

Rainier School District Newsletter

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Rainier Elementary School Kindergarten Orientation Pre-Registration opens online March 4, 2019 Tuesday, April 30, 2019 6:00pm to 7:15pm



Your child needs to be five years of age on or before August 31, 2019, for the 2019-2020 Kindergarten

To start the registration process:

On or after March 4th, 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 30th from 6:00pm-7:15pm.

During the Round-Up:

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 in March or at Kindergarten Orientation
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



May 6th at 3:30pm on our website:
www.rainier.wednet.edu

If needed, laptops will be available in the elementary conference room, May 6th 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, 2019. To complete the registration, we will need the Pre-school registration packet (available after May 6th), 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.

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RAINIER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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School

Dear Parents, Guardian's and Community Members

February 8, 2019

As we look forward to the 2019-2020 school year, we must recognize the rollback of our levy dollars, in addition to increased staffing costs for salaries/benefits. The combination of these factors and implementation of the state funding model, will leave us with a budget shortfall. The future of the school district's current and long-term financial stability is too important for us not to react.

As we work through the staffing process, no area of the district will be left unscrutinized. All job categories will be closely examined to ensure that our staffing aligns as closely as possible to the state's funding model. While we wish the prototypical school model could properly reflect the staffing needs of 21st century schools, this simply is not the case. Unfortunately, the areas of staffing which used to be covered through levy funding, now have a significantly smaller pot from which to draw.

It is with a heavy heart and extreme sadness that we find our district in a position where reduction in hours or elimination of positions altogether may be necessary. We are in a difficult position where reductions in both certificated staff and classified staff must be reviewed. While this is not an easy decision for anyone involved in the process, it is something that needs to be done to ensure our district remains financially sound. Sadly, this impacts several quality people who have worked very hard for our students, teachers, and community.

I cannot thank you all enough for your hard work and dedication to this district.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryon Bahr", is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Bryon Bahr, Superintendent
Rainier School District



RAINIER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

Dear Rainier Families,

Highly Capable Nominations are now being accepted for the 2019-2020 school year. Teachers and parents may nominate students to be considered for Highly Capable Program from **February 18, 2019-March 1, 2019.** 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 4, 2019.**

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 18th-March 1st	Parent/Teacher HiCap Nominations Open
March 1st	Deadline for Parent/Teacher HiCap Nominations
March 4th-8th	CogAT Online Screenings for <i>all</i> Nominations
March 11th-22nd	CogAT Full Battery Testing and Parents Notified of Screening Results
March 25th-29th	Results to Parents of CogAT Full Battery Testing

Sincerely,
Marianna Smith
Rainier School District
Highly Capable Coordinator
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Entertainment Explosion's

A REALLY BIG SHOE 13

SPECIAL ENCORE PERFORMANCE by the The Brothers Four



2:00 p.m. March 31, 2019

Washington Center for the Performing Arts

Tickets: \$40, \$30, \$20

(360) 753-8586 or mail to: boxoffice@washingtoncenter.org.

To benefit the homeless and needy kids in eight local school districts and CYS with items like shoes, clothes, food, shelter, school fees and supplies, and whatever else the school district coordinators deem as worthy.

In 12 years Entertainment Explosion
has raised and distributed

\$307,000!

Please join us!

Sponsors include:

Entertainment Explosion, Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation, Nisqually Indian Tribe, Dr. and Mrs. Gary R. Goin, City of Tumwater, Lacey Sunrise Lions, Panorama, Bliss and Skeen CPAs, Squaxin Tribe, A. Nonny Moose, Norma Karaus, Anchor Bank, Olympia Host Lions, OBEE Credit Union, Timberland Bank, Olympia Federal Savings, Osborn Cancer Care PLLC, Martin's Southgate Drug, KGY, MIXX 96.1, ROXY, KMAS, KACS, KAOS, FTE Magazine, Thurston/Mason Senior News, TCTV, The Olympian, and many more.

The Big Shoe 2019

Entertainment Explosion has been hosting an annual benefit concert for homeless kids for twelve years. This year the Brother's Four will have a special encore performance at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts in Olympia. It raises money for homeless and needy kids in eight local school districts—Rainier, Tenino, Yelm, Rochester, Olympia, North Thurston, Tumwater, Shelton and for Community Youth Services. In twelve years, they have raised \$307,000 for the kids to use for shoes, clothing, shelter, school fees, classes and much more.

Entertainment Explosion's 13th concert for homeless kids: A Really Big Shoe 13-Special Encore Performance of the Brothers four is set for 2:00pm on Sunday, March 31, 2019 at the Washinton Center for Performing Arts. Tickets are on sale now at the center's box office.

**It will truly be a
Shoe to Remember!**

You are cordially invited to attend the
Rainier Education Foundation
20TH ANNUAL AUCTION FOR EDUCATION
SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2019

~~ Location ~~

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

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*3:30pm Doors Open*  
*4:00pm Silent Auction*  
*7:00pm Live Auction*  
*Larry Schorno, Auctioneer*

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Visit the REF Website or Facebook Page for the Dinner Ticket Link
Limited tickets available

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



Rainier High School Mountaineers

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Assistant Principal Jerrad Jeske

SKILLS USA



Rainier High School Welding students won the Skills USA Regional Welding fabrication contest. Tyler Barlass, Branden Ziemathis, and Michael Buter designed and built the contest winning welding table, pictured above. April will find them competing at the state level for a chance to go to nationals in Louisville KY.

The welding team did an amazing job in the Skills Welding contest. Michael Buter took first place, Jermiah Nubbe took second place. Jeremiah will now join the welding fabrication team of Michael Buter, Tyler Barlass and Branden Ziemathis in Yakima at the end of April.

RHS ASB Bazaar

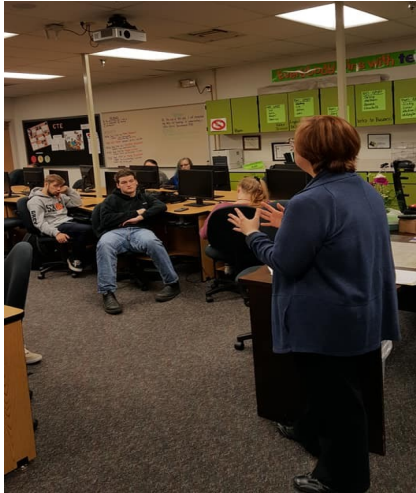
The Rainier High School ASB sponsored a bazaar on December 1st. There were over 30 vendors and over 600 customers. The groups and ASB made a profit of \$4415. Our students created items to sell, learned to count back change, provide customer service, visited with the public and made a profit while doing it.

Thank you to Riffe Holmes for helping to make this bazaar a huge success. Thank you to the RHS Pep Band that played holiday music on the stage and the Weight Lifting Club that sponsored a photo with Santa booth.

The ASB has already decided to do it again on December 7, 2019. Please plan to join us!



Rainier High School Seniors Consumer Seminar



The students in Mrs. Rossmailer's Senior English Class were given a wonderful opportunity to learn about budgeting, credit, fraud and other consumer skills from TwinStar Credit Union's Amanda Stevens.

The students really enjoyed the three day seminar and valued the lessons that Amanda offered.

Thank you to TwinStar for this amazing free service!

RHS Food Drive



Rainier High School's first hour classes held a competition to determine which class could bring in the most food for the Rainier Food Bank.

Andrew Critchett and Sophie Beadle were the leaders of this project. Montanna Spivey, Vanessa Champlin, Wyatt Coleman and Zach Lofgren were fantastic assistants.

Mrs. Karnes' class took first place, bringing in the most food per person.

Food Service Message

Free/Reduced forms can be submitted anytime through out the school year. Forms are available at each school office.

K-12 Students eligible for reduced-price breakfast in Washington State do not have to pay for their breakfast.

Also, students eligible for reduced-price lunch in Washington State, kindergarten through third grade (K-3), do not have to pay for their lunch.

Food Service low-balance emails may be going to the spam filter. Please check. Thank you!



Rainier High School Wrestling caps of a great season!

The Rainier wrestlers finished up their season at the Tacoma Dome February 15-16th placing 8th out of 45 schools. The Mountaineers made their 12th consecutive trip to the state tournament and 24th in 25 years, sending ten competitors and one alternate, after placing 3rd at the Sub-Regional tournament. This year there was no regional tournament. Due to the weather conditions WIAA was forced to cancel all regional tournaments across the state for the first time ever. This created some hectic days as the state format was changed from 16 wrestler brackets to 32 wrestler brackets. The wrestlers weathered the storm, literally, getting workouts in when they could and prepared well for state.

The team scored 88 points with eight wrestlers qualifying for the second day of the tournament. The first day was a long day leaving the school at 5:30am, but the team showed that all the training during the season had prepared them well. Returning Saturday, having slept in a bit, leaving at 6:30am, the team prepared for the final day. Six wrestlers found themselves in what is called the "blood round"! Win you get a medal, lose and you get nothing. Rainier went 3-3. It was a tough round, but all wrestled well and represented Rainier with class, sportsmanship and tenacity.

The team started the season off well winning 3 trophies in the first 3 tournaments of the year, placing 1st at the Ocosta Invitational and 2nd at both the Power House Invitational (Lake Roosevelt HS) and 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 18 teams from across the state converge on Rainier in one of the toughest small school tournaments in the state.

While the team was made up of only 14 boy and 7 girl wrestlers, they all contributed in scoring points for the team. In a year full of competition, most of the Mountaineers compiled over 35 individual matches before post season in competitions all over the state.

This year's state competitors included

Jayson Ducey (106) **6th place**

Meric Jackson (120)

Gabe Price (alt. 120)

Tyler Barlass (126) **4th place**

Joe Gerrish (132)

Ira Reynolds (138)

Julian Hambly (152)

Brody Klein (160)

Alex Moe (170)

Jacob Martin (182) **6th place**

Drew Critchett (220)

Rainier wrestling is also proud to announce two academic state champions. Tyler Barlass (126) was academic champion with a 3.746 GPA accumulative and Brody Klein (160) was academic champion with a 4.0 GPA accumulative. Receiving academic honorable mention was Vanessa Champlin (100) with a accumulative GPA of 3.853. To qualify wrestlers must be a junior or senior, have a 3.0 or better GPA, and be entered into the post season qualifying tournament.

For those interested in wrestling, if you are ages 4-12, the Rainier Junior Wrestling Club will be starting next fall. There is an informational meeting on March 5th, in the pavilion at Wilkowski Park at 6pm. For more information check out their Facebook page by searching Rainier Junior Wrestling or call Chasity O'Dea at 270-889-8434.

Let's continue to BUILD THE TRADITION



Jacob Martin avenges a loss at Sub-Regions pinning his Ilwaco opponent.

Tyler Barlass advances to the medal round with a win over Lake Roosevelt.



Jayson "Cub" Ducey earns a medal for sure by winning his match over Kettle Falls.

Rainier Middle School Mountain Lions



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RMS Boys Basketball



JV

Varsity





Rainier Elementary School Cougars

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Student Support Kim Sackett

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 will receive a flyer on March 1st describing how to sign up.

On March 22th 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

100th Day Celebrations!



The Reptile Man

