Elementary Winter Program  
December 17, 2015 at 7:00pm  
Mountaineer Gym

Middle School & High School Band Concert  
December 9, 2015 at 7:00pm  
Mountaineer Gym

PLU HONOR BAND

Congratulations to Ariana VanDusen for being accepted to the PLU Honor Band. She will spend 2 days at PLU rehearsing with conductors from around the nation on January 8th and 9th. The experience will end with a free concert on January 9, 2016 at 5:00pm, free for all to attend!

RAINIER HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAM

Our Rainier High School Robotics team will be competing in FIRST Tech Challenge at Bellarmine Prep in Tacoma. The Tech Challenge will give them the opportunity to show off their awesome robot. They have worked hard to put together a robot that can climb hills, push around debris, controlled with a team created app for a smartphone! Come support our team as they compete in FIRST Res-Q on December 12, 2015 from 9:00am to 2:00pm.

CYBER SECURITY PRESENTATION

Mrs. Rossmaier’s Classes got to hear David Morris, from the State Office of Cyber Security talk about cyber/internet pitfalls and security. The students were engaged in Mr. Morris’ talk as he elaborated on cyber bullying, identity theft, social media and the precautions everyone can take to avoid these cyber dangers. Mr. Morris went over several steps that can eliminate these digital problems.

Thank you to Washington State Cyber Security Office.

RAINIER MIDDLE SCHOOL ROBONAUTS

Our Rainier Middle School Robotics team, the RoboNauts, will be competing in the FIRST Lego League 2015 challenge, Trash Trek. The RoboNauts are comprised of 7th and 8th graders involved in the robotics class offered during the day. They have also been meeting after school twice a week to research trash and come up with innovative solutions to deal with our trash, as well as build a robot to navigate an obstacle course. Come cheer them on at Chinook Middle School on December 5, 2015 from 9:00am to 4:00pm as they take on the issue of trash.
In October, the Fourth Grade Classes were treated to a field trip to The Port of Olympia. Even though it was a rainy day, all the students still enjoyed their tour. The tour gave the students, staff and volunteer parents an insight into how important the Port of Olympia is to the economy of Washington State.

A big thank you to Jennie Foglia-Jones for the wonderful tour!

Rainier Elementary held an assembly to honor the brave men and women that have served or are currently serving in our nation’s military. All the veterans and guest were treated to songs performed by the entire student body. Several students from our fourth and fifth grade classes read their wonderful essays on what they liked best about America and our Veteran’s. Students from our third grades read a poem.

The 40 Veterans in attendance were honored with a card and a red flower. The entire student body and staff gave them a round of applause as a “Thank You “ for all they have sacrificed for our freedom.
Curriculum Night
Rainier Elementary School hosted its 1st Annual Curriculum Night. Parents had the opportunity to listen and ask questions as staff explained the curriculum used in their child’s class, whole group and small group instruction, formative assessments, targets and success criteria.

RES Fall Festival

Thank You
SE Thurston County Fire Department
Twenty-one girls from Rainier Middle School and one girl from Rainier High School attended the 2015 STEM Conference at Centralia College on Saturday, October 17, 2015. This event was a one-half day of career exploration in science, technology, engineering, and math. The Expanding Your Horizons Conference was for girls only (Grades 6-9). It is part of an ongoing effort to encourage girls to take more math and science classes in school and consider careers in those fields when they grow up.

First the girls attended an assembly called Motion Commotion, presented by Oregon Museum of Science and Industry. Student volunteers were able to participate in experiments in front of the rest of the audience. Topics at the assembly included energy conversions, forces, inertia, and laws of motion.

During the rest of the morning, the girls attended two different workshops chosen from a larger list. Some of the workshops were Integrative Medicine: Science and Nature Combined, The Skin You’re In, Wings, The Fire Within, CSI: Speaking for the Dead, Can You Save a Duck, and The Art and Science of Cheese-making. Most of the students were able to get into their first or second choices for a workshop. There were nineteen workshops to choose from.

All of the girls thoroughly enjoyed their morning at the conference and said they would like to attend again. They liked working with other girls from other districts and appreciated the expertise of the presenters.

This conference is a wonderful opportunity for our girls to work together and to learn about ideas and careers in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math. We hope to send more of our students to the conference next year.
Veteran’s Day Assembly

On November 10, 2015, the Rainier Chapter of the National Honor Society held its annual Veteran’s Day Assembly for the middle and high schools. The assembly was organized by Zak Miller, Augustine Maddox, Dalton Rush, Shouridama Beadle and Devyn Davis. Augustine Maddox was master of ceremonies. The Mountaineer Concert Band opened the assembly by playing the National Anthem.

The guest speaker this year was Miss Russ’ uncle, retired Lieutenant Colonel Daniel Russ. He served in the United States Air Force and Washington Air National Guard for over 28 years. He is a combat veteran who served in Central and South America, Asia, Europe, Africa and the Middle East. Mr. Russ was also a military lawyer for the Judge Advocate General Corps and served as a Staff Judge Advocate for the Western Air Defense, NORAD Region at McChord Field, JBLM. During his speech, Mr. Russ gave an overview of his Air Force career, talked about the impact serving in the military had on his life and his effort to help communities both within the United States and overseas.

Additional speakers were: Elizabeth Wilkinson (Class of 2020) and Jeff Norton. Elizabeth read two Veteran’s Day poems that she had written. Mr. Norton spoke about the impact his son, Justin Norton, had on us and the impact that the community had on Justin.

We would like to thank all who participated in this event and helped us to make this year’s assembly special.
Notes from the Counseling Office

FAFSA (Free Application for Student Aid) Information
All graduating seniors planning on attending college, vocational or technical school needs to complete the FAFSA.

Rainier High School’s annual FAFSA workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, January 6, 2016 in the High School Library at 6:00pm. There will be staff in the computer lab to help parents and students start and/or complete the FAFSA. For more information, please contact the RHS counseling center at 360-446-2215.

On January 28, 2016, at 8:30am, a representative will be at RHS to give the ASVAB Career Exploration Exam to all interested 10th, 11th and 12th grade students. Students must sign up in the counseling center before the test date.

The counseling center’s web page has been updated with numerous links to websites for: HS graduation requirements, college entrance requirements, testing information, scholarships, college and university applications and much more!

Punkin Chunkin

Rainier High School’s Skill USA Club along with their advisor John Lybecker, entered their student built trebuchet in the Hunter Farms annual Punkin Chunkin contest. Their 240 foot launch took first place! The club won $570.00.

CTE Department’s New Van

The Career and Technical Education Department has saved their money for several years and has finally purchased a brand new 2015 GMC Savana Van. CTE Director Sandy Rossmaier said, “It is nice to work towards a specific goal and finally achieve it.” A big thank you to Transportation Director Bob Marney, Superintendent Garchow and Principal Bahr.

Pictured with the van: Robotics Instructor Adam Cormwall, Agriculture Teacher Angie Karnes, and Consumer Science Teacher Michele Baker.
Rainier High School’s CTE Metal/Shop Teacher John Lybecker was one of the lucky welding/fabrication instructors in the nation to be selected to attend an all-expense paid trip to Universal Technical Institute's NASCAR TECH in Mooresville, North Carolina. John said it was an amazing trip. He was able to visit several of the area’s facilities and even received instruction showing how STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Manufacturing) is being taught. These classes are valued across the country by high demand and high wage industries. Our CTE (Career and Technical Education) Department has several STEM classes. RHS values John Lybecker and his commitment to students and their employability.

A Night at the Carnival was the theme for this year's Homecoming (chaired by Hailey McCann). It was a magical week filled with activities. The kick off assembly (chaired by Gabi Wilkinson and Katrina Barlass) was a mini fashion show and the coronation of royalty. The dress up days (chaired by Kera Anderson and counted by Keanna Vermillion) included: Hero Day, Surf’s Up, Beauty and the Geek, Hawk Out and Black Out. Congratulations to the Sophomore Class for having the most students dress up throughout the week. Lunch time competitions (chaired by Peyton Dungan, Tiffany Card and Shayla Rathburn) were both engaging and fun! The main pep assembly (chaired by Hailey McCann, Nicole Francis and Kera Anderson) was full of laughs and giggles.

The parade of Northwest Chevrolet cars (driven by our own transportation department) escorted the royalty in during half time of the football game.


Prom Closet was an option this year for those who wanted to borrow their formal wear for the dance (chaired by Kiera Pulsifier and Megan Tankersley).

The week was capped off with the dance on Saturday. Everyone had a great time during the week and at the dance.
**Important Phone Numbers**

- District Office: 446-2207
- Transportation: 446-2209
- Elementary School: 446-4020
- Middle School: 446-2206
- High School: 446-2205
- Food Service: 446-9133
- Special Education: 446-7406

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**Nondiscrimination Policy Statement**

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: John Beckman  P.O. Box 98, Rainier, WA 98576  360-446-2205  beckmanj@rainier.wednet.edu  
Bilingual Programs: Marianna Smith  P.O. Box 98, Rainier, WA 98576  360-446-4020  smithm@rainier.wednet.edu

**Notice of Potential Power Curtailments**

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.

**Asbestos Management**

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.

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**Balloon Prices**

- Latex Balloons- $1.00
- Mylar (foil) Balloons-
  - Printed-$4.00
  - Solid-$2.50
- Geo-donuts-$2.00
- Fish-$5.00
- Confetti-$4.00
- Balloon Weights—$1.50
- Standard bouquet-$7.50
- Giant bouquet-$10.00

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