Rainier Elementary School Playground

Rainier Elementary School is in need of a bigger playground. The current playground was built in 1996-1997 by staff and community members, when it was known as Rainier Primary School for students K-3. Rainier Elementary now has students Preschool-5th grade. The proposed addition will cost approximately $16,000 plus installation, other pieces can be purchased for additional cost. The dream playground would cost about $36,000. The expansion of the playground will not only benefit the school, but also the community, since Rainier does not have a community park playground. Faith Boesch, a fourth grader at RES and her mother, Ida Boesch, have made it their mission to obtain the funding for the new addition.

The first fundraiser was a coin drive during the month of October. This fundraiser was also a competition between classrooms. Students and family members were very generous and they brought in a total of $1,793.52. Mrs. McNealley’s first grade class won the K-2 portion, bringing in a total of $381.09. For grades 3-5, Mrs. Patterson’s fourth grade class won with a total of $277.10. Thank you to everyone that has donated.

The money raised from the Scholastic Book Fair has added an additional $1,060.00. Thank you to the Lion’s Club for their wonderful donation of $250.00. In addition, the money collected from Box Tops this year will also go toward the new playground pieces.

If you have questions or know someone or a company that would like to make a donation toward the playground, please con-
Rainier Preschool
Rainier Preschool offers an integrated early learning program for children 3-5 years of age. The preschool staff’s goal is to provide an educational and social program for children of all abilities. A morning and an afternoon session are offered Monday through Friday. The Rainier Preschool is located at Rainier Elementary School.
Space is limited, but we are accepting enrollees. Please contact the elementary school office at 360-446-4020 and ask for the preschool room.

Grandparents Day 2013
A big thank you to all the grandparents that helped make this year’s annual Grandparents Day at Rainier Elementary School a huge success. Grandparents and Great-Grandparents had the opportunity to spend time with their grandchild/children and experience a few hours of their grandchild’s school day. Some of the grandparents were able to experience PE, music, math and reading. A few lucky grandparents were able to help with the art lesson taught by Rainier High School students. All the grandparents were invited to stay for a complimentary lunch with their grandchild/children, which was sponsored by the Rainier School District and served by our wonderful food service staff and assisted by several high school students. Please check out the elementary website at www.rainier.wednet.edu for pictures of the day’s event.

Mrs. Swanson’s Third Grade Class
Mrs. Swanson’s third grade class finished up their study of Salmon by “swimming upstream to their spawning ground”. Like Salmon, they could only use their sense of SMELL to navigate the waters.

Field Trip to the RHS Art Studio
Recently students from Mrs. Hughes’ 5th grade class and Mrs. McNealley’s 1st grade class experienced a field trip to the Rainier High School Art Studio to make holiday ornaments. The students were assisted by Mrs. Azzarella’s 7th and 8th grade art class. It was the first time most of the elementary students had worked in a professional environment creating clay objects. The best part for them was being mentored by the more experienced middle schoolers. After the clay has dried and been fired they will come back to the studio and glaze the ornaments for the final step.
Rainier Middle School
Mountain Lions

Principal  Bryon Bahr
Assistant Principal John Beckman
(360) 446-2206
(360) 446-2227

RMS 2013 Football Team

RMS Cross Country Team

2013 Middle School Volleyball
## Girls Basketball

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These are the remaining scheduled games. Season started in November.

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All High School athletic events are closed events. **Once students enter the activity, they will not be allowed re-entry if they choose to leave.** K-5 students must be accompanied by an adult. They will not be allowed to enter the game without an adult present. Please remember you as the parent are directly responsible for their supervision. If a K-5 grade student is causing a problem, we will ask that he or she remain with you. Thank you for making these events drug and alcohol free and safe for our children.
Rainier High School Counseling Center

Rainier High School Counseling Center will be hosting our annual **FAFSA/Financial Aid Workshop** for parents and students on Monday, January 6, 2014 at 6:30pm in the High School Library. If you are a senior or the parent of a senior that is planning on attending college or tech school in the fall of 2014, you should attend this important workshop. Centralia College Financial Aid staff will be on hand to guide parents and students through the FAFSA (Free Application For Student Aid) process as well as provide information to parents about cost of attendance and how it will affect your family. All parents and students are welcome to attend the information session. For more information and to reserve a spot at this event, please call the counseling center at 360-446-2215.


**SAT Test Dates:**
- January 25: Registration deadline December 27th
- March 8: Registration deadline February 7th (this test is scheduled to be given at RHS)
- May 3: Registration deadline April 4th
- June 7: Registration deadline May 9th

Register for the SAT at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

Traffic Safety Education

Traffic Safety Education will begin on Monday, February 24, 2014, with a parent meeting at 6:45am. Classes will then be held every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 6:45am to 8:00am. The last class will be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2014. The Department of Licensing Exam will be given on Thursday, May 8, 2014. There will be a total of 30 class sessions and a parent night. For more information please contact RHS at 360-446-2205.

Congratulations to Karissa Bruce!

Karissa has been accepted into the Pacific Lutheran University Northwest Honor Band. She will have two days of intense rehearsals at PLU along with other students from around the Northwest. The concerts will be held on January 11, 2014 at 5:00pm or 6:30pm, depending on which group she is placed. Both concerts will be held in the Lagerquist Concert Hall in the Mary Russell Music Center. Admission is free.

National Honor Society

The Rainier Chapter of the National Honor Society held their annual Veteran’s Day Assembly on Friday, November 8th. Guest speakers were: Cathrene Nichols, from the Department of Veterans Affairs, spoke about the experiences of female veterans. Quent Keaveny from The American Legion and Rainier High School student, Cheyenne Castanon, shared some of her life experiences.

The assembly was organized by Antonia White, Connor Mills, Jordan Chatman, and Rebecca Reichel. Rebecca also served as mistress of ceremonies.
SKILLS USA
Rainier High School’s SKILLS USA chapter participated in Hunter Farms Pumpkin Chunkin contest. They tossed a 9 pound pumpkin 550 feet. The chapter took 2nd place and won $150.00. They plan to invest the money into new equipment for the chapter.

RHS FFA Sponsors Trick-or-Eat
Members of the FFA delivered bags with notes to over 400 homes in the Rainier community. The notes requested that they fill the bags with canned and packaged food and leave it on their porch for pick-up. Halloween night from 6:00-8:30pm the students hit the streets collecting the bags of food for the Rainier Food Bank. FFA members estimated about 85% of the bags were filled with food items. Some members were able to collect items from home that did not receive donation bags. The Rainier community really came together to support hungry families in our community. FFA members collected 1593 pounds of food Halloween night.

FFA Members
During Grandparent’s Day at the elementary the FFA members planned and taught lessons to 8 classes. Students planned lessons based on state science standards for each grade level. Each lesson was activity based. In 1st grade, the FFA students taught the life cycle of a pumpkin and built the cycle in story format, allowing the 1st graders to tell their story to family and friends. The 4th graders ran experiments using the scientific methods, they formulated their hypothesis, conducted the experiment, wrote the data and conclusions with their teachers as the experiments grew. The 5th graders built mobiles that represented the levels in a food chain. The FFA members had a great time helping the 5th graders build their mobiles, while teaching them the importance of each level. All the members really enjoyed their time with the younger students.

McKenna Nursing Home
Each year the Rainier FFA members have been decorating the local nursing home for the different seasons. This fall they spent time decorating the main gathering/dining room with a fall flair. Students built balloon structures, made 3D pumpkins and wall decorations. They assisted the residents with coloring pictures, so the residents would have decorations for their individual rooms. Valentine’s Day will be the next holiday scheduled for the FFA members to decorate.

FFA members really cherish the time spent with the residents, whether its coloring or sharing stories, they find real value in learning about the residents history and the history of our community.

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FFA at Rainier Food Bank.

FFA members before collecting food on Halloween.

Food collected for the Rainier Food Bank.
RSD Promotional Boards
By: Alex Richter

Rainier School District Promotional Boards help the school get money in the ASB fund. Local businesses like the Texaco and Mainstreet Cookie Company have both purchased Rainier School District Promotion Boards. They have bought signs for either inside or both inside the gym and outside on the fences by the track. The cost to purchase a sign inside on the gym wall is $100, to purchase both inside and out is $250. 100% of the money goes to the schools ASB fund.

Sophomore Autumn Largen, who has taken on this fundraiser for her school’s Pride Project, has been in charge of the RSD Promotional Boards. When asked if she would like to lead this project throughout high school she said, “It’s definitely a possibility.” She said she likes to be a part in something in school, and help the school be a better place.

The Rainier School District Promotional Boards have between 10 to 15 active sponsors for 2013. The signs are made by Ron Carver. The money goes towards the students ASB fund. So come out and join this great cause, and support our RHS ASB fund.

Come Together and Recycle at School
By: Antonio Rodriguez

Alex Gilpin and Jamie Reichel, students in the leadership class at RHS, are involved in the school recycling program, partnering with Lemay who picks up the recycled paper weekly.

Recycling is done four days a week; two days in the middle school and two days in the high school. Gilpin feels that recycling is not done enough at school because a lot of paper still ends up in the trash.

“Overall, Americans recovered 34% of waste generated in 2009, which means we threw away 161 million tons of material, which amounts to about three pounds of garbage per person per day. If you laid all the aluminum cans recycled in 2010 end to end, they would circle around the earth 169 times” (www.kab.org). This pollutes the Earth; people need to start recycling.

Red Carpet in Rainier High School
By: Kayla Fleisher and Senetus Fu

The homecoming dance was October 12, 2013, from 8:30-11:30pm in the Rainier High School “old gym”. This year’s theme was “Red Carpet”.

Homecoming went fabulously. Everyone was dancing, talking, hanging out with friends and enjoying the night of freedom. Elyssa Champlin said, “I had a great time and this years homecoming was by far better than last year”. Champlin thought the DJ was great and able to get everyone involved in the music and dancing.

The cost for tickets was $10 with an ASB card and $15 without. 147 tickets were sold. Champlin thought that the price for the tickets was just right.

Rainier High School Benefits from Concessions
By: Ashlynn Padilla

The Rainier High School concessions are managed by the Rainier High School Associated Student Body and a group of Entrepreneurship students. They raise money for the ASB. Parents and other supporters can support the Rainier High School concessions by purchasing food, beverages, and candy. The concessions are sold at the football field and in the cafeteria during games.

The Rainier High School concessions earn money by selling food and beverages. The money that they earn helps our school with ASB purchases. The concessions are still new, so the variety of what they sell will increase in time. There are healthy foods sold at the concession, but the foods that are sold the most include nachos and candy.

80 percent of the income goes to the ASB, and 20 percent to the fund raising group. Last year the concessions earned nine thousand dollars for our ASB. Our school is trying to increase that number this year. Concessions are a good, easy way to earn money in a short amount of time.

Anti-Texting at Rainier High School
By: Alexander Richter

Rainier High School is participating in “Celebrate My Drive”. “Celebrate My Drive” spreads awareness of anti-texting and driving by getting high school students involved in their school.

Rachel Sullivan, who is in charge of this as a pride project, said, “I know people who text and drive, and I see it as a problem”. Rachel has brought this issue up at assemblies, and during lunch in the commons. When asked if she drives and texts she said, “I don’t drive, but if I did, I would be too scared to”.

To participate in “Celebrate My Drive”, students went on their website and made a driving commitment. The more commitments made, the better the school would be in a nationwide ranking system. The results will come back to our school in December.

According to the Texting and Driving Statistic website, 23% of the crashes involve cell phones. That’s 1.3 million car crashes per year. So get involved in this anti-texting and driving campaign and help fight a cause that should be reduced to zero!
RAINIER EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY MARCH 22, 2014

The Rainier Educational Foundation (REF) will be “GOING OUT OF BUSINESS” if we don’t get new members/volunteers soon! That being said, we need more help. The REF is being run by some great people, but we are growing weary. Half of us don’t even have students at Rainier anymore. This will be the last year if we don’t get more help. Please come to our meetings Nov. 18th, Dec. 9th, Jan. 13th, Feb. 10th and 24th, March 3rd, 10th and 17th. The meetings start at 6:30pm and we are located in the portable right by the softball field.

We are a fun group, who raise money for YOUR seniors to continue their education. If you didn’t know, we also give teacher grants each year to help out our entire school district. REF usually raises an average of $30,000 and up on any given year.

PLEASE come and help out!! Invite friends and family. I hate to see Rainier Education Foundation fold at the end of the school year. This would be a great travesty for the Rainier School District.

We are taking donations at this time and looking for sponsorships.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 360-446-7770.

Respectfully,
Willie Maib, President

Staff from RES, RMS & RHS put together baskets for the Homeless Backpack Auction. This auction is held once a year, with all the money raised going to buy food and supplies for the Friday Backpacks. We are excited to announce that these items brought in over $300.00.

The Homeless Backpack Program is a non-profit organization committed to helping prevent weekend hunger among school age children and their siblings. This program provides easy to prepare food for students that are on the free and reduce program, homeless or their families are having a difficult time.

Hearing and vision screenings are scheduled in January for students in grades Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 7th. Please help us out by keeping your child’s vaccinations up-to-date.

Thank you,
Mrs. Williams & Mrs. Richardson

Homeless Backpack Auction

Rainier School District provides equal opportunity in programs and employment and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin/language, creed/religion, sex, sexual orientation-including gender identity, disability, or the use of a service animal by a person with a disability, age, marital status, honorably discharged veteran or military status and HIV/Hepatitis C status. The district also prohibits discrimination of a mother breastfeeding her child at events that are open to the public. Rainier School District will also take steps to assure that national origin persons who lack English language skills can participate in all education programs, services, and activities. For information regarding translation services or bilingual education, contact the following:

Title IX Coordinator: Bryon Bahr  P.O. Box 98, Rainier, WA 98576  360-446-2205  bahrb@rainier.wednet.edu
Section 504/ADA Coordinator/Bilingual Programs: Paulette Johnson  P.O. Box 98, Rainier, WA 98576  360-446-4020  johnsonp@rainier.wednet.edu

Important Phone Numbers

Nurse’s Corner

Hearing and vision screenings are scheduled in January for students in grades Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 7th.

Please help us out by keeping your child’s vaccinations up-to-date.

Thank you,

Mrs. Williams & Mrs. Richardson

Rainier School District #307
Superintendent: Tim Garchow
Board of Directors:
Chairperson Jerry Sprouffske, Rebecca Stillings, Kathi Jo Moore, Kim Sanders and Dana Spivey

Nondiscrimination Policy Statement

Notice of Potential Power Curtailments

Asbestos Management

During heavy electrical use periods Puget Sound Energy may require the district to curtail electrical usage. The curtailment period is generally from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. Significant fines result when the curtailment is not adhered to. When a curtailment notice is received the elementary, middle and high school buildings will be vacated by 4:30pm. Any scheduled events during the curtailment period will be cancelled. The district will notify those involved as soon as a curtailment notice is received. Puget Sound Energy initiates the notice and it may not always be as early as we prefer. We realize a power curtailment can cause major inconvenience to many. However, the district has no option but to comply with the curtailment.

Rainier School District is required to inform the public about asbestos in the schools annually. Rainier has an asbestos management plan that is kept at the District Office and can be viewed Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm. The district designated person is Rick McCarty. He can be contacted at the Rainier Maintenance Office at (360)446-7403.