

reaction.

Wunsche teachers were encouraged to join the network by showing young people that they are a supporter. They let them know that they respected them and saw them as individuals.

For more information contact Karen Reich at KarenR@springisd.org

For submitting this issue's winning idea Karen will receive a Jostens Renaissance hooded sweatshirt and now becomes eligible for the 2007 JRR Idea of the Year grand prize.

Why should you submit your idea? Because you want MORE, More, MORE and even MORE Rock Star Treatment!

Once again, the Jostens Renaissance Review will select a winning idea from those published. And once again, the winning idea will receive an all expense paid trip to the 2007 Jostens Renaissance National Conference. This year's grand prize will be bigger and better than ever. Last issue's addition unveiled the first new addition to the prize - **limousine transportation from the airport to the National Conference host hotel.** You will travel like a rock star as a limousine will be waiting for you! The limo will pick you up at the airport and take you to the hotel. On the Thursday evening before the conference begins, you'll be "limo'd" to and from the restaurant to join other Jostens Renaissance National Conference dignitaries at one of the finest restaurants that our host city has to offer. It will provide the backdrop for a spectacular evening. And there's more limousine transportation waiting for you at the conclusion of the conference when a limo will be waiting outside the host hotel to take you back to the airport.

Upgraded hotel accommodations. Standard rooms are never good enough for a Rock Star, so a standard room certainly won't be good enough for you! If you submit the winning idea to the Jostens Renaissance Review, Jostens will upgrade your accommodations and you'll call one of the finest rooms that our host hotel has to offer home for three nights.

The "red carpet treatment!" Like any rock star, waiting in line is just not OK! If your idea is selected as the winner of the Jostens Renaissance Idea of the Year contest, we'll roll out the red carpet for you! You won't have to wait in line for any of our four general sessions. We'll have reserved seats in the front row for you! We'll usher you in through a side entrance and seat you before the doors open. You'll be up front for the opening and closing sessions as well as at the rally and you'll have your own table for the banquet!

And the latest addition to your Rock Star Treatment - An official Jostens Renaissance Tour letterman's jacket. Every Rock Star worth his weight has a letterman's jacket dedicated to his tour. The winner of the JRR Idea of the Year contest will be the proud owner of a Jostens Renaissance letterman's jacket. When the weather turns cold, you'll be the envy of everyone at school as you are handsomely attired in your new Jostens Renaissance jacket.

Look for more information in upcoming issues about the JRR Idea of the Year contest as there are more additions to come! You can't receive rock star treatment if you don't submit an idea!

How to submit your idea

Do you have an idea from your Jostens Renaissance program that has improved your school's environment? Submit your ideas to charley.nelson@jostens.com. The individual submitting the published idea will receive a Jostens Renaissance Review sweatshirt and be eligible for the 2007 Idea of the Year Contest, which includes trips to the National Conference.

Rally Time

We know that Renaissance Rallies are the highpoint for many Jostens Renaissance schools. We also know that putting on a rally, coming up with new ideas and writing the script is a huge challenge, especially for new schools. The Jostens Educator Services web site is proud to serve as a repository for your Rally themes and scripts.

Please click on this link to see pictures and the script used for Pirates of Sierra Vista: Curse of the Bad Grades http://www.jostens.com/edserv/renaissance/ren_471.asp

Please submit your script and accompany photos to charley.nelson@jostens.com and we'll get them posted to the website so that everyone's rally experience can be a little less stressful and a little more enjoyable!

The Countdown Begins

The buzz is building with regard to the 2007 Jostens Renaissance National Conference and we're getting closer to announcing the host site. We also know that for many people, the National Conference is an annual event.

We don't want you to miss any of the event, so we've posted a countdown on our website. Check it out at <http://www.jostens.com/edserv> The countdown is located just above the Jostens Renaissance banner on the right side of the page.

Who's in the news!

Congratulations to the students and staff at Belhaven Middle School, Linwood, New Jersey. The Belhaven Middle School Renaissance program supported Make a Difference Day by raising over \$5000 for a support house for people diagnosed with cancer and making 900 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for a local soup kitchen.

For more information, click on the attached link.

http://shorenewstoday.com/Current%20of%20LNS/pages_a/page2_18.htm

Submit your story

If your Jostens Renaissance program has made the local newspaper or any other type of published media in your area, send us a link and we will include it in the next issue of the Jostens Renaissance Review. Please e-mail the article link to: charley.nelson@jostens.com. By sending us your story, you'll be able to share it with thousands of JRR readers.

Jostens Renaissance Review statistic of the issue

According to a parent survey conducted at the University of Minnesota, college students and parents are in closer contact than ever before and the cellular age is dominating.

- One-fifth of parents are in touch with their kids at college one or more times a day
- More than two-thirds of parents say they're in touch with their college kids at least twice a week
- Only 9% of college students used a "land line" frequently for calling
- Only 8% of college students have written home with any frequency

Reminders

Educator Services Website

Provides information about Jostens Renaissance. Register and get full access to all the program information. www.jostens.com/edserv

Platinum Program Coupon Booklets

The 06-07 coupon booklets are distributed on a first come, first serve basis and they are going FAST, so order yours today!! http://www.jostens.com/edserv/renaissance/ren_500.asp

Renaissance Review Archive

Provided to you on our new website: http://www.jostens.com/edserv/renaissance/ren_400_20.asp

2006 fall edition of New Heights - The Official Magazine of Jostens Renaissance

Visit the Educator Services home page and the link for New Heights is on the right of the page, just under the Jostens Renaissance banner. <http://www.jostens.com/edserv/default.asp>

2007 Jostens Renaissance National Conference Theme Unveiled

Visit <http://www.jostens.com/edserv/renaissance/images/2007conftheme.pdf> to see the 2007 National Conference theme!

Jostens Renaissance National Conference Update

The Jostens Event Management team is busy searching for the perfect site to host the 2007 Jostens Renaissance National Conference. As soon as we have secured a location and signed the contract, we'll announce the site in the JRR as well as posting the site on the Jostens Educator Services web site. Look for an announcement to come sometime in November.

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