Rainier Elementary School
Pre-Registration opens online April 10th
Kindergarten Round-Up
Thursday, April 27, 2017
6:00pm to 7:00pm

Your child needs to be five years of age on or before August 31, 2017, for the 2017-2018 Kindergarten

To start the registration process:
On or after April 10th, please pre-register online: http://www.rainier.wednet.edu/domain/60, click on the Kindergarten Pre-Registration link. We will contact you to confirm your interest in our kindergarten program and review our registration process. We also would like to invite you and your kindergartner to come to our Kindergarten Round-Up, April 27th from 6:00pm-7:00pm.

During the Round-Up:
Meet the Kindergarten teachers
Enjoy refreshments & a free book
Meet the Principal & additional staff
Have a guided tour of the building
Speak with the nurse to discuss vaccinations and any health care issues
Do a brief kindergarten screening
Complete Registration Packets

To complete your child’s registration:
A completed Registration Packet, available at Kindergarten Round Up or afterwards
A copy of your child’s birth certificate
Immunization records
Proof of residency

The Registration process needs to be completed before the first day of school.
We look forward to seeing our future kindergarteners and parents.
Thank you for sharing your precious child/children with us.

Rainier Preschool Pre-Registration

Pre-Registration for the Rainier Preschool begins May 15th at 3:30pm on our website:
http://www.rainier.wednet.edu/domain/60

If needed, laptops will be available in the elementary conference room, May 15th & 16th only, from 3:30pm-4:00pm.

Space is limited and will be handled on a first come basis; this online form will timestamp your registration. We will contact you to confirm your interest in our preschool program and review our registration process. Your child needs to be 3½ years old and potty trained by August 31, 2017. To complete the registration, we will need the Preschool registration packet (available after May 15th), a copy of your child’s birth certificate and immunization records. If you have any questions about the program, please call 360.446.4020.
Dear Rainier Families,

Highly Capable Nominations are now being accepted for the 2017-2018 school year. Teachers and parents may nominate students to be considered for Highly Capable Program from February 20th, 2017-March 3rd, 2017. If you would like to have your child considered for testing, you can obtain the Parent Nomination forms in your child’s school building or on the district website. They must be returned to your child’s school office no later than March 3rd 2017.

All nomination forms will be reviewed and all students nominated will go through a screening process that includes a review of state Assessment scores, teacher input, online screening assessment (CogAT) and district assessment scores. Those students who advance through the initial screening process will then take the complete battery of tests (CogAT) online. Parents will be notified if their child will complete the full battery of testing or not.

A selection committee will review all the test results and other pertinent information such as full battery CogAT test, grades, creativity and information from parents and teachers. Those students considered highly qualified will be identified, and the students and parents will be notified.

Those elementary students who are identified as highly capable will be placed in advanced reading and/or the advanced math group. Middle school students will be placed in the Honors Programs, and the high school students will be placed in AP classes.

If you have any questions about the screening and identification process of the highly capable program, please give me a call.

HiCap Timelines Listed Below
February 20th-March 3rd Parent/Teacher HiCap Nominations Open
March 3rd Deadline for Parent/Teacher HiCap Nominations
March 6th-10th CogAT Online Screenings for all Nominations
March 20th-24th CogAT Full Battery Testing and Parents Notified of Screening Results
March 27th-30th Results to Parents of CogAT Full Battery Testing

Sincerely,
Mariana Smith
Rainier School District
Highly Capable Coordinator
(360) 446-4020
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Help the Rainier School District celebrate School Breakfast Week
March 6th-10th, 2017

Research has proven that breakfast is the most important meal of the day for a child’s health, academic achievement, cognitive development and mental health. Unfortunately, many children regularly skip breakfast each morning, depriving them of the important benefits associated with the morning meal.

Reasons for eating a school breakfast:
- School breakfast is a healthy and affordable way for kids to start the day.
- The Rainier School District breakfast program menus are planned to meet the Dietary Guidelines.
- Children have more energy and brain power to start the school day.
- Overall, students that participate in a school breakfast have better attendance and behavior.

A RESOLUTION THAT’S EASY TO KEEP!

A school breakfast and lunch offers all students a convenient, economical and healthy alternative for their school day nutrition. So why not take advantage of this wonderful service each school day? When your child/children join us for breakfast and lunch, you can be assured that they are eating nutritious meals and your family may even qualify for meal benefits. You can apply anytime during the school year. Students that are approved for meal benefits are never identified at school in any way.

Please have your child/children join us for breakfast and lunch each day at school.

Did you know?

1. Between breakfast and lunch, each day’s school meals provide more than half of your child’s dietary needs.
2. Kids who take advantage of our school meals on average consume more servings of fresh fruit and veggies, than those that bring their lunch.
3. Studies show that children who eat a good breakfast as close to the start of the school day pay better attention in class, behave better and score higher on test.

If you have any questions or concerns about our programs or your eligibility for free or reduced prices, please contact Debi Holmes at 360-446-2207 or email holmesd@rainier.wednet.edu
Rainier Elementary students will once again be participating in the American Heart Association’s Jump Rope for Heart. Rainier students have been participating in this event since 1989. This year’s event will be held on Thursday, March 9th from 3:00 to 4:00pm in the Elementary school gym.

Parents need to pick up their child/children at 4:00pm. There will be no transportation for this event. All participating students will need to have a signed permission slip turned in to the office.

Jump Rope for Heart is an excellent way for students to learn about the value of physical exercise while helping their community fight heart disease.

Rainier Elementary will be hosting a “Camp Read-A-Lot” Scholastic Book Fair during conference week, March 27th-30th.

We will be having a drawing for two baskets of books on the morning of March 31st. Tickets for the drawing will be handed out by each teachers during conferences. You will receive a ticket from each teacher that you conference with.

The Book Fair will be open Monday – Thursday 8:00am to 3:30pm and Wednesday evening from 4:30pm to 7:30pm.
Rainier School District
Child Find

Child find is a continuous process of public awareness activities, screening and evaluation designed to locate, identify and refer, as early as possible, all young children with disabilities and their families who are in need of Early Intervention Program (Part C) or Preschool Special Education (Part B) services of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA.)

Typically developing can mean many different things at an early age. Child Find requires all school districts to identify, locate, and evaluate all children with disabilities, regardless of the severity of their disability. Schools are required to do this for all children with disabilities from birth through age 21. The Child Find mandate applies to all children who reside within the state, including children who attend private and public schools, highly mobile children, migrant children, homeless children, and children who are wards of the state.

If you suspect your child (ages 3-5 years old) may have a disability in one or more of these areas, your child may be eligible for special education services:

- Cognitive (thinking skills)
- Speech
- Language
- Motor skills
- Social/emotional
- Behavior

Rainier School District Child Find—a screening to determine if there is a need for further evaluation for special education services. Assessments are held on a scheduled basis at Rainier Elementary School (600 Third St W. Rainier, WA 98576.)

Screening/Evaluation
To schedule a Child Find screening for your child, please contact the special education secretary at (360) 446-7406.

Homeless Special Education/Child Find (3-5 year olds)
McKinney-Vento Act
If your family is living in a temporary situation, you may contact Bryon Bahr, RSD Homeless Liaison, at (360) 446-2207.

Under 3 Years Old
If your child is LESS THAN 3 YEARS OLD and you suspect a possible delay, parents should contact Parent 2 Parent at 360 352-1126.
Congratulations to the Rainier Wrestlers on completing a successful season. Rainier finished the season placing 12th at the state tournament out of 43 participating schools. Rainier was 3.5 points away from making it onto the top ten board. Leading the Mountaineers as he has all season was senior Curtis Lenz who won a state title at 106 pounds. Lenz becomes just the 5th Mountaineer to claim a state title and the first since 2006. Lenz improves on his 4th place finish from last year. Lenz, who was the number one ranked wrestler at 106 for the B schools the entire season, battled a high fever on the final day to complete a successful career at Rainier.

Freshman Tyler Barlass also brought home some hardware claiming 5th place at 106. Tyler becomes the first Rainier freshman to win a medal at the state tournament. Also competing in the Tacoma Dome were fellow freshman Brody Klein (132), Juniors David Hoover (170) and Justin Geray (145) and senior Steven Roberts (170). Sophomore Ted Lester (145) qualified to compete but due to an injury suffered at regional’s he was unable to. Fellow sophomore Alex Moe (152) was an alternate.

Rainier wrestling had 73 tournament placers this season, wrestling many of the top A and B schools in the state to prepare for the post season. Rainier placed 5th at the Sub-Region tournament and repeated that the following week with a 5th place at the Region tournament.

There are many people that the team would like to express thanks to for their assistance and help during this successful season. Dave and Deb Mounts for their generous donations of food and water for the kids going to state. Belinda Hayner for the thousands of photos you’ve taken of the wrestlers! The large number of volunteers who helped run the Sgt. Justin Norton Memorial Tournament; Shawna Klein, Bonnie Geray, Heidi & Jason Roberts, Amy Dunn, Rick Cruse, Andy Gallwas, Rob Young, Marty Fortin, Katrina Barlass, Donald Roberts, Ricky Cruse, Ian Sprouffske, Dylan Davis, Brie Klein and Stuart DesRoschers. Andy Gallwas and Rob Young for your coaching help. Brian Peterson of Reality Sports for your willingness to host a mini camp over Christmas. To the hundreds not mentioned, thank you!!
These SKILLS USA students designed, cut out, welded up and organized galvanize bench parts this winter. The bench parts will be donated to the high school.

Mrs. Rossmair's Senior English Class and Future Business Leaders of America students took a fieldtrip to the Ice Chips Factory in Yelm and Tumwater. The class had just read "Two Grannies in A Garage" written by Beverly Vines-Haines (local authors and co-founder with Charlotte Clary of Ice Chips/Naked Newt).

Students began with a tour by Belinda Hayner, of the Health And Beauty Aid Division in Yelm. Then a tour of the Ice Chips Factory in Tumwater. The "Grannies" talked with the students answering their questions about their pursuit of business and entrepreneurship. The group finished the day with lunch at Meconi's. It was a wonderful culmination of a quarter long process of goal setting, reading and establishing a career pathway to the future.

Special thanks to Bev, Charlotte, Belinda, Principal Beckman and Superintendent Bahr.
You are cordially invited to attend the

Rainier Education Foundation

18TH ANNUAL AUCTION FOR EDUCATION
SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017

~~ Location ~~
Rainier High School
308 2nd Street West, Rainier, WA

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3:30pm Silent Auction, tables start to close at 4:15pm
6pm Barbeque by Steele Clayton, ST Farms, Yelm
6:55pm Dessert Dash
7pm Live Auction with Larry Schorno, Auctioneer
This will include the famous card draw! Winner chooses the first live auction item!
(Some restrictions may apply)

Free Admission    Dinner Tickets $14 per person

Dinner tickets should be purchased online at:
www.rainiereducationfoundation.com
There will be a limited amount of tickets available at the door!
Funds raised at the auction help support seniors, renewal scholarships and staff grants!

Volunteers are Welcome!

Donations can still be dropped off at the high school office or the REF portable on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:00pm. Located behind the shop, over looking the football field.

Thank You

Thank you to the Rainier Community, students and staff at Rainier Elementary for your support of our Cap and Glove/Mitten Drive.
There were over 650 pairs of gloves/mittens and caps donated to Olive Crest. Olive Crest is an organization that has provided emergency and long term shelter and care for abused, vulnerable and neglected children.