

Rainier School District Newsletter

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Holiday Events



November 30, 2017 at 6pm

City of Rainier's Annual Tree Lighting

Come join the fun at Holiday Park (Gazeebo by Rainier Middle School) 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 1, 2017 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm

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, they 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. They 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.

To be a vendor at this event or if you have questions please contact: Kelly Hill @253-250-1010 or email @Hill.kelly9@gmail.com



Winter Programs



December 6, 2017 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 14, 2017 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

December 1st
until
December 14th

Wreath \$15.00
Centerpiece \$12.00
Combo \$25.00



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





RAINIER SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Home of the Cougars, Mountain Lions, and Mountaineers"

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTERDENT BAHR

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The winter season is upon us. Our district staff understands that our decision to open or close schools in bad weather has a big effect on families. We also understand that our students are better served - both academically and socially - by being in school. But as always, our top priority is the safety of our students.

HOW DO WE MAKE OUR DECISION?

Please understand that we make the decision to open or close the schools in bad weather based on a careful analysis of all relevant factors, such as:

- Information on road conditions from transportation staff and from the police. We must give careful consideration to the most dangerous roads in the district. Even if your street looks clear, travel elsewhere in the district may be dangerous. Also, we must consider that some high school students drive to school.

- Amount of snow and ice accumulated.

- Whether precipitation is continuing.

- Building conditions (such as whether we have electricity and heat).

- Parking lot conditions. Administrators talk to maintenance and custodial staff members who are responsible for clearing and treating school parking lots and sidewalks.

- Temperature and wind chill. Please remember that some of our students walk to school and some must wait out side for the bus.

- Weather predictions. We prefer not to make our decision based on weather predictions, which are not always accurate. But sometimes this is unavoidable.

- What other school districts are doing. We also share information with other local districts and check whether they are opening or closing.

WHO MAKES THE DECISION?

As superintendent of schools, I am responsible for the final decision, based on the above factors and recommendations from the director of transportation and the director of building facilities.

HOW IS THE PUBLIC NOTIFIED?

Tune to local radio stations (KGY 95.3 and MIXX 96.1 FM radio) for up-to-date information on school closings. You can also follow our district on our district website www.rainier.wednet.edu Families will also be notified by text, voice and email if you are in our system.

WHEN IS THE DECISION MADE?

I must make the decision by 6:00 am or earlier so we can notify radio and TV stations and post the decision on our website. If I wait longer to announce a closing, some parents will have already left for work, leaving their children unsupervised.

TRANSPORTATION

When there are icy or snowy conditions, busses will run on designated snow routes. Check out the transportation web site for snow route information.

If you or your teenager normally drive to school, your student is welcome to take the bus on snowy or icy days. Our bus transportation will pick up and drop all Rainier School District students at designated bus stops. You may call Transportation at 360-446-2209 or check our web site for route information.

WILL WE CLOSE SCHOOL IF CONDITIONS WORSEN?

Keep in mind that, even if weather conditions worsen, we cannot reverse our decision in the morning without endangering students. Once we make the decision to open the schools, many parents rely on it and leave for work. If we then send students right back home, many will return to unsupervised bus stops and empty houses. If conditions get worse during the school day, we may need to have an early dismissal, but we will give adequate notice to all parents first.

Although my staff and I do our absolute best in this process, we know that often no perfect decision exists. If, based on current weather conditions, you do not feel as though it is safe for your child to attend school, use your best judgment on whether he or she should attend. Also, discourage teenagers from driving in bad conditions and offer them alternatives if weather conditions worsen.

We hope that this explanation helps everyone understand the process that our district staff uses to make the best possible decision for all in our district.

Yours truly,

Bryon Bahr

Superintendent
Rainier School District

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Nurse's Notes

Nine signs children may need an eye exam

"More often than not, vision problems go unnoticed until children begin school," said Associate Professor of Ophthalmology Marcela Frazier, O.D.. "Children grow up naturally adapting to vision issues, so when they get into school and start reading and learning, that is when parents and teachers begin to notice certain problems."

Here are nine signs children may need an (comprehensive) eye exam:

1. **Complaining of headaches**
2. **Becoming fatigued after reading**
3. **Poor sports performance**
4. **Squinting or closing one eye**
5. **Blinking or rubbing eyes:** while trying to concentrate on an activity, particularly reading
6. **Poor reading ability and comprehension**
7. **Poor school performance**
8. **Holding electronic devices or books too close to eyes:** It is a myth that sitting too close to electronic devices can hurt your eyes, but if a child is sitting too close to the TV or holding a book too close to his/her face, it might be a sign of a vision problem.
9. **Loss of place while reading:** Using a finger to track the words can be typical behavior for a child who is learning to read, but pay attention to this behavior.

Written by: Jessica Martindale

<http://www.uab.edu/news/youcanuse/item/8654-nine-signs-children-may-need-an-eye-exam>

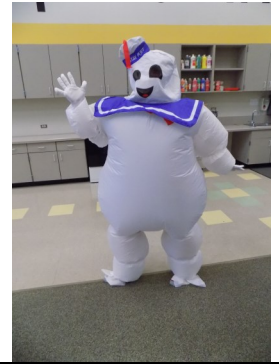


Rainier Elementary School Cougars

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Student Support Kim Sackett

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Fall Festival 2017



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!



Storyteller Jim Cogan

Jim Cogan a nationally famous storyteller came to Rainier Elementary to tell stories about social justice and immigration.

Jim Cogan is a former public school administrator, teacher, journalist, naturalist, historian, actor and author to his world as a storyteller.

His oral presentation was often hilarious and yet filled with lots of energy as he moved around the students. All the students enjoyed the voices, gestures and emotions used to tell the story, while listening to the message.

Rainier Middle School Mountain Lions



Principal John Beckman
Assistant Principal Jerrad Jeske

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2017-2018 MS ASB Officers



President—Kaeley Schultz

Vice President—Sean Mahaffey

Treasurer—Faith Boesch

Secretary —Nicole Paarlberg

Sgt. At Arms—Anna Champlin

ASB Representative—Kaleb Franklin

CONGRATULATIONS!

Veterans of Foreign Wars held their annual Patriot's Pen Essay Contest.

Patriot's pen gives 6th, 7th and 8th grade students the opportunity to express their opinion on a patriotic theme and improve their writing skills, while they compete for worthwhile awards and prizes. The essay must be a product of their own thinking and original work.

Congratulations to the Selena Niemi, Elizabeth West and Isabel Pacheco-Ortiz for being chosen winners in the "The America I Believe In" essay contest.





Rainier High School Mountaineers

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RHS Robotics

The Rainier High School Robotics Team had their first competition on November 4th. The team created a robot that can pickup and move 6 inch cubes and stack them in a designated zone. The team finished 8th out of 17 teams. The next match will be held on December 2, 2017 at Capital High School. The tournament will begin at 1:00pm. Please come and support our Robotics Team.



SKILLS USA Club News

SKILLS USA Club has been really busy this fall. We have been working at Gerrit's Green Tree Farm, helping them clear out trees damaged by the summer drought. Our president Michael Buter, was just one of the great workers!

Then, we started working on our pumpkin throwing Trebuchet. Once it was complete, we took it to the competition held at Hunter Farms in Union, WA. We wanted to defend our 2016 Pumpkin Fest Catapult Championship Title!

We won the distance contest with a throw of 343'. We took First Place in the design contest and Second Place in the accuracy contest. Our team brought home \$1,500 in cash, gift cards and prizes this year.



Football Concessions

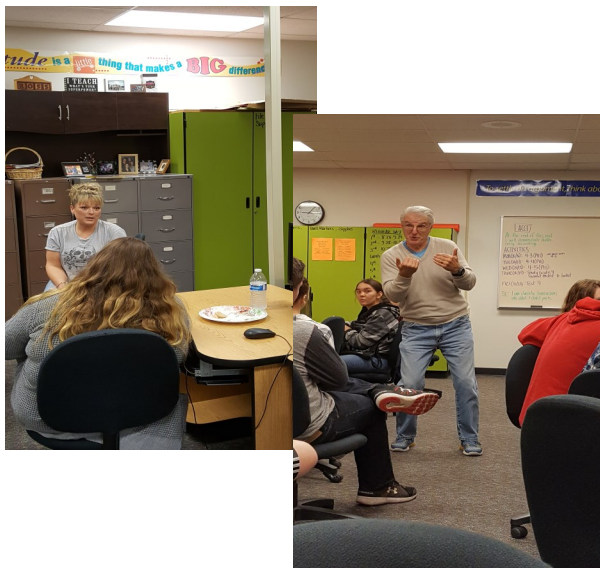
Many thanks to our loyal Mountaineer Fans for a wonderful season of concessions to benefit RHS Associated Student Body. A special thank you to the Dickerson Family for being our BBQ Team. They are the ones that make sure your Mountie Burger is DELICIOUS!

The concessions were ran by Sandy Rosσμαier's Entrepreneurship students who are all members of the Future Business Leaders of America. Throughout the process students learn to shop, price, prepare and reconcile "their" business with the profits benefiting the general ASB. Those students are Vanessa Champlin, Piper Daub, Annika DeMint, Dakota DuCharme, Tristan McCusker-Carter, Justin Geray, Alison Gibson, Nick Robinson, Aleahya Webb-Rocha, Haley Suave, Tanna Spivey, Elizabeth Wilkinson and Gabi Wilkinson.

Alison Gibson was this year's person in charge. She mastered the task of supervising her peers.



Guest Speakers Enlighten RHS Students



Rainier High School's Future Business Leaders of America Chapter hosts a guest speaker each month during their business lunch. In October, Glenda Guerra, owner of Glenda's Espresso, shared her life experiences that helped her create the business she operated here in Rainier. Glenda spoke about work ethic and integrity, as being two traits that can help you achieve your dreams. Thank you Glenda!

Mrs. Rosσμαier's Senior English Students learned about investing and the stock market from Steve Dobosz. In the two day experience students were able to play the stock market through an on-line simulation. Steve is actively involved with the Yelm Rotary and a dynamic speaker. Thank you Steve for sharing your wisdom.

CTE Advisory Committees

Our Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs at Rainier High School met with some awesome local industry people, who were willing to share their knowledge and skills to help us strengthen our CTE Programs. These volunteers comprise our CTE Advisory Committee.

Our CTE Programs include: Agriculture, Business, Family and Consumer Science, Robotics and Industrial Technology.

On October 10, 2017, the committee met and reviewed the programs of work (goals) for the 2017-2018 school year. They reviewed and approved the CTSO (Career and Technical Student Organizations) plans for the year. It was an enlightening evening and they will meet in February and then again in April to evaluate our programs and facilities.

These CTSO's are: FFA, FBLA, Interact, Robotics Club and SKILLS USA.

Thank you Advisory Committee for all your hard work!

RHS Girls Basketball

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Location</u>
11/25	Jamboree	Yelm
12/2	Northwest Christian	NWCHS
12/4	Tenino	Rainier
12/6	Onalaska	Onalaska
12/8	Morton/White Pass	Morton
12/11	Northwest Christian	Rainier
12/13	Adna	Adna
12/15	Pe Ell	Pe Ell
12/19	Napavine	Rainier
12/20	Tenino	Tenino
1/3	Kalama	Rainier
1/5	Toutle Lake	Toutle Lake
1/9	Winlock	Winlock
1/11	Wahkiakum	Rainier
1/16	Mossyrock	Rainier
1/18	Toledo	Toledo
1/23	Onalaska	Rainier
1/25	Morton/White Pass	Rainier
1/27	Adna	Rainier
1/30	Pe Ell	Rainier
2/1	Napavine	Napavine

RHS Boys Basketball

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Location</u>
11/28	Mossyrock	Rainier
11/30	Tenino	Rainier
12/2	Northwest Christian	NWCHS
12/5	Onalaska	Rainier
12/7	Morton/White Pass	Rainier
12/12	Adna	Adna
12/16	Pe Ell	Rainier
12/18	Napavine	Napavine
12/20	Tenino	Tenino
1/2	Kalama	Kalama
1/4	Toutle Lake	Rainier
1/10	Winlock	Rainier
1/12	Wahkiakum	Wahkiakum
1/17	Mossyrock	Mossyrock
1/19	Toledo	Rainier
1/24	Onalaska	Onalaska
1/26	Morton/White Pass	White Pass
1/27	Adna	Rainier
1/31	Pe Ell	Pe Ell
2/2	Napavine	Rainier



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



Rainier School District #307

Superintendent: Bryon Bahr

Board of Directors:

Chairperson Jerry Sprouffske, Rebecca Stillings,
Kathi Jo Moore and Dana Spivey

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: Jerrad Jeske P.O. Box 98, Rainier, WA 98576 360-446-2205 jeskej@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

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.



Rainier High School Floral Class

WANT TO SEND FLOWERS OR BALLOONS TO YOUR STUDENT FOR THEIR BIRTHDAY?

THE RAINIER HIGH SCHOOL FLORAL CLASS HAS WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR. WE CARRY A LARGE SELECTION OF BALLOONS AND FLOWERS FOR EVERY OCCASSION. GIVE US A CALL FOR YOUR SPECIAL EVENT. STUDENT* AND DISTRICT STAFF DELIVERIES ARE AVAILABLE DURING REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS. OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL ORDERS ARE PICK-UP ONLY AND ALSO AVAILABLE DURING REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS.

MAKE SOMEONE SMILE TODAY AND CALL!

360-446-2205

AND ASK FOR THE FLORAL DEPARTMENT

*** STUDENTS CAN NOT TAKE FLOWERS /BALLOONS HOME ON THE BUS SO ALTERNATE ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE.**

Weddings and other special occasion
balloon and floral orders by appointment.
Event delivery/set-up too!