

Rainier School District Newsletter

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RAINIER ELEMENTARY 2024-2025 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Your child needs to be five years of age on or before August 31, 2024
for the 2024-2025 Kindergarten Class

To start the registration process:

Please pre-register online: <http://www.rainier.wednet.edu/domain/60> and fill out the Pre-Registration Google Form. We will contact you to confirm your interest in our kindergarten program and to review our registration process. You will also receive an email with the information for the next step.

To complete your child's registration:

1. Proof of residency!
2. A copy of your child's birth certificate or other proof of age/guardianship.
3. Immunization records, must be complete before attending school.
4. A completed Kindergarten Google Registration Form submitted online, link will be emailed after **step two** is completed.
5. Skyward Annual Update, information will be emailed after the enrollment form is completed.

We look forward to seeing our future kindergarteners and parents.
Thank you for sharing your precious child/children with us!!!



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE 24TH ANNUAL REF AUCTION FOR EDUCATION



**SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024
In the RHS Mountaineer Gym**

**The Silent Auction will be online-bidding opens at
8:00am & closes at 3:00pm**

Live Auction-doors open at 4:30pm

“Almost Live” tables close at 5:30pm

Dinner at 6:00pm-followed by the “Dessert Dash”

Live Auction at 7:00pm

Register online:

www.RainierEducationFoundation.com

**“Helping More Rainier Students Turn College Dreams
Into College Degrees...”**

Dates to Remember

March 26th-29th (Tuesday-Friday)

Conference Week

Release times: Elem. 11:35

Middle & High 11:45

April 1st-5th Spring Break

No School

No Early Release Wednesdays

Starting May 1st

Child Find

Rainier School District is committed to addressing the unique needs of students with disabilities ages Birth through 21 residing within the boundaries of the Rainier School District. This includes children with disabilities enrolled in private, including religious schools, as well as children who are homeless (if your family is living in a temporary situation, you may contact the district where you are currently staying for a screening). Disabilities can be in any one of several areas that ultimately affect a child's learning, such as the ability to think, to express oneself, to see or hear clearly, to get around or understand instructions given.

Birth to 5 children have access to free developmental assessment. Areas could include:

- approaches to learning
- physical/motor
- social/emotional
- cognitive
- communication and language
- literacy
- math/numeracy
- sensory function
- temperament
- behavior
- specific disabilities such as autism

If you have a child who you think might have a disability requiring special education instruction or significant accommodations at school or if you know of such a child, please feel free to contact the Rainier School District Special Education Office at 360-446-7406 ext 1210 or P.O. Box 98, Rainier, WA 98576

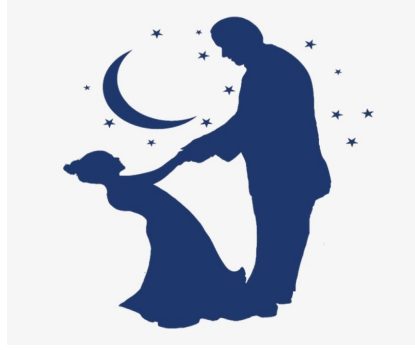
— CHANGE IS COMING —

FINAL FORMS

**The Rainier School District will move to online
athletic registration starting the Fall of 2024**

More information will be available in June

Rainier High School's Annual Father-Daughter Dance



Where: Rainier High School Commons
308 2nd Street West
Rainier, WA 98576

When: Saturday, March 9, 2024
6:00PM to 8:00PM

Cost: \$20.00 for Father & Daughter and \$10.00 per extra child

Tickets are available at the high school office.

The dance is sponsored by the Rainier High School Senior Class of 2024 for class activities.
Please contact Rob Henry for more information. Email: henryr@rainier.wednet.edu
Phone: 360-446-2205





Rainier Elementary School Cougars

Principal Rita Meldrum

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Dean of Students Ben Sheaffer

GROUNDHOG DAY



Read Across Rainier Week

During the week of March 4th-8th, Rainier Elementary & Preschool will be celebrating reading! We will have some fun activities during the day and on Wednesday night (March 6th) we will have a fun family reading night!

Read, Read, Read!

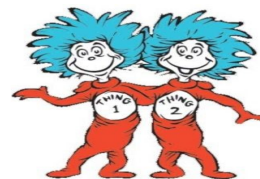
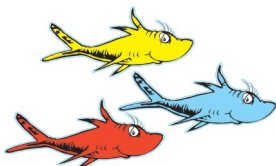
You could not, would not, want to miss a celebration such as this!

Important Dates:

Friday, March 1st: Coloring competition due back to school on March 4th.

Wednesday, March 6th: Celebrate reading by dressing up like your favorite character from a book. Bonus-bring the book to read during the day!

Wednesday, March 6th from 5:30-7 pm Rainier Reading Night-bring your family and enjoy a number of fun centers, earn prizes, a free book and eat some yummy cake!



100th Day of School



THANK YOU!!

A big thank you to Save The Children organization.
They donated a book to every child at Rainier Elementary.



Loved Ones Day Celebration at RES



Rainier Middle School Mountain Lions



Principal John Beckman

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Dean of Students Kristin Robinson

Pickleball Clinic

This past January, Craig Milsap, a Rainier High School alumni and Co-owner of 23 Kitchens in Lacey, brought out 5 pickleball pros and gave pickleball lessons to 2 of Mr. Frunz's P.E. classes and 3 middle school classes. Craig is a nationally ranked pickleball player who gained his passion for the game while in Mr. Browning's PE classes while attending Rainier High School. He opened up 23 Kitchens earlier this year-which is a pickleball facility with both indoor and outdoor courts as well as a restaurant and special gathering areas available for get-togethers and celebrations.

During the two day clinic students learned various pickleball skills, rules, history and strategies. The kids had a great time and learned quite a bit about the game. Craig generously donated 30 nice pickleball paddles, pickleballs and nets to our P.E. program. A special thanks to 23 Kitchens, Craig, Curtis, Sam, Karla, David, Jake and Ms. Memmott for helping make the clinic a great experience for Rainier students!





Rainier High School Mountaineers

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Rainier Wrestling Finishes Another Great Season!

The wrestling season concluded Saturday, February 17, in the Tacoma Dome for the Rainier team that sent 8 boys and 4 girls to the state tournament.

Leading the way was Rainier Junior Zander Peck (43-4) who won the regional championship at 157 pounds.

Joining Peck on the road to the Dome was Ryder Cruse (285) 4th at regionals, Matthew Kenney (215) 2nd at regionals, Blake Roberts (215) 4th at regionals, Dorien Cano (165) 3rd at regionals, Rudy Garcia (157) 5th at regionals, Connor Power (150) 6th at regionals and Jacob Scott (106) 3rd at regionals.

The girls sent three competitors to the Dome and one alternate. Emma Desotell (110), Kiera Anderson (170) and Katherine Kinahan (190) all placed 2nd at regionals. Ryleigh Cruse (235) placed 4th at regionals making her the alternate at her weight.

Peck earned a 2nd place medal at Mat Classic XXXV after reaching the finals receiving a bye followed by two straight wins. Peck was joined on the podium by Matthew Kenney (215) who placed 4th and Ryder Cruse (285) who placed 6th. The Rainier Mountaineers placed 6th overall as a team with 66 points. This is the highest team placing since 2001 when the team placed 5th.

The Rainier Lady Mountaineers came home with some hardware as well. Katherine Kinahan (190) placed 4th making her the highest placing Lady Mountaineer in school history. Keira Anderson (170) brought home a 6th place medal overcoming a knee injury midway through the tournament. The team placed 19th out of 68 schools. All but two of the schools ahead of them were 1A or 2A schools.

Connor Power (150) was named the Academic State Champion for his weight class for the 1B/2B schools with a cumulative GPA of 3.800. Annabelle Whiteman (135) was also crowned Academic State Champion for her weight class for the 1B/2B/1A/2A Girls with a cumulative GPA 3.858. Matthew Kenney (215), Zander Peck (157) and Keira Anderson (170) were Honorable Mention All State Academic team.

It was a very successful season for the Mountaineers that saw tremendous growth with the largest boys team (24) and largest girls team (21) in recent memory. Not only was there growth and improvement on the mat, there was also growth within the individuals participating as they each became better people. The 2024-25 season is looking to be a good one.



State send off for the wrestlers!



No place like the Dome!



Warming up



Zander getting the takedown



Zander Peck 2nd Place 157 Pounds



Ricky Cruse 6th Place



Katherine Kinahan 4th Place



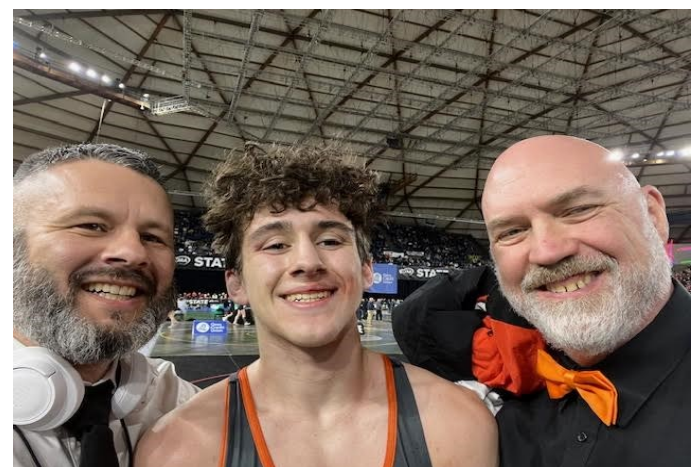
Matthew Kenney 4th Place



Keira, Katherine & Ryleigh



Rainier State Medal Winners!



Coach Peck, Zander & Coach Holtee

LOCAL STUDENTS COMMIT TO HELPING FOOD INSECURITIES

In February, Rainier High School held it's annual ASB food drive to benefit our local food bank housed at Valley Heart Assembly of God in Rainier. The drive also took donations from the community at City Hall, Turner Automotive, Brogan's, Rainier Post Office and Rainier Chapel.

Each first hour class brought in food and the competition was on. A total of almost 1500 pounds of food was donated. As the competition ended Miss Dickerson's Class came in second place with 326.5 pounds of food and Mrs. Rossmaier's Class had a total haul of 703 pounds.

Big thanks to the team of: Melanie Frost, Jetta Watkins, Savannah Cochran, Chase Langton, Ryder Cruse and Olivia Earsley for chairing this event.

The food bank was so appreciative.

