

# Rainier School District Newsletter

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## Class of 2023

Graduation will be held in the Mountaineer Gym on June 9, 2023 at 6:00pm

### Rainier High School's Top 5

Ethan Hamilton   Enix Dale   Gaston Hervieux   Sofia Chiellini   Collin Davis

Alisha Adamski  
Dakota Anderson  
Trevor Anderson  
Trinity Anderson  
Noah Bell  
Kenneth Bergman  
Madelyn Blasdel  
Mathis Bosch  
Nathaniel Bray  
Reese Briley  
Rachel Carlson  
Sofia Chiellini  
Janora Chilton  
Paige Clarambeau  
John Cotten  
Enix Dale  
Colten Danforth  
Collin Davis  
Peyton Edkin

Andrew Garcia  
Stephanie Garrard  
Gabrielle Green  
Ethan Hamilton  
Gaston Hervieux  
Richard Hill III  
Modestie Jackson  
Koi Kolb  
Arowen Lathrop  
Alyssa Lofgren  
Chase MacFarland  
Joshua Maggard  
Carmen Martin  
Charles Marvin  
Kira Medlock  
Gabriel Miles  
Amanda Morris  
Judea Murphy  
August Nunez  
Gavin Owen

Lilly Peck  
Lauren Pericic  
Devin Petersen  
Zachary Poole  
Tyler Potts  
Maija Riutta  
Morgan Robinson  
Chloe Rutt  
Avigayle Scott  
Levi Strout  
Ethan Sullivan  
Levi Swann  
Rayne Tyrrell  
Jacob Uch  
Verthandi Van Norman  
Hunter Waltman  
Carman Ward Bengtson  
Samuel Watkins  
Emily Ziemathis



# Rainier High School Mountaineers

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## Titanic Prom 2023

Rainier High School students celebrated Spring Fling Week with spirit days, lunch time competitions, coronation assembly and final BANANA BATTLESHIP pep assembly. The week concluded with a Titanic themed Prom, held at the Lacey Community Center. It was fun filled and everyone had a great time.

Congratulations to the "Titanic " Prom Royalty 2023

Enix Dale, Giacomo Ravelli, Damion Green, Matthew Kenney, Collin Davis, Maija Riutta, Gabriella Green, Stephanie Garrard, Lilyana Ramalho, Raychel Hansen.





# CTE ADVISORY COMMITTEES FINISH UP THE YEAR

Throughout the year the Career and Technical Education Teachers engage and meet several times with an Advisory Committee of local industry specific citizens who share their opinions and perspectives in a structured way to develop recommendations to improve and enhance our CTE Programs. We finished our end of the year meeting on April 12th and would like to thank those committee members for their faithful contributions all year long.

Agriculture Committee is Sandy Livingston, Geraldine Maxfield, Lynn Linstra and instructor Angie Karnes. Business Committee is Dana Spivey, Belinda Hayner, Glenda Guerra, Tami Clark and instructor Sandy Rossmailer. Family and Consumer Education Committee is Lisa Spitzer, Sam Dickerson and instructor Michele Baker. Industrial Technology Committee is Sean Ziemathis, John Shock, Terry Sing, Steve Bull and instructor John Lybecker. Robotics Committee is Jacob Cornwall, Jeff Seeman and Adam Cornwall.

Again, many thanks for the hours of conversation to make our programs the best.



Eric Dickerson was in Mrs. Rossmailer's Senior English/Personal Finance Class to share the facts and details about insurance and investing. The seniors were actively engaged taking notes and asking questions. Thank you Eric for sharing your expertise and helping my seniors on their ADULTING journey!

# FFA State Convention

Rainier FFA members represented our high school at the State FFA Convention in Kennewick, WA. We participated in the FARM CDE and Scrapbook. Students also attended the evening sessions, the Career/Ag. Expo fair, leadership workshops put on by the National Officer and visiting State Officer. It was a busy, fun filled, competitive week. Lots of growth and opportunities to learn and experience.





# Rainier FFA Landscape

Rainier FFA Landscape students want to **THANK** the Rainier community for coming out and supporting our growing efforts this year at our plant sale. We were able to almost sell out and we had our largest inventory ever.

Students started seeds and plugs from early January through March and did an amazing job finishing their crops for our annual plant sale.

The sales over the past 3 years has made enough for us to order tables for our taller greenhouse and to replace the wood tables we built 28 years ago in our short greenhouse.

The process of growing flower crops for this plant sale teaches students about soils, pests, using integrated pest management systems without any synthetic pesticides or herbicides. Focusing more on cleanliness and beneficial insects. We do use fertilizer in the last month of growing to teach about plant nutrient needs and to make sure all seedlings and plugs have strong root systems, lots of green foliage and flowering. Students also learn lots of new plants to add to their plant identification and the differences between annuals, perennials, herbs and much more.

They also learn about the business side of such a large project, with inventories, cost of goods needed, online sales and order filling, in-person sales and customer service as well as marketing and clean-up. Many employability skills and good work ethic come from classroom teaching then experiential learning on site. Our community support of programs like these are a great way to help our high school students develop skills needed to give them a "leg up" in the job market and a successful experience working with others.



# *Retirement*

**Sharon Avery**— Para Educator

**Janet Dickerson**—Second Grade Teacher

**Gabi Taheri**—Elementary Music Teacher

**Joanne Quirk**—Speech Pathologist

# Rainier Middle School

## Mountain Lions



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## Bridge Ceremony for the Class of 2027!

Bridging Ceremony will be held on June 14, 2023 at 6:00pm in the Mountaineer Gym

Kayla Barei  
Kinsley Barlow  
Kadden Bryars-Adams  
Karyssa Cano  
Ryleigh Cruse  
Dylan Darby  
Evan Delaney  
Anaiah Frederick  
Dakota Gardner  
Michael Garrard  
Laylah George-Tittarelli  
Marianna Gonzales  
Faith Gray  
William Hammond  
Valerie Hansen  
Jacob Hanson  
Lillian Harris  
Allisyn Hastings  
Christopher Hathaway  
Angus Hentze  
Keagin Howell  
Hayden Hughes  
Marian Jackson  
Emilee Johnston  
Bryce Keller  
Andrew Kinahan

Landon Kirkman  
Lucian Kittleson  
Kayden Klumpp  
Chloe Knight  
Nathan Kooley  
Joseph Kragenbrink  
William Laney  
Lauryn Lapine  
Lee Lauritsen  
Joecee Lazelle  
Kaitlyn Lynch  
Molly Mathson  
Madison McCoshum  
Wyatt McIntyre  
Felicity McKittrick  
Orlando Melchor-Carrillo  
Brylee Olsen  
Wyatt Olson  
Allyson Ooms  
Kalea Overstreet  
Vinton Perry  
Aidan Potts  
Iyla Ptolemy  
Mason Redford  
Cash Richmond  
Blake Roberts  
Thomas Roland

Jackson Rosenberg  
Joseph Sample  
Jacob Scott  
Jeffrey Seeman  
Kenzie Severin  
Ashlyn Shaffer  
Robert Shaw  
Peyton Sheaffer  
Gabriella Smith  
Jesse Smith  
Sullivan Smith  
Lukas Sollars  
Thomas Sprouffske  
Asher Stangler  
Lyliahana Stephens  
Caleb Stover  
Alec Swanzey  
Dannon Thompson  
Cameron Tongedahl  
Christopher Tyrrell  
Chloe Waller  
Christian White  
Chloe Willis  
Rayanna Wisner  
Danielle Zane  
Justin Ziemathis



# Message from Nurse Kendra

Please remember to pick up your students' medication!! All medication left after June 21st will be destroyed, we do not keep medications for the next year and we can not send medications home with students. Also, if your student will need medication for next year, make an appointment with your provider to get a medication authorization filled out. Have a wonderful and safe summer!

Nurse Kendra  
nursekendra@rainier.wednet.edu

## Rainier Community Thank you!!



We Love Rainier  
Smart Drive for school supplies!

Free popcorn to all students in  
Preschool to 5th grade.  
Thanks to generous donations!







# Rainier Elementary School Cougars

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Dean of Students Ben Sheaffer



**It's all about the friendships  
we make along the way!**

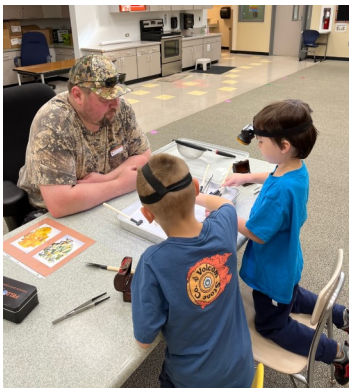
Parker Sprouffske and  
Eli Greenwood  
Kindergarten to 5th Grade!



## Mrs. Swanson Kindergarten Class

Mr. Swanson helped the students in Mrs. Swanson's kindergarten class "hunt" for agates. The kids had headlamps, small rakes and shovels, and tweezers to collect their agates. Each child took their "treasures" home in a small treasure chest.

A big thank you to Ernie Diamond for donating extra agates for this project!





# PEP ASSEMBLY FOR 3RD, 4TH AND 5TH GRADES





# SE Thurston County Fire Department

Thank you for being a part of the Rainier Elementary Paw Store Rewards!





# Message from Superintendent Bahr

As the school year winds down we are reminded that our Teachers are the backbone of our educational system, and their impact can be felt for years to come. The Rainier School District teachers, para's, bus drivers, food service, custodial, maintenance, building staff and district staff have been working tirelessly to provide their students with a quality education. They spend their time developing lesson plans, grading papers, and providing feedback to their students, driving buses, feeding students, cleaning buildings and classrooms. Together they are working to create a safe and supportive learning environment, where their students could thrive and grow.

In addition to their day-to-day work, the Rainier School District staff have been involved in extracurricular activities, such as sports, music, and clubs and activities. They are coaching teams, directing plays, and organizing events. These activities provide students with opportunities to develop important skills, such as teamwork, leadership, and creativity.

Overall, the Rainier School District staff play an important role in the lives of their students, and their hard work and dedication can have a lasting impact. Whether it is providing academic support, coaching a sports team, or directing a play, the staff of the Rainier School District are making a positive difference in the lives of their students.

**Graduation is June 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm in the Main High School Gym.**

Graduation is a truly exciting time for students as they prepare to move on to the next phase of their lives. It is a momentous occasion that marks the culmination of years of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. As students walk across the stage to receive their diplomas, they are filled with a sense of pride and accomplishment, surrounded by the cheers and applause of their loved ones.

The excitement of graduation is palpable, as students eagerly anticipate the next chapter of their lives. They are filled with a sense of hope and possibility, as they look towards the future with excitement and anticipation. Graduation represents a new beginning, a chance to start fresh and pursue their dreams.

For parents and loved ones, graduation is a bittersweet moment, as they watch their children take their first steps towards independence and adulthood. They are filled with pride and joy, but also a sense of nostalgia for the years that have passed. They know that their children are ready to take on the world, but they also know that they will miss the days when they were young and carefree. Overall, the excitement of graduation is a testament to the hard work and dedication of students, teachers, and parents alike. It is a time to celebrate the achievements of the past and to look forward to the possibilities of the future. As students move on to the next phase of their lives, they can take pride in all that they have accomplished, knowing that they are ready to take on whatever.

As the year comes to a close we must finish strong. We must encourage our students to do their very best right up to the end of the school year. But our learning must continue throughout the summer, we must read books, sharpen our math skills and get outside and be curious about the world around us. Thank you for a great year and I look forward to see everyone again next year.

Bryon Bahr  
Superintendent  
Rainier School District

# MultiCare Free Sports Physicals

*Partnering to provide sports physicals for student  
athletes in Yelm & Rainier School Districts*

**Saturday, August 5  
8:30am-1pm  
Yelm High School Gym**

**Free physical screening exams for  
student athletes, grades 6-12, in Yelm  
and Rainier School Districts**



## Event Details

- Saturday, August 5 from 8:30am-1pm
- Walk-in only. Event is first come, first serve.
- Free for student athletes, grades 6-12, in Yelm and Rainier School Districts.
- Students under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian; signature required to participate.
- Complete the history portion of the preparticipation physical exam form prior to event, if possible.

## Questions?

Contact Robert Hill, Yelm High School  
Athletic Director  
Phone: (360) 458-7777  
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## Additional Information

- Visit the adjacent gym for additional resources and information about MultiCare Primary Care Providers (PCP) and specialists in the surrounding area.
- Learn about the services offered at MultiCare Capital Medical Center.

**MultiCare** 