



Renaissance at Rand Middle School

### **School Information**

Principal: Ms. Maria Francisco

### **School Hours**

Monday-Thursday: 8:20-3:15

Friday: 8:20-2:30

Abbreviated Days: 8:20-1:25

### **Our Mission**

The mission of the Renaissance Middle School at Rand is to inspire individuals to think critically, responsibly, and empathically. At the heart of our school are students, faculty and staff who continually investigate ideas, become deeply immersed in subjects, and develop a passion for learning.

We believe that all students can learn. We put appropriate programs in place to support individualized learning. (Differentiated instruction, small group instruction, hands on learning, culturally responsive teaching strategies, versatile seating, field experiences connected to learning, 1 to 1)

The school makes full use of community resources including classes at Fortunato & Woodman Fields, MHS Weight Room and the Montclair Public Library. We teach students to value and contribute to their world through participation in Community Service classes. Our community partners provide us with service sites that include local nursery, daycare and elementary schools, the Shalom Community Services, the College Women's Booksellers, Montclair Neighborhood Development Corporation, Montclair Children's Development Center, Rand Basketball & Skate Park, Toni's Kitchen, and our own gardens whose harvest is frequently donated to community feeding programs.

As necessary tools for learning, computers are available for student and staff use in school and on field research. We also offer an ever-expanding range of STEAM courses which lead to natural applications of technology in a wide range of subjects.

We value learning from the world. Our units of study at all grade levels include field research and investigation. Field sites vary from museums and concert halls to outdoor wilderness and historical sites.

We strive daily to support students' growth in all areas of learning.