

Rainier School District Newsletter

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Dear Rainier Staff, Families, and Community:

At this time of year, and in every year since 1863, when President Lincoln proclaimed a national day of "Thanksgiving," we pause to give thanks for all our blessings.

I wish to extend a message of thanks and appreciation for the work that the staff, parents, families and community have been involved in to help students to grow and learn. We are very fortunate to live and work in such a vibrant and supportive community that values the work of preparing each child in the Rainier School District for lifelong success.

Staff, I am grateful for each of you. I have passed through many classrooms this year. I appreciated the kindness, warmth, and efforts you as a staff, so lovingly share with our children. Additionally, the classrooms are exciting, the schools look good and the cafeterias are festive. Each and every one of you should enjoy Thanksgiving mindful of the fact that YOU have made a difference for many — and believe me, many, many families in Rainier are grateful.

I offer you and your families my warmest wishes that you will enjoy a happy and bountiful Thanksgiving. I want to take a moment to thank you for supporting the Rainier Schools. We are grateful for the community's years-long commitment to our schools.

I am most thankful for each of you as we go forward together to make our school district something we can continue to be very proud of. It is a great privilege to support our children each day. I am optimistic about the year ahead and deeply honored to be serving as your Superintendent.

My blessings to each of you and your loved ones and best wishes for a very happy Thanksgiving!

Thanks

Bryon Bahr

Superintendent





Rainier Families,

I received a nice card from our scouts the other day and on the front of the card it states "Rainier Strong".

It made me wonder, what makes Rainier Strong?

Is it the people who are honest, resilient, and dependable? Is it the people who care about their children, community, schools and this country? Is it because the people who have been battling this pandemic for over 19 months keep supporting the schools? We have seen frustration, anger, tempers flare, words toward people that are mean and unkind. Most of all we have seen kindness, support, willingness to try new things and trying new ways of doing things and doing whatever we must to keep our lives moving forward.

I believe it is all of the above things that I have mentioned which are a part of what makes Rainier Strong, but I think there is more.

I think that it is the culture of the people of Rainier, the people who live and work in Rainier. The people who love the culture of the home town values and support. The culture where people come together to celebrate the accomplishments of each other and support when the tragedies occur. Rainier is strong because of the culture of strong hard working people who want their children to be successful, healthy and educated. These are the things that makes me smile when we say "Rainier Strong" because we are and we mean it.

Thank you all for your support and understanding "Rainier Strong"

Thanks
Bryon Bahr
Superintendent

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RAINIER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

Rainier School District's Highly Capable Program

Highly Capable Nominations for the 2021-2022 school year will open February 7, 2022. Teachers and parents may nominate students to be considered for the Highly Capable Program from February 7, 2022 - February 25, 2022.

If you would like to have your child considered for testing, nomination forms will be available in each school office as well as on the district website beginning on February 7th, 2022. They must be returned to your child's school office no later than February 25, 2022. All nomination forms will be reviewed and all students nominated will go through a screening process that includes a review of state assessment scores, district assessment scores, teacher input and the results of an online screening assessment (CogAT). Parent's/Guardian's of those students who are identified through the initial screening process will be notified with information on scheduling the students to take the full battery of tests (CogAT) online.

A selection committee will then review the test results and other pertinent information such as full battery CogAT test, grades, and other holistic information gathered from parents and teachers. Those students considered highly qualified will be identified, and the students and parent/guardian will be notified.

Elementary students who are identified as highly capable will be placed in advanced reading and/or the advanced math group. Middle school and high school students who are identified will be placed in the honors and AP classes. All students in this program will have access to enrichment activities as they become available.

Highly Capable Timelines:

February 7th - February 25th Parent/Teacher HiCap nominations open

February 28th - March 4th CogAT online screenings for nominations

March 7th - 25th CogAT full battery testing administration

March 28th - April 1st Notification sent to parents with results of CogAT battery

With any questions about highly capable nominations please contact Kristin Robinson at robinsonk@rainier.wednet.edu or by phone at 360.446.2205.

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Rainier Elementary School Cougars

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Portables arrive at the Elementary

Due to our growing population Rainier Elementary received two portables. These portables will soon house three 5th Grade classrooms and one 4th grade classroom.



Fall Celebration in Mrs. Edwards 2nd Grade Class



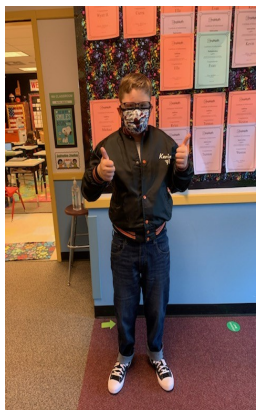
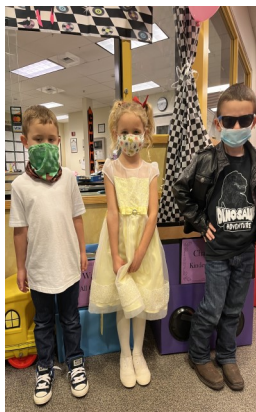
Mrs. Mount's Class learned how to make their very own pumpkin pies!



Hip Hip Hooray!

Rainier Elementary celebrated the 50th day of school.

Students celebrated with Root Beer Floats and a 50's style Sock Hop Dance Party.



Rainier Elementary Booster Club

New Board of Directors:

President—Tom Slimak rainierbooster.president@gmail.com

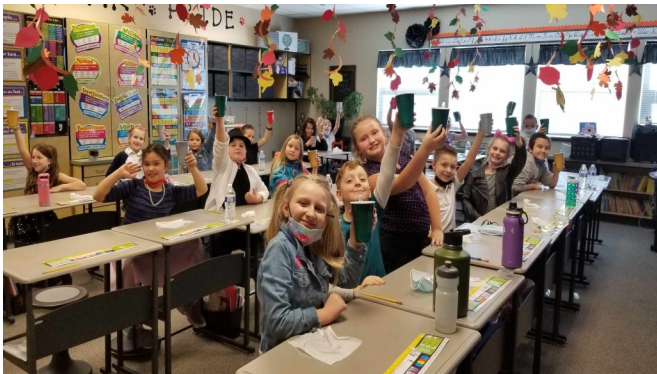
Vice President—Mel Lin Adamski

Treasurer—Stephanie Slimak rainierbooster.treasurer@gmail.com

The next Booster Club meeting will be held: Monday, December 6th at 6:30pm
at the Senior Center

Thank You RES Booster Club!

The Booster Club supplied all the ingredients and supplies for the Root Beer Floats, that the students enjoyed during the 50th day of school celebration.



REF Annual Auction!

March 26, 2022

MARCH 26TH IS OUR ONLINE AUCTION DATE:

As much as we would love to get back to our normal Annual Live & Silent Auction with a fabulous dinner, we have determine at this time, another year of an online auction is best.

The 2021 REF Auction was a great day of fun, placing bids against friends and strangers, enjoying your day where ever you are and checking in on those bids throughout the day. We didn't realize how exciting an online auction could be.

Especially at the end, when everyone was placing their last bids! We learned a lot from that first online auction, here we go for another one!

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT THE REF AUCTION!

Our auction goal is to raise scholarship funds for our graduating senior Class of 2022, as well as continue the renewal of scholarships. Eligibility for three consecutive renewals we support: universities, community colleges, trade schools and union apprenticeship programs.

ATTEND AND INVITE:

You can attend the auction no matter where you are in the world, its online! MARCH 26, 2022, invite your family and friends!!

SPONSOR THE AUCTION

Sponsoring the auction covers the costs of the auction. This allows the auction proceeds to go straight to the students! SPONSORSHIP is \$150.00 and here is the link for more information on what the sponsorship includes and how you can sponsor. <https://www.rainiereducationfoundation.com/sponsorships/>

CFD

We are apart of the State of Washington Combined Fund Drive. You can choose to dedicate money monthly to support our students and our mission. These donations are 100% turned into scholarships for Rainier Graduates and supports our renewal process for an additional 3 consecutive years after HS graduation.

CFD is open now, consider choosing the Rainier Education Foundation as donation!

CHARITY CODE: 315767

DONATE TO THE AUCTION!!!

WE CAN NOT HAVE AN AUCTION WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF OUR COMMUNITY AND BUSINESSES.

DONATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED NOW.

Please check out our website, the fillable form will be online shortly and be emailed to the REF. Paper forms are at each school and the District Office. Donations can be dropped off at the high school for pick up by the REF.

Donations are limitless: gift certificates, new items, services, propane, gasoline, furniture, sporting goods, jewelry, baskets, etc.

JOIN OUR TEAM!

We meet monthly for about 1 hour. Do you have 2 hours a month to make a differences? We could use your talents to continue to make the REF a sustainable organization!

<https://www.rainiereducationfoundation.com> or reach us at our email rainiereducationfoundation@gmail.com

We look forward to connecting with you, working together to make this a successful auction for the CLASS OF 2022, and making a difference in our community!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!

RAINIER EDUCATION FOUNDATION, WE ROCK!!!!!!

Rainier Middle School Mountain Lions



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Dean of Students Kristin Robinson

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Zachary Hamilton 8th Grade



Gabriella Smith 7th Grade



Victoria Garcia 6th Grade

Rainier Middle School celebrated Spirit Week
with daily dress up days.

Those days included: Decades Day, Sports Day, T-Shirt Day and Twin Day.





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 SELECTIONS OF
BALLOONS AND FLOWERS FOR EVERY OCCASSION.
GIVE US A CALL FOR YOUR SPECIAL EVENT.

STUDENT* AND DISTRICT STAFF DELIEVERIES 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!**



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RHS Homecoming

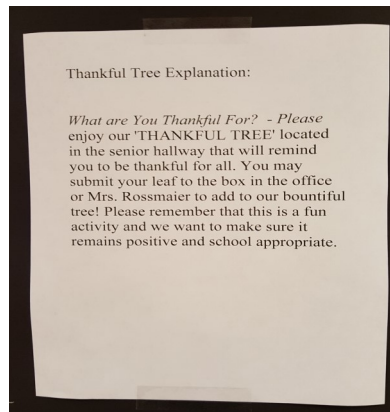
RHS celebrated Homecoming with a fun filled week. There was the coronation of royalty, dress up days, lunch competitions, and ended with the football game on Friday night. Many thanks to Raychel Hansen, Mickey Hanna, Logan Bowers, Ryder Cruse, Connor Mounts, Mathis Bosch, TauVery Chrisman, Lilly Guerra and Ryan Doidge for organizing and planning this week. The Homecoming Royalty was announced on the Friday before so they could reign for the entire week. Royalty included: Freshmen Janess Blackburn and Orion Dobson, Sophomores Lilyana Ramalho and Rudy Garcia, Juniors Jessie Uch and Collin Davis, Senior Princess Carrie Johnson and Senior Prince Dylan Davis, Homecoming Queen Natasha Wood-Salinas and Homecoming King Sean Mahaffey.

(Photos by Belinda Bugh Hayner)



THANKFUL TREE

At RHS we are thankful for the people we encounter everyday at school. London Christmas took on this project down our senior hallway and it has been a huge success. We call it our THANKFUL TREE and every student has the opportunity to recognize individuals around themselves that they are thankful for. It will be up for the month of November reminding us to be thoughtful and thankful for all those around us. A little bit of kindness and gratitude go a long way in our crazy world.



Rainier FFA and Skills USA

Rainier FFA and Skills USA team up to bring food to our local food bank.

On October 24th, members of both organizations and a couple parent volunteers headed out from the school to put out over 600 bags for food donations on the doorsteps of Rainier residents. With so many new housing developments, we ran out of bags and had to go out and finish a couple neighborhoods after school hours that week.

On Halloween, members of the groups with the same parent volunteers headed out to collect the bags of food and deliver them to the Rainier Food Bank. We collected over 400 of the initial bags plus some extra bags and boxes that residents added to the original bags. This year we decided with Halloween on a Sunday, we would go out earlier in the day as most people would be home and we wouldn't interfere with the candy trick-or-treaters. This showed to be a great idea and we were done in time for our volunteers to participate in their own Halloween plans. We want to thank our community for their amazing outpouring of support of the program as we reached over 4000lbs of food. The food bank was also overwhelmed with the generosity of our community. This is an amazing community to be a part of and students donating their time to make this such a successful event just shows the importance of our school/community/student relationships and what can be accomplished when there is a need.

Next year we will have to see if we can get more bags donated to cover an even larger area of homes.

