Senior Awards Ceremony
This year’s Senior Award Ceremony will be held Monday, June 2, 2014 at 6:00pm in the cafeteria. Seniors will be honored with scholarships and achievement awards. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

Graduation is Friday, June 6, 2014 at 7:00pm in the Mountaineer Gym. Doors open at 6:00pm.
Rainier High School’s
Top Five Students for the
Class of 2014

Valedictorian Emily Houtz is the daughter of Melvyn Houtz and Sarah Myers. Emily plans to attend Eastern Washington University and earn a Bachelor’s Degree in Forensics. When asked what she liked best about her time at RHS, Emily replied, the smallness of the school. It makes it easier to connect with other people.

Words for underclassmen: BE INVOLVED! Participating in more activities makes your high school experience a lot better.

Salutatorian Zachary Froembling is the son of David Froembling and Zena Wilson. Zach will be attending the Air Force Academy in the fall. He will be majoring in Aerospace Engineering. As for what he liked best about RHS, Zach said, small school atmosphere and the personal relationships with teachers.

Words for underclassmen: Don’t sell yourself short of your dreams.

Ellie Gunderson is the daughter of Dirk and Meredith Gunderson. In the fall Ellie plans on attending the University of Washington. She felt the best part of RHS were the opportunities the school presented to her.

Words for underclassmen: Remember Running Start is an option.

Aryn Thomas is the daughter of Randy and Diane Thomas. She plans to continue her education at Oregon State University and pursue a career in Pharmacy. The support and encouragement from the RHS teachers is what she liked best from her years at RHS.

Words for underclassmen: Don’t fall behind in school. Take advantage of all the resources available to you in high school.

Ashley Honaker is the daughter of William S. Honaker. She plans to attend Centralia College then University of Puget Sound for a degree in Physical Therapy. The best part of RHS for Ashley is the never ending love and support from the school community.

Words for underclassmen: Strive for success, no matter the struggle.
Senior Presentations
This year’s presentations were held on March 18th, 19th and 20th. 100% of this year’s graduating seniors passed their presentation with a score of 80% or higher. CONGRATULATIONS!! Many thanks to the panelists that gave up their own personal and work time to score the Class of 2014 Senior Presentations. Thank you to: Dave Shepherd, Ida Boesch, Dana Spivey, Maureen Baker, Jim Meldrum, Eric Dickerson, Kathi Jo Moore, Kim Sanders, Tami Clark, Jill Wilkinson and Melissa Marion. Thanks to the following staff members that participated on the panel: Ms. Azzarella, Mr. Cinkovich, Mr. Franklin, Mr. Cornwall, Mrs. Laramie, Mr. Lybecker, Mrs. Baker, Miss Dickerson and Mrs. Rossmaier.

Juniors Complete Mock Interviews
The junior class had an opportunity to experience what it felt like to interview for a job during HSPE week. Melissa Marion was on campus March 18th to interview juniors who had submitted their job documents. Juniors were also required to observe at least one session of senior presentations to help them prepare for next year. Many thanks to Mrs. Karnes and Melissa Marion for fulfilling this need for our juniors.

Sophomore HSPE Test
The old gym was utilized as a testing site for the sophomores. The students worked hard to complete the state mandated HSPE test from March 18th-20th. Thanks to Counselor Robinson, Mrs. Chatman, Mrs. Beckman, Miss Russ and Mrs. Fitzgerald for proctoring the exam.

Freshmen Activities
This years freshmen were able to experience some hands on learning to help them prepare their path for the future during HSPE week. On March 18th, they visited the Nisqually Wildlife Refuge. Students were given the opportunity to hike through our natural environment and learn how to interact with nature. On March 19th, they listened to Superintendent Garchow and State Trooper Jim Meldrum express the types of behaviors and attitudes that can help them in planning their future. On March 20th, the freshmen went on a tour of the University of Washington’s Tacoma Campus,. This turned out to be the highlight of the week for the freshmen students. They came back with the knowledge that continuing their education after high school can help them shape their future. Thank you to Mr. Henry and Mrs. Meldrum for chaperoning these journeys.

Future Business Leaders of America
The annual Future Business Leaders of America conference was held in Tacoma at Cheney Stadium. The conference helps students get a better understanding of the business aspects of running an entire venue for sports, amusement and entertainment. Morgan Spivey, Elyssa Champlin and Lily Wilkinson attended along with chaperon Jill Wilkinson.
President’s Volunteer Service Award

Lily Wilkinson, a junior at Rainier High School, was honored for her exemplary volunteer service with a President’s Volunteer Service Award.

The National Award, which recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered a significant amount of their time to serve their communities and their country, was granted by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program on behalf of President Barack Obama. Lily was nominated last fall for this award by Rainier High School in recognition of her service.

“The recipients of these awards demonstrate that young people across America are making remarkable contributions to the health and vitality of their communities,” said John Strangefeld, chairman of Prudential Financial. “Demonstrating civic responsibility through volunteerism is an important part of life,” said NASSP Executive Director JoAnn Bartoletti. “These honorees practice a lesson we hope all young people, as well as adults, will emulate.

Skills USA

Congratulations to Skills USA members Alex North, Baron Delio and Clayton Cady. These gentlemen represented Rainier High School in the welding fabrication contest. They took first place at the regional contest held in Elma. At the state competition held in Tacoma, they took the bronze metal, placing third. Congratulations gentlemen!

1st Annual Rainier School District Science Fair

This year all middle and high school students were required to do an experimentation project in science. Those projects were then presented and scored in their respective classrooms. The projects/boards that scored a B or higher were brought together at each building level. From there the top 30 were chosen from each building. Those 60 boards/projects were then put on display at the 1st Annual Rainier School District Science Fair. A total of 16 judges from our surrounding community viewed the student’s projects. The judges were amazed at the different project types and the student’s knowledge of their topic. Even though the students were nervous, they came away with a feeling of accomplishment. After the initial judging took place, the science fair was open to the Elementary students and teachers, parents and community members.

Winners from RMS: 3rd place to Jesse St. Louis, 2nd place to Brody Klein and 1st place to Elaina Hansen. RHS winners: 3rd place to Lily Wilkinson, 2nd place to Toby Scalvenzi and 1st place to Jesse Nubbe. The winners of this year’s event are being encouraged to take their projects to the PLU Regional Science Fair.

As our Science Fair moves forward, we hope to expand, allowing more students to show off their projects and have an evening tour. Therefore, more parents and community members would be able to attend.

Thanks to all that helped make this year’s Science Fair a great success!
Eighth Grade Bridge Ceremony

The Award Ceremony will be held June 11, 2014 at 6:00pm in the Mountaineer Gym.

Mrs. Anderson’s eighth graders just finished reading *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton. Students, dressed as Socs or Greasers, participated in a relay race to convey the social inequality and prevalence of stereotypes throughout the novel. They learned firsthand how important it is to value individuals and not judge people based on societal labels.

The following students were selected to present their science experimentation project at the Annual Rainier School District Science Fair for students in grades 6th through 12th.

6th graders: Tyler Barlass, Brody Klein and Elizabeth Wilkinson
7th graders: Jessica Kraft, Kassandra Simpson, Sophie Guizzetti, Elaina Hansen, Ricky Cruse, Travis Honaker, Lauren Ackerson, Jesse St. Louis, Nina Guizzetti, Caleb Santella, Elizabeth Reeves and Wyatt Coleman.
8th graders: Matthew Brice, Courtney Koivu, Sami Edminster, Sydney North, Alyvia Schultz, Sierra Guierz, Morgan Quackenbush, Kristen Foote, Katrina Barlass, John Jones, Alex Edmondson, Kylee Wagner, Cameron Wagner, Ryan Jelsvik and Gabi Wilkinson.
Pi Day

Pi Day is celebrated on March 14th (3/14) around the world. Pi (Greek letter “π”) is the symbol used in mathematics to represent a constant — the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter — which is approximately 3.14159. All Rainier Elementary 5th graders got to experience Pi Day for themselves with a guest speaker, Aaron Garner, who piqued their interest by posing a “which is the best pizza ‘Pi’ deal”? Students were introduced to the real world concept of an irrational number by measuring a round object to target the understanding that pi is 3 and “just a little more.” Students discussed the origin of pi and the non-terminating decimal it creates. They also discussed the relationship between the diameter and the radius and the formulas that use pi.

Mrs. Garner/Hughes’ class then continued Pi Day in their classroom. Each student received an oversize "pi cookie". They had to measure the circumference and diameter of their cookie in centimeters. They then had to travel around measuring the circumference and diameter of several containers that held different ingredients to put on their "pi". Once all information was calculated and recorded, students could enjoy their "pi" cookie.

RES Playground Update

In September of 2013, RES student Faith Boesch asked Superintendent Garchow if a playground could be added to the Elementary School. He politely replied, “It was an awesome idea but the district didn’t have the funds for it.” Faith did not give up. She asked Ellen DeGeneres for help, but never received anything. Faith then asked (her mom) Ida Boesch for help. Ida took on the task of getting an additional playground for the elementary. The playground will cost roughly $30,000. Ida wrote grants, coordinated a coin drive, fund raisers, and asked businesses for money.

Fast forward to May 2014. A total of $27,000 has been raised for the new playground. Even though we will need to continue raising money in order to finish the project, the new structure has been ordered. A tentative “build” date has been set for August 2nd. We will need many volunteers. All help would be greatly appreciated.

A big thank you to the following for their generous donations: Nisqually Indian Tribe, The Class of 1964, Weyerhaeuser, Lions Club, Fromebling Family, Hensley Family, Nisqually Baptist Church, Elementary Booster Club, Coffee Family, Fairpoint, Rainier Businesses and the Rainier Community. We would also like to thank all the parents and students that donated money to help make this possible. This is truly a school and community project!

Thank you Ida and Faith Boesch.

None of this would have been possible without all your hard work!

Thank You Volunteers!

The Rainier School District would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers for their dedication to our students. Your time assisting students in the classroom, on field trips, chaperoning at dances and helping at sporting events is very valuable to us!

Out of District Students

Students living out of the Rainier School District borders must complete an Inter-District Transfer EVERY YEAR. Please contact the school district you live in to start the paperwork for the 2014-2015 school year. Returning out of district students will not be assigned classes until this paperwork is completed. Thank you for your cooperation.

Nurse’s Notes

All medications need to be picked up on June 12th. If the medication is not picked up by June 13th the medication will be destroyed at the end of the day. Please do not ask to have your child bring home their medication. Legally we can not do this.

Immunizations: Students entering 6th grade must have at least one dose of Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine and a booster vaccine of Tdap, if they are 11 years old and it has been 5 or more years since the last dose. Students in 7th-12th grade are also required to have these vaccinations if not done in previous years.

For more information, please contact us at the elementary school 360-446-4020 or the middle school 360-446-2206.

Nurse Kelly Williams and Nurse Lyndsay Richardson

Food Service

There will be no negative balances allowed after May 25th. All accounts must be current. Students must have cash or money in their account to eat meals for the remainder of the school year.

Thank you for a wonderful school year! Enjoy your summer vacation!

Important Phone Numbers

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Superintendent: Tim Garchow
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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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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

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