

Rainier School District Newsletter

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Rainier Elementary School Pre-Registration opens online March 5th Kindergarten Orientation Tuesday, April 24, 2018 6:00pm to 7:00pm



Your child needs to be five years of age on or before August 31, 2018, for the 2018-2019 Kindergarten

To start the registration process:

On or after March 5th, please pre-register online: www.rainier.wednet.edu click on the Elementary page, then 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 Orientation, April 24th from 6:00pm-7:00pm.

During the Round-Up:

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| Meet the Principal & staff | Do a brief kindergarten screening | Enjoy refreshments & a free book |
| Have a guided tour of the building | Complete Registration Packets | |
| Speak with the nurse to discuss vaccinations and any health care issues | | |

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 14th at 3:30pm on our website:

www.rainier.wednet.edu

If needed, laptops will be available in the elementary conference room, May 14th & 15th 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, 2018. To complete the registration, we will need the Preschool registration packet (available after May 14th), a copy of your child's birth certificate and immunization records by May 31st. If you have any questions about the program, please call 360.446.4020.



RAINIER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

Dear Rainier Families,

Highly Capable Nominations are now being accepted for the 2018-2019 school year. Teachers and parents may nominate students to be considered for Highly Capable Program from **February 19, 2018-March 2, 2018.** 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 2, 2018.**

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 the Special Services Department a call at (360)-446-7406.

HiCap Timelines Listed Below

February 19th—March 2nd Parent/Teacher HiCap Nominations Open

March 2nd Deadline for Parent/Teacher HiCap Nominations

March 5th –9th CogAT Online Screenings for *all* Nominations

March 19th-23rd CogAT Full Battery Testing and Parents Notified of Screening Results

March 26th-30th Results to Parents of CogAT Full Battery Testing

Sincerely,
Marianna Smith
Rainier School District
Highly Capable Coordinator
(360) 446-7406
smithm@rainier.wednet.edu

You are cordially invited to attend the

Rainier Education Foundation

19TH ANNUAL AUCTION FOR EDUCATION

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018

~~ Location ~~

Rainier High School

308 2nd Street West, Rainier, WA

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*3:30pm Doors Open*

*4:00pm Silent Auction*

*6:00pm Barbeque by Steele Clayton, ST Farms, Yelm*

*7:00pm Live Auction with Larry Schorno, Auctioneer*

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Free Admission

Dinner Tickets \$14 per person/\$12 for Seniors (60 & older)

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.

School Board Recognition Month 2018

Rainier School Board

Dana Spivey, Barry Greenwood,
Jerry Sprouffske, Rebecca Stillings
and Kathi Jo Moore





Rainier High School Mountaineers

Principal John Beckman

(360) 446-2205 Fax (360) 446-2208

Assistant Principal Jerrad Jeske

Music Grants



The President of the Southwest Washington Music Education Association presented Music Director Adam Cornwall with a check for \$7,000 from Music Aid Northwest. The money will be used to replace old instruments.

The music department also received 2 other grants this year. A grant for \$3,000 from the REF and the Grammy Signature School Enterprise Award for \$5,000 from the Grammy Museum. This award is given to 20 schools across the nation and requires a video submission. Congratulations!

Olympic Region SKILLS USA Washinton



The Rainier High School Welding Fabrication team won first place again this year in the regional contest held at Rainier High School. The team will represent Rainier at the State Skills Contest on April 20th in Yakima.

The welding team did a wonderful job at the Welding Contest held at South Puget Sound Community College. 1st Place: Brock Young, 2nd Place: Michael Buter, 4th Place: Brandon Ziemathis and 6th Place: Tyler Barlass.

Great season for Rainier High School Wrestling!

The Rainier wrestlers finished up their season at the Tacoma Dome February 16th-17th, placing 15th out of 37 school. The Mountaineers made their 11th consecutive trip to the state tournament, their 23rd appearance in 24 years. After placing 3rd at both the Sub-Regional and Regional tournaments, 8 competitors and 2 alternates moved on to state. The team scored 32 points with 4 wrestlers qualifying for the second day of the tournament. Unlike all other divisions, the B schools are not guaranteed a medal if they compete on Saturday. Competitors must win on Saturday to earn a medal. Brody Klein was the lone Mountaineer to win his morning's match and went on to place 5th.

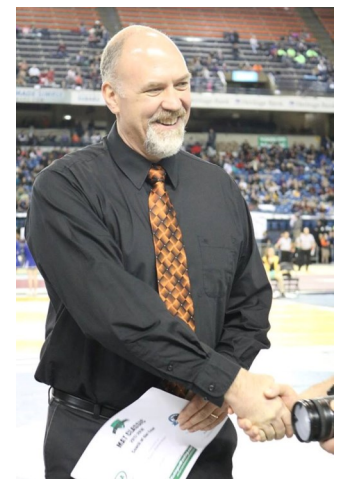
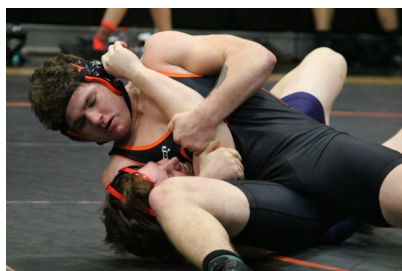
The team started the season off well winning 3 trophies in the first 3 tournaments of the year placing first at the Ocosta Invitational and the Power House Invitational (Lake Roosevelt HS) and 2nd at the Iron Sharpens Iron Invitational (Bellevue Christian HS). After the Christmas break the team placed 3rd at the Springdale Invitational (Mary Walker HS) and 4th at the Mid-Valley Classic (Mabton HS). Hosting the Sgt. Justin Norton Memorial in January saw 19 teams from across the state converge on Rainier in one of the toughest small school tournaments in the state. The team managed to make the top 10 with mostly 1A schools dominating the tournament.

While the team was made up of only 15 wrestlers, they all contributed in scoring points for the team. In a year full of competition. Most of the Mountaineers compiled over the 35 individual matches before post season in competitions all over the state.

This year's state competitors included:

Meric Jackson (106)	Tyler Barlass (113)
Brock Young (126)	Julian Hambly (alt. 132)
Ira Reynolds (138)	Brody Klein (145)
Ted Lester (145)	Justin Geray (alt. 152)
Jacob Martin (160)	David Hoover (182)

Rainier Wrestling Coach Chris Holterman was selected as the Mat Classic Coach of the Year for the B schools. This is an award voted on by fellow coaches the week prior to the state tournament and awarded before session 1 on day two of the tournament. Coach Holterman was presented the award by WSWCA president Bobby Freund of Kelso. It is always an honor to be recognized by one's peers.



POETRY OUT LOUD

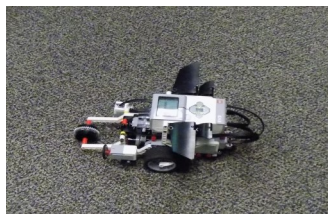
Congratulations to RHS Senior John Jones, he won the Puget Sound Regional Final of Poetry Out Loud. John will be moving onto the state competition on Saturday, March 10th at 1pm at the Broadway Center for Performing Arts in Tacoma. John will have to recite three poems during this competition. The winner of this competition will move on to the national competition in Washington DC.



100th Day Celebrations!



RAINIER ELEMENTARY ROBOTICS

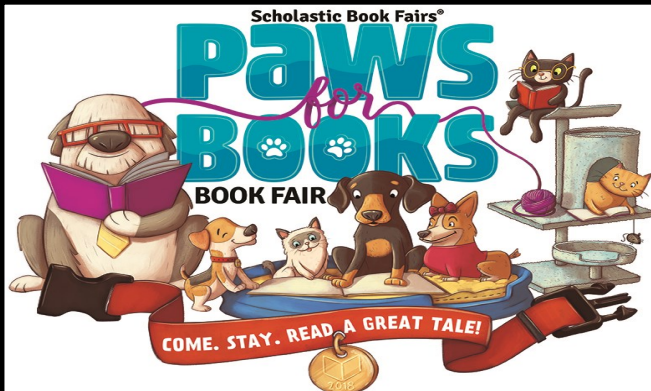




Rainier Elementary School Cougars

Principal Rita Meldrum
(360) 446-4020

Student Support Kim Sackett
Fax (360) 446-4022



You're invited to our Book Fair!

March 26th –30th

8:00am to 3:30pm—Friday 8:00am to 11:am

Rainier Elementary Library

Will be open 4:30pm to 7:30pm on March 28th
for evening conferences.

American Heart
Association 
Learn and Live



IT TAKES HEART TO BE A HERO!

Since 1989, students at Rainier Elementary have jumped their hearts out for charity during the Jump Rope for Heart Event organized by the American Heart Association. Students received a flyer in February describing how to sign up.

On March 16th, the students will have a culminating event, during their specialist time, to promote heart health and an active lifestyle. For more information log on to www.heart.org/jump and search for Rainier Elementary, or email Mr. Sheaffer
sheaffer.ben@rainier.wednet.edu

Rainier Elementary School Popcorn Fridays!



Provided by the Booster Club

We have had some fabulous popcorn Friday's this year! It's been a fun and yummy way to end our week at school.

We wanted to send a couple of reminders for students and parents:

Each bag of popcorn is \$.25 and sold at the last recess. Any leftover has to be thrown away before entering the building or hallways. Please remind students to limit their purchase to what they will eat!

The Booster Club is in need of volunteers to help on Friday mornings! Please contact Kelly Hill @ (253) 250-1010 for any questions or how you can get involved.

Rainier Middle School Mountain Lions



Principal John Beckman

(360) 446-2206

Assistant Principal Jerrad Jeske

Fax (360) 446-2208

2018 Boys Basketball



Rainier Recognized for College Bound Participation

The state of Washington has recognized the Rainier School District's efforts to sign up eligible students for the College Bound Scholarship. During the January school board meeting a plaque, a certificate, and letter from Governor Jay Inslee were presented to our district by Superintendent Bryon Bahr. Our student sign-up rate places us as one of the top-performing districts in the state. We are proud of our students and families for participating in our sign-up efforts and thank them for their commitment and cooperation.

The College Bound Scholarship is Washington's early college promise program. It gives middle school students, who might not think college can be a part of their future, a unique opportunity to pursue education after high school. There are many options, including apprenticeships, on-the-job training programs, community college certificates, two-year degrees, and four-year degrees. The term college includes all of these things.

Eligibility is based on income, whether or not a student is a foster child, or if their family receives basic food or TANF benefits. Students must be registered in middle school. They must maintain their grades, not get into any serious trouble, and have parents fill out the FAFSA form when they are seniors in high school. The scholarship will help pay for tuition, books, and other small fees. It coordinates with any other scholarships that a student may have been awarded.

College Bound Scholarship is a wonderful program, and we are so pleased that we have many students who will have the benefit of it. An early commitment of state financial aid inspires and encourages students who may otherwise believe that college is out of reach.