December 1st at 6pm
City of Rainier’s Annual Tree Lighting and Santa Social
Come join the fun at Wilkowski Park for the annual tree lighting! There will be cocoa, snacks and most importantly, Santa! Get your family into the Holiday spirit with your community. Santa will be checking his list to see if you’re there!

December 2nd from 6pm to 8pm
Kid’s Holiday Bazaar and Santa Social
The Rainier Elementary Booster Club will be holding its Kid’s Bazaar and Santa Social in the Rainier Elementary Gym. This bazaar allows the kids to shop without their loved ones seeing what they are buying for them. There will be many vendors providing affordable gifts ranging from 50 cents to $10. If your child needs help shopping without you, we will be happy to help them. There is even a gift wrapping station!
Santa will be there for the kids to tell him their Christmas wish list. Please bring your own camera to capture the special moment. There will not be a photographer on site. We will be providing Free cookies, cocoa, cider and coffee. There will be door prize drawings throughout the night. The kids can even make a fun craft project to take home.
For questions contact: Kelly Hill @253-250-1010 or email @Hill.kelly9@gmail.com

December 8th at 7pm
Winter Band Concert
This year’s Winter Concert will feature the Rainier High School, Middle School and Elementary bands. The event will be held in the Mountaineer Gym.

December 15th at 7pm
Rainier Elementary Winter Program
Please come and enjoy some of your favorite holiday songs performed by our Kindergarten through Fifth grade students. The program will be held in the Mountaineer Gym.
Rainier FFA
Wreath and Centerpiece

Wreath $15.00
Centerpiece $12.00
Combo $25.00

December 1st until December 16th

Where: Rainier High School
Why: Students use the funds to help pay for chapter activities and state competition.
How: Fill out the order form and drop it off in the H.S. office or call us at 360-446-2205.

General: We will take special orders for additional charges. Just give us a call with specifics.

Name: _______________________
Date Wanted: ____________
Phone: __________________
Order:
_____ Wreath ($15.00)  Total ______
_____ Centerpiece ($12.00)  Total ______
_____ Combo ($25.00)  Total ______

Please make checks to Rainier High School
Homecoming 2016
RHS royalty was paraded on to the field during half time by the Corvette De’ Olympia Club. This year’s royalty included: Freshman Prince Brody Klein and Princess Mikayla Mantegna, Sophomore Prince Travis Honaker and Princess Nina Guizzetti, Junior Prince Ian Gehrke and Princess Katelyn Thompson, Senior Prince Hunter Coleman and Princess Jordan Golphenee, King Devyn Davis and Queen Lacee Largen.
The theme for the homecoming dance was “Hollywood Nights”. A great time was had by all.

Better Business Bureau
A Better Business Bureau Representative, Savannah Kimball, came to speak with Mrs. Rossmaier’s Business Classes. She talked about how the Better Business Bureau can help individuals, consumers and businesses. During lunch that day, Savannah spoke casually with the Future Business Leaders of America Club about her chosen pathway and what she has encountered along the way.

Gabe Murfitt
ASB President Keaton Carlson arranged to have Gabe Murfitt come to RHS. Gabe Murfitt is an inspiring speaker and author who challenges his audiences to live with courage in the face of life’s greatest challenges and adversities. Gabe is a young man with an amazing story. An assembly was held allowing Rainier’s middle and high school students to hear his story. He talked about kindness, avoiding bullying, courtesy and overcoming obstacles. After the assembly, Gabe joined Mrs. Rossmaier’s Leadership Class to talk about ways to implement these strategies into everyday life at Rainier.

SKILLS USA
SKILLS USA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry representatives working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. It helps teachers and high school students that are preparing for careers in technical, skilled and service occupations.
Rainier High School’s SKILLS USA members designed and constructed a cedar fence and gate for Ms. Fitzgerald to make some spending money for the club.
Pictured: Jesse Nubbe, Brock Young, Brandon Ziemathis and Michael Buter.
2016 Pumpkin Chunkin
This year’s Pumpkin Chunkin team created a design for distance and accuracy. RHS SKILLS USA Club worked on a trebuchet to take to Hunter’s Farm in Union. Congratulations to this year’s team for winning in 3 out of 4 categories! They took 1st in the longest launch, most accurate and best design.
Pictured: Jesse Nubbe, Becky Klontz, Michael Buter, Emily Gorley, Brandon Ziemathis, Haley Murray and Brock Young.

Trick-or-Eat
A huge thank you to the Rainier community for supporting the Rainier FFA in their goal to provide food for struggling members of our community. This year over 600 bags were distributed to the community the week before Halloween, asking for their help filling the bags with food. On Halloween, there was an amazing turn out of 30 volunteers to help with the collection process and 12 adults to help with driving and hauling the food. The food was then delivered to the Rainier Emergency food Center, where it weighed in at 5,749 pounds. This was a record amount, more than doubling the FFA’s best year.
A big thank you to Cabelas and Tenino Thriftway for donating all the bags.

Rainier FFA Rocks the Washington State Fair
Bringing home ribbons, plaques, banners and smiles, the Rainier FFA had a blast at the Washington State Fair in Puyallup. 10 members brought over 70 animals for showing and display. The fairgrounds put in a new Agri-Plex for the cattle kids and goats, pigs and rabbits were housed in the center of the fairgrounds, as in years past. The fair was action packed with shows and students overlapping to get it all in. We would like to send a special thanks to all the parent support needed to haul that many animals in and out of the fairgrounds. Also a special shout out to all of the Rainier community that stopped by to watch a show or check out the animal displays while we were there. We saw a lot of friendly faces. Rainier brought home awards in herdsmanship and livestock judging as well as all the individual awards/ribbons won by the students. This year we had students participate in demonstrations to the public for some added public speaking skills.

Rainier Chapter of the National Honor Society inducted seven new members. The ceremony was led by co-presidents Devyn Davis and Shouridama Beadle. The new members are juniors Adam Chatman, Katrina Barlass, Caleigh Lutz, Gabi Wilkinson, Leslie Camacho and seniors Taylor Holmes and Jordan Golphee. Thank you to all the friends and family who attended and helped to make this a special event.
The National Honor Society held their annual Veterans Day Assembly for the middle and high school students. The Mountaineer Band played several songs to welcome students, staff, parents and community members. The mistress and master of ceremony were Katrina Barlass and Devyn Davis. Gabi Wilkinson created a slideshow to honor the friends, family, and alumni who have served or are currently serving in the military. This year's guest speaker was Peter Hudspeth from the National Guard. Thanks to all veterans for their service to our country!

Rainier Elementary had their annual Veterans Day Assembly to honor the brave men and women that have served or are currently serving in our nation’s military. All veterans and guests were treated to songs performed by the entire student body and poems created by some of our fourth grade students.

The Elementary has displayed a flag made of our students hand prints and certificates with the names of family and friends that have served or are currently serving in the military.

We would like to thank all the brave men, women and their family for all they have sacrificed for our freedom!

Dictionary Project

Members of the Rainier Lions Club handed out dictionaries to Mrs. McNealley’s, Mrs. Mount’s and Mrs. Swanson’s third grade classes. Students were informed that dictionaries are a great source of information that can be used forever. All the students were very excited to learn that the dictionaries were theirs to keep and use in the classroom as well as at home.

The Rainier Lions Club has been handing out dictionaries to students for many years as a way to promote literacy. This service is part of a non-profit nation wide project called “The Dictionary Project”.

A big “thank you” from this year’s third graders!
Fall Scholastic Bookfair
Thank you to everyone that purchased books during the Rainier Elementary Fall Bookfair. Books sales totaled more than $4,000. Approximately, $1,300 will go to purchase new books for the Elementary Library. This will give RES students more books to read at school and at home.
A big thank you to our wonderful volunteers: Gail Whalen, Phyllis Roach, Rhonda Turnmire and our great 5th grade student helpers.
Rainier Elementary will be hosting another bookfair in the spring.

Music Department
Congratulations to RES music teacher Miss Branch. Miss Branch received a mini grant for $200 from the Thurston County School Retirees’ Association. The check was presented to her by Janet Brown of the TCSRA Endowment Committee.
Miss Branch will use the grant to purchase protective covers for the xylophones.

Girl Scouts
Come join Girl Scouts! Daisy-Brownie Troop 46545 meets every other Tuesday at Rainier Elementary from 3pm to 4:30pm. To register your kindergarten to 3rd grade daughter, please go to www.girlscoutsww.org or contact: Bev Snow: bevsnow14@gmail.com or Erin Pringle: jepringle@comcast.net

Fall Festival 2016
The Rainier Middle School Interact Club will be hosting a Winter Wonderland Dance to benefit the Rainier Emergency Food Center. The event will be held December 6th from 6pm to 8pm at the Rainier High School Commons. The cost is $2 or $1 with 2 non-perishable food items.

The Interact Club is sponsored by Rotary International, whose focus is to provide service to others and help build goodwill and peace in the world. The club attempts to do two service projects each year. One at the local level and another at the International level. This will be the club’s first local service project of the year. There are plans for more during the school year.

September Students of the Month: 6th grade-Grace Warner, 7th grade-Karisma Adams, 8th grade-Issac Martel Gomez.

October Students of the Month: 6th grade-Jake Jeske, 7th grade-Kaleb Franklin, 8th grade-Colton Howells.

Rainier A-took 1st place for the November Knowledge Bowl Meet.
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  - Rainier Middle and High School $2.90
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  - 4-12 Reduced Price student lunch is **40 cents**
  - Adult Lunch $3.75

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