

Richland Schools

Office of the Superintendent

Memorandum

Date: 2/9/24
To: School Board
From: Shelley Redinger
Subject: Friday Packet

Enclosed please find the following documents:

- Board Dates to Remember
- Community Events/Activities
- Leona Libby Middle School Art Show Flyer
- Media



TO: Board of Directors
RE: Event Dates
DATE: 2/9/24

February:

- 2/13/24...Board Meeting-Board Room -- 6:30 PM
 - **Ex. Session -- 5:30 PM**
- 2/27/24...Board Meeting-Board Room -- 6:30 PM
 - Ex. Session-(only if needed)

March:

- 3/12/24...Board Meeting-Board Room -- 6:30 PM
 - Ex. Session-(only if needed)
- 3/26/24...Board Meeting-Board Room -- 6:30 PM
 - Ex. Session-(only if needed)

April:

- April 1-5...SPRING BREAK
- 4/9/24...Board Meeting-Board Room -- 6:30 PM
 - Ex. Session-(only if needed)
- 4/23/24...Board Meeting-Board Room -- 6:30 PM
 - Ex. Session-(only if needed)

Upcoming Events/Activities

This list is suggestions of RSD and community events to attend as a Board Member. By no means is it a comprehensive list of all activities in the District. Future events will be added weekly.

February

Friday 9th:

- Hello, Dolly!
7:30 PM
Hanford High School Auditorium
https://hanford.booktix.net/cart.php?action=show_pers&show_id=7&show_sec=2d7c47af4d4e4da7
- Sweeney Todd The Demon Barber of Fleet Street (*Rated PG-13*)
7 PM
Richland High Auditorium
https://gofan.co/app/school/WA25367?fbclid=IwAR0KvUGaFP_oswkWKB_2p5wIKYtJEQSwD8KsKDURPqGuhphey2INI3KJZf0

Monday 12th:

- Layers of Love (Blanket Making)
5 PM
Badger Mountain Elementary

Thursday 15th:

- Winter Red Cross Blood Drive
All Day
Hanford High School
- Girls' 4th + 5th basketball vs Staff
3:45 – 4:30 PM
Jefferson Elementary
- For the Love of Math Night
5:30 – 6:30 PM
Lewis & Clark Elementary

Monday 19th:

- NO SCHOOL – President's Day

Tuesday 20th:

- Science Night
5 PM
Chief Jo Middle School

Friday 23rd:

- Daddy Daughter Dance 2024
6 – 8 PM
White Bluffs Elementary
<https://wbe-rugare-marimba.square.site/>

Monday 26th:

- K-12 Music Concert (Homelink)
5:30 – 6:30 PM
Richland High Auditorium

Thursday 29th:

- Family Game Night
6:30 – 8:30 PM
Enterprise Cafeteria

March

Friday 1st:

- NO SCHOOL – Spring Professional Day

Saturday 2nd:

- Drama Dessert Theatre
7 PM
Hanford High School Auditorium

Tuesday 5th:

- Choir Festival Concert
6:30 – 7:30 PM
Hanford High School

Wednesday 6th:

- Early Release (K-5) 12:30 PM
Thursday + Friday 7th - 8th

Thursday 7th:

- Orchestra Concert
6:30 PM
Hanford High School Auditorium

Saturday 9th:

- Oedipus Performance (by Drama III)
7 – 8 PM
Hanford High School Auditorium

**Hanford + Richland High School
Athletics Calendars**

<https://hanfordathletics.com/events>
<https://bomberathletics.com/events>

Leona Libby Middle School Art Show

at the

Richland Public Library



The show runs from:

Saturday, February 3rd to February 22nd

A reception will be held:

February 7th, 6pm to 7pm

In the Doris Roberts Gallery, inside the library

LMS Art Club Cake bake off

The show's reception will also feature this year's LMS Art Club Cake bake off! Art Club members will display the cake they have created using their creativity and artistic skills for everyone to vote on.

Schedule:

5:40 cake check in. (Late cakes cannot be voted on)

Voting starts at 6:05

Vote Count at 6:15

Announce winners at 6:20ish

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Art by Delilah Nguyen 8th grade LMS

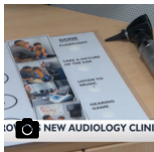
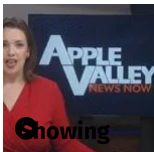
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ESD 123 opens new free audiology clinic in Pasco

Monique Ledesma

Feb 4, 2024

The mission of the clinic is to provide access and make it easier for families in the community to seek audiological care for their children. [READ MORE:](#)



PASCO, Wash. - The Educational Service District 123 opened a new audiology clinic in Paso. The new service is an effort to bring more audiological services to the region.

Betsy Schluge, who is the director of audiological services, said the clinic offers free audiology services for children ages seven months to 21-years-old and is family friendly. The clinic was added onto the ESD 123 Audiology Department.

"The mission for us is to provide access and make it easier for families in the community to seek audiological care for their children," Schluge said. "Depending on what kind of insurance you have, it can be difficult to get the services in our region. Sometimes families have to travel out of the region to get these kinds of services."

The clinic was a collaboration with ESD 123's Art Expression Trauma and Resilience Coordinator, Lisa Brouwer-Thompson. A.R.T.S. created murals with two goals in mind. One was that the murals be interactive and that they create a calm and comforting space for children who may be uncomfortable with a clinic setting.

One of those murals is where children can match images with the sounds they hear. Schluge said this is where some hearing deficiencies can be identified.

"Hearing loss can be caused by all sorts of things from congenital to when the baby is born," Schluge said. "Sometimes hearing loss can develop between the ages of two and four. If a child has chronic ear infections that's causing sort of a fluctuating hearing loss over time -- that can be at any age."

Schluge said there are some signs parents or caregivers can look out for in children.

"Some big red flags are does your child turn and respond to their name? Are they responding to environmental sounds like the dog barking outside or the alarm or the siren going off?" Schluge said. "Are they noticing a difference when the child is listening and quiet versus noise? Do they appear that they're sort of tuning in and out a conversation? Do you need to be repetitive in terms of getting their attention, calling their name, instructions, directions? Even sometimes if they are sensitive to loud sounds."

Schluge said the department is looking at hiring more pediatric educational audiologists and they are now looking at scheduling families and accepting referrals. The clinic is currently open two days a week and on select Saturdays. A bilingual audiologist from Walla Walla comes to Pasco and provides services at the clinic. To learn more, [click here](#).

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GESA Credit Union opens applications for its Scholarship Program

Morgan Huff

Feb 5, 2024



Central WA Federal Credit Union Merges With Gesa Credit Union

RICHLAND, Wash. -- GESA Credit Union is accepting applications for its Scholarship Program.

Applications are due February 29, 2024 and those who are interested must be a GESA Member. To apply, [click here](#).

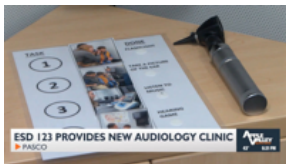
More than \$100,000 will be distributed amongst High School seniors that have participated in the High School Credit Union Program, or entering their freshman year at college. \$15,000 will be going towards members who are looking to continue their education and \$5,000 will be going towards members with previous student loans.

“As the application deadline for our Scholarship Program approaches, we want to remind and encourage all students to apply,” said Amber Merrill, Community Relations Manager at Gesa Credit Union. “We are eagerly anticipating the rest of the applications to come in, as each year students submit truly exceptional and inspiring personal stories. Gesa is honored that we can continue to support and empower these local students on their educational journey through our Scholarship Program.”

The scholarships are for the 2024-2025 school year.

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ESD 123 opens new free audiology clinic in Pasco Monique Ledesma



Cool Desert Nights set to return to the City of Richland in 2024 Erin Wencil



Tri-Cities Airport dropping some flights due to low ridership, here's where they are working to get more Austin Reed



Visit Tri-Cities welcomes new Visitor Services Specialist

Morgan Huff

Digital Content Manager

Richland wins another title for regular season, ranks as No. 1 seed

BY JEFF MORROW
SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

The Richland boys basketball team pulled away from host Kamiakin midway through the third quarter, beating the Braves 68-57 on Friday night.

That victory clinched another Mid-Columbia Conference regular-season title for the Bombers, something that Earl Streufert's team has been very good at these last few years.

Kamiakin senior James Kinsey sank a 3-point field goal to give the Braves a 36-35 lead.

But that would be the only time Kamiakin would have the lead.

Jack Forbes quickly answered back with a basket for the Bombers, who began a 17-2 run to put the game away.

Josh Woodard — who led the Bombers with 18 points — was key in that run, scoring 7 points.

That's three consecutive regular-season titles for the Bombers, and the 40th conference crown in the school's history.

The Bombers will match up against Pasco on Thursday in the first round of the District 8 4A tournament.

For Kamiakin's part, Brian Meneely's team has clinched the No. 2 MCC seed going into the District 8 4A boys tournament.

Notes

In Hermiston's 74-55 win at home over Chiawana on Saturday, Bulldogs senior Grant Olsen became the school's all-time leading scorer.

His 19 points in the contest put Olsen at 1,497 as a career total. That breaks Hermiston's 33-year-old record, which was held by Todd Spike with 1,491 points.

- Southridge senior Jesse Tijerina achieved 1,000 career points last week, becoming just the fourth boys basketball player to do so in the school's history.

District tournaments

All five Class 4A MCC teams will qualify for the district tournament, which begins Thursday, Feb. 8

The Greater Spokane League's top three 4A schools join the party, and when it's all said and done, the top two teams in this tournament will qualify for the state regional play-in games that will be held Feb. 23-24.

Meanwhile, three of the four Class 3A teams in the MCC will advance to the District 8 tournament, which begins next Saturday, Feb. 10.

Walla Walla has clinched the top seed in the MCC. But there could be a logjam situation at spots 2 and 3.

Southridge is 8-7, while Hermiston and Kennewick are 7-8 in MCC play.

The top three teams in this district tournament advance to state regionals.

4A MID-COLUMBIA CONFERENCE BOYS

Through games of Feb. 3

Richland (4A) 15-0 MCC, 16-3 overall

Kamiakin (4A) 13-2, 17-3

Walla Walla (3A) 10-5, 12-8

Southridge (3A) 8-7, 10-10

Hermiston (3A) 7-8, 8-11

Kennewick (3A) 7-8, 8-11

Chiawana (4A) 5-11, 5-16

Hanford (4A) 3-12, 4-15

Pasco (4A) 0-15, 0-19

Feb. 1 — Richland 85, Kennewick 53

Feb. 2 — Chiawana 57, Hanford 32; Kennewick 56, Walla Walla 45; Richland 68, Kamiakin 57; Southridge 70, Pasco 40

Feb. 3 — Hermiston 74, Chiawana 55; Kamiakin 66, Pasco 20; Southridge 61, Hanford 46

Feb. 6 — Hanford at Kamiakin, 7:30 p.m.; Hermiston at Southridge, 7:30 p.m.; Pasco at Kennewick, 7:30 p.m.; Richland at Walla Walla, 7:30 p.m.

DISTRICT 8 4A BOYS TOURNAMENT

Feb. 8

Game 1, MCC 5 (Pasco) at MCC 1 (Richland), 6 pm.

Game 2, MCC 3 (Chiawana) at GSL 2, 6 p.m.

Game 3, GSL 3 at MCC 2 (Kamiakin), 6 p.m.

Game 4, MCC 4 (Hanford) at GSL 1 (Gonzaga Prep), 6 p.m.

Feb. 10

Game 5, loser 1 vs. loser 2 (loser out), TBDGame 6, loser 3 vs. Loser 4 (loser out), TBD

Game 7, winner 1 vs. winner 2, TBD

Game 8, winner 3 vs. winner 4, TBD

DISTRICT 8 3A BOYS TOURNAMENT

Feb. 10

Game 1, GSL 5 at GSL 1 (Mead), 6 p.m.

Game 2, GSL 3 at MCC 2, 6 p.m.

Game 3, MCC 3 at GSL 2, 6 p.m.

Game 4, GSL 4 at MCC 1 (Walla Walla), 6 p.m.

Jeff Morrow is former sports editor for the Tri-City Herald.

https://www.applevalleynewsnow.com/news/mcloughlin-middle-school-band-teacher-inducted-into-wmea-hall-of-fame/article_da1c37e6-c486-11ee-a474-77ce4844ba68.html

McLoughlin Middle School Band Teacher Inducted into WMEA Hall of Fame

Morgan Huff

Feb 5, 2024



Pasco School District

PASCO, Wash. -- The Washington Music Education Association (WMEA) is gearing up to confer a distinguished honor upon James Bennett, the highly regarded band teacher at McLoughlin Middle School, on February 16.

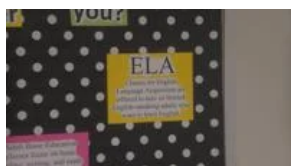
James Bennett will be formally inducted into the prestigious WMEA Hall of Fame, an exclusive recognition reserved for educators who have showcased support, inspiration, and made significant contributions to the advancement of music education within the state of Washington.

WMEA pays tribute to its Hall of Fame inductees by engraving their names on plaques, which are prominently displayed on the WMEA Wall of Fame. The induction ceremony for new Hall of Fame members is a highlight of the WMEA State Conference, taking place every even-numbered year, with a maximum of 10 inductees selected once every two years.

Julia Dudley, Principal of McLoughlin Middle School, expressed her admiration for James Bennett, stating, "James Bennett radiates a contagious optimism that uplifts his students and colleagues, making him a natural leader within the school community. He goes above and beyond to build lasting relationships and support his students' musical growth, fostering an environment of enthusiasm, fun, and positivity that resonates throughout the entire band program."

James Bennett's career in music education includes serving as a percussionist with the Yakima Symphony Orchestra from the early 1990s to 2021. His educational journey began with graduation from Shorecrest High School in Seattle in 1988, followed by the attainment of a BA in 1993 and an MA in 1995 from Central Washington University. Bennett joined the Selah School District in 1995 before becoming an integral part of the Pasco School District in 1997, where he continues to make a lasting impact.

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Spring Quarter 2024 registration open for YVC's College and Career Readiness Division
Morgan Huff



Patchy fog expected overnight as showers dwindle and temperatures drop.
Stacy Lee



Port Executives set to unveil updates at Tri-Cities 'State of the Ports' Luncheon
Morgan Huff

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Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month is underway

By Rylee Fitzgerald
Feb 8, 2024

RICHLAND, Wash. — There's an awareness campaign taking place right now that highlights one specific category of education for an entire month. Every February, schools around the nation celebrate CTE Month. CTE stands for Career and Technical Education.

The goals for career and technical ed courses are to give students the opportunity to explore career-related opportunities from the classroom.

“CTE classes by nature, because they're career-focused and career-oriented, tend to be more hands-on in nature. It's application of your science skills, your math skills. So, you take the things that you would learn in a geometry class and you just apply them to a particular career,” explained Richland School District CTE Director, Ryan Beard.

He went on to explain that this includes ag science, business and marketing, family consumer science, skilled and technical science, STEM and health science, along with a wide variety of subjects and course offerings.

Not only is taking one of these classes a graduation requirement, but they are also growing in popularity. Student enrollment in CTE courses have almost doubled since 2019, according to Beard. During CTE Month, Beard said RSD does a focus on highlighting CTE students or programs on social media to showcase what they're doing.

One thing the Richland School District (RSD) is looking for, according to Beard, is more industry feedback. This will help these students learn about what could happen on their next step, whether that be college or workforce.

"Having industry and post-secondary representation to inform our programs about what types of skills that students might need that which is going to make them most ready. That's really beneficial for us. Guest speakers is really good to talk to students about what it's like to have a career in that particular field so they can get a better example of that, and particularly in that case, job shadows, you know, any internships, experiences like that where students can actually take the skills they're learning and go out and apply them in a real work situation."

Two areas RSD is trying to expand its CTE programs are in clean energy and sustainable agriculture. These are two things the Tri-Cities are pretty well-known for.

"Locally, we are an energy hub anyway, and now the clean energy sort of push is happening in this region, right? Tri-Cities is going to be a hub," said Beard. "Trying to answer that by building clean energy programs, in coordination or collaboration with Washington State Tri-Cities and CBC, who are doing some similar work. So,

clean energy is a big one and then sustainable agriculture, as well. Two programs that were really focused on trying to grow.”

Read more about CTE education in the Richland School District [here](#).

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Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers announces she will not run for re-election



Nominations now open for Regional Educator of the Year Awards in ESD 105
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Diversity Series at Yakima Valley College to Feature Omari Amili
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Winter Weather Advisory for Wallowa County: Expect 2-4 Inches of Snow
Stacy Lee

