



August 23, 2022

Dear Rainier Elementary Families,

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I welcome you to the 2022-2023 school year. I hope you and your family have had a wonderful summer and found time to enjoy special activities together.

One of the most important aspects of my work as Rainier's principal is building solid relationships with students, families and staff. It is very important to me to be in the hallways, classrooms, lunchroom and on the playground getting to know your child(ren). In my past experience, I have found that kids really appreciate a person who genuinely invests in them and who is fair in decision making. These two things are extremely important to me.

In addition to building strong relationships with all of you, it is also particularly important to us to make sure that your child feels safe at school. If you ever have a concern about something or a question about a specific situation or procedure please do not hesitate to call or email me. Communication is paramount in a school. For this reason, I will always encourage you to contact your child's teacher, my office staff, or myself with questions.

Each school year brings new members to our staff and we are excited to welcome our new staff to our building. Our new team members include: Katie Haubrick (SPED); Rachel Perry (3rd Grade); Lydia Miller (5th Grade); Trent Lawton (PE); Garrett Spivey (Paraprofessional), Sammi Firman (Counselor), and Kendra Larson (Nurse).

Our first K-5 family event will be our Open House on Wednesday, August 31st from 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm (5:30 -6:30 BBQ hotdog feed on the football field) and then again from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm. This is a great opportunity for you and your child to meet your child's teacher and bring in any necessary school supplies to the classroom. During Open House you can also tour our building and meet our specialist team (Music, PE, STEM and SEL) along with our office staff, SPED teachers and counselor.



For me, the first day of school can't get here fast enough. I am really excited to get to hear all about summer break and, of course, meet all of our new students and families. Rainier is a school community that has many things to be proud of. We have extraordinary teachers, staff, students, families and volunteers. Thank you for the opportunity to work with your child(ren) each day. I am truly honored.

Below is some important information I would like to convey to you regarding the 2022-2023 school year.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach me by email meldrumr@rainier.wednet.edu or phone 360.446.4020. Our office is open from 7:30 am – 3:30 pm.

Sincerely,

Rita Meldrum, Principal
Rainier Elementary School

End of Day Release:

All students will be released at 2:50 pm

Start Dates:

- 1st - 5th grade begins on Tuesday, September 6th
- Kindergarten begins on Friday, September 9th

Student Supply List:

Please click link for our [RES School Supplies](#)

District Calendar:

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Mark Your Calendar:

- August 24th: Kindergarten Orientation & Scavenger Hunt
- August 25th: Kindergarten Cougar Camp
- September 20th: School Pictures



Morning Drop Off

- ***The school is open for drop off as early as 8:00 am.*** If you arrive before 8:00 am you will need to keep your child in your vehicle until a visual signal from school personnel at 8:00 am.
- At 8:00, your K-4 child will enter our building through our front doors. Students in grade 5 will walk around the building to their portable.
- Our parking lot is one way. Please pull into the lane nearest the curb and exit by driving around to the left.
- To keep traffic moving please pull forward.
- It would be helpful if students are prepared with backpacks and coats ready to be dropped off quickly in this right lane.
- For your child's safety, please have them exit the vehicle on the passenger side closest to the sidewalk.
- Please do not stop on the crosswalk or exit your vehicle.
- ***After dropping off your student, please take care pulling away from the curb as other cars will be passing through.***

Afternoon Pick Up

- Please do not park and get out of your vehicle to pick up your child.
- If you choose to walk to come and pick-up your child, please wait over by the flag pole area and we will release your child to you.
- Our parking lot is one way. Please pull into the lane closest to the school on the curb and exit by driving around to the left, through the back of the parking lot.
- Please continue to pull forward as other cars exit the pick-up zone. Our pick-up line runs more smoothly if the cars advance forward as far as possible when space opens up. Please pick up your child quickly to prevent a traffic back-up.
- For your child's safety, we will have them enter the vehicle on the passenger side closest to the sidewalk.
- Please do not stop on the crosswalk or exit your vehicle.
- Please have your passenger side window down so we can communicate with you regarding pick-up.