

Rainier School District Newsletter



Class of 2025

Graduation will be held in the Mountaineer Gym on June 6, 2025 at 6:00pm

Top 5 Students



Bryn Beckman
Valedictorian



Orion Dobson
Salutatorian



Ella Marvin



Alexander Sample



Keira Anderson

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2025



Christian Ammons
Keira Anderson
April Anguiano Navarro
Keira Anguiano Navarro
Angelica Askey
Bryant Atehortua
Sarah Barry
Bryn Beckman
Janess Blackburn
Denaliann Blizzard
Ethan Bookter
Toby Borman
Emma Chambers
Matthew Collins
Jackson Cook
Lilyauna Covington
Kaleb DeCremer
Jenna Diaz
Orion Dobson
Samantha Edwards
Lance Egge
Gavin Foley

Dayton Gardner
Johnathon Grimmett
Mireya Guzman-Rodriguez
Liam Hentze
Hunter Howell
Esther Ireland
Kieler Jackson
Moroni Jackson
Faithe Jarvis
Steven Johnston III
Russell Karnes
Jaycee Keeney
Tyler Kempinski
Jace Lavender
Romeo Linson
Brayden Lynch
Ella Marvin
Emma Mathson
Jacob Meldrum
James Meldrum
Joshua Meldrum
Acacia Murphy

Landon Neal
Olivia Osborne
Zander Peck
Aryana Pentz
Tristan Potts
Connor Power
Alexander Sample
Gavin Scheidt
Mikkie Shaw
Brooklynn Swenson
Lilly Ventura
Tanner Wagner
Brayden Walker
Brayden Waltman
Jetta Watkins
Makenna Wayland
Loren Wellman
Skylar Weschler
Annabelle Whiteman
Kaitlyn Ziemathis

Rainier Middle School Mountain Lions



Bridge Ceremony Class of 2029!

Bridging Ceremony will be held on June 10, 2025 at 6:00pm in the Mountaineer Gym

Dominic Adair
Jessica Adamski
Devon Albright-Fengel
Ashlynn Atehortua
Allyson Baker
Brendan Bartlett
Lexi Beckman
Ty Beckman
Marijka Bedard
Brooklynn Bentz
Edison Blankenship
Rudy Borman
Logan Buck
Phoenix Buckingham
Caiden Buico
Shane Cardy
Julianna Charles
Lucas Chenvert
Kailani Coleman
Clayton Cox
Kameren Cox
Aden Cross
Ashley Crowe
Wyatt Cughan
Chloe Cunningham
Alexzander Deadder
Jacob Delaney
Tanner Dow
Courtney Eckroth
Hunter Egge

Madison Estus
Rhandecia Frazer
Shiloh Frederick
Tyler Gall
Ixzaah Gitt
Alexis Glukhovskikh
Adan Gonzalez
Sylas Gonzalez
Francesca Halpin
Ariana Hardy
Bear Heaberlin
Brooke Holum
Madison Jackson
Landon Johnson
Kaulei Kuahiwinui
Christian Laney
Aiden Lignell
Brodie Littlejohn
Tyson Mahan
Thor Maldonado
Samuel Mankowski
Colton McCoshum
Ike McCullough
Ethan McDonald
Scarlett McKitrick
Wyatt Murchison
Amelia Naval
Gabriel Newhouse
Brady Olsen
Quinn Olson
Emma Ooms

Shane Parker
Silas Parker
Samia Peaslee
Saphia Peaslee
Ella Petschauer
Anyelina Reyes-Tolentino
Hunter Rhodes
Jeffrey Rice-O'Leary
Dean Rowland
Layne Runkel
Abrienne Salgado
Gunner Scheidt
Corbin Seeman
Devin Sheaffer
Camren Simmons
John Paul Sprouffsks
Jackson Stockdale
Jason Strand
Victoria Strickland
Matthew Stubblefield
Bentley Terry
Noah Terry
Elijah Thompson
Logan Tracy
Owen Tyrrell
Daniel Vance
Paul Wakeman
Esten Walker
Samuel Weschler
Ashlin West



Rainier High School Mountaineers

RHS Art and Design

RHS Art and Design students had the opportunity to have real-life graphic design experience!

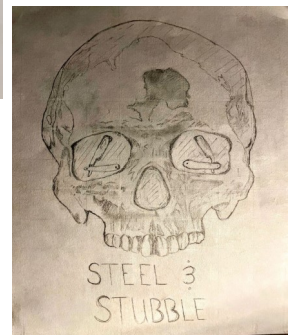
A small local business was recently purchased by a new owner. The new owner wants to redesign the business logo and offered Rainier High School Art and Design students a chance to design her new logo for Steel and Stubble, a barbershop opening in McKenna! She offered prizes for the top designs ranging from a \$100 gift card to \$25 Amazon gift cards. Five designs were chosen by the owner, Madison, and one runner-up. Madison really loved parts of each of the designs and plans to incorporate them into her final logo.

All the students artwork will be framed and featured in her new shop!

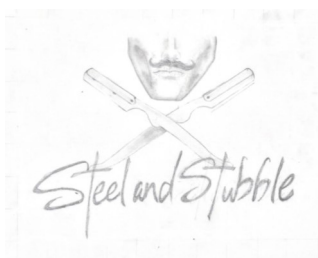
Congratulation to our winners and new business owner, Madison of Steel and Stubble in McKenna!



1st place
Zander Peck



2nd place
Aniah Frederick



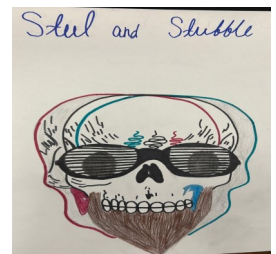
3rd place
Acacia Murphy



4th place
Jaycee Keeney



5th place
Connor Power



Honorable Mention
Khloe Arden

RHS Future Business Leaders of America Club



Rainier High School Future Business Leaders of America Club, had the pleasure of meeting Jan Henry back in March. The students were able to learn about owning your own business for more than 50 years. Ms. Henry went over how the business world is very different today vs in 1970!

The student (left to right) Tyler Kempinski, Jeanice Kitchens, Alexi Myers, Jaycee Keeney, Jazzlyn Shumate and Denver McIntyre enjoyed the day and learned a lot. Thank you Jan!!!

ASB Food Drive

The annual ASB Food Drive to benefit Rainier's Valley Heart Food Pantry was held February 24th through March 14th. This event was chaired by Jimmy Meldrum and Jetta Watkins, with a huge assistance from Josh Meldrum and friends! More than 1500 pounds of food was gathered from first hour classes, Rainier Post Office, Turner Automotive and Rainer City Hall.

Mrs. Rossmailer's Class took first place and Miss Dickerson's Class took second place. The winning class was treated to ice cream sandwiches.

A huge thank you to That Hose Guy (Jay and Nicole Brown) and several other folks that delivered in a BIG way to help restock shelves at the Food Pantry. Thank you all for helping us help our own!!!!



Rose Gold Dreams Prom 2025

Rainier High School Prom was held at the Lacey Community Center in April.

Everyone enjoyed dancing the night away to music provided by DJ Sounds of Counselor Michael McGuire and RHS Sound Club member Angus Hentze.

Royalty: Junior Prince: Zachary Hamilton and Cooper Lantz. Junior Princess: Katelyn Eckroth and Anika Plowman. Senior Prince: Tyler Kempinski and Romeo Linson. Senior Princess: Ella Marvin and Acacia Murphy. King Zander Peck and Queen Janess Blackburn.

Special thanks to all the chaperones!!



RAINIER SENIOR PRESENTATIONS

All 65 members from the Class of 2025 presented their "Senior Presentation" to the community panels on May 19 from 3:30-7:30 p.m. To earn your diploma from RHS you must successfully complete and pass a short presentation on how you took advantage of opportunities within your four years of high school to prepare yourself for entering the REAL WORLD and give details on how you will proceed after graduation.

We'd like to give thanks to the community panel members who scored the presentations. Tami Clark, Dana Spivey, Belinda Hayner, Lisa Glassmeyer, Eric Dickerson, Lisa Spitzer, Terry Sing and Dave Shepherd. The teachers who ran the sessions were Sam Dickerson, Adam Cornwall, Michele Baker and Sandy Rossmailer.



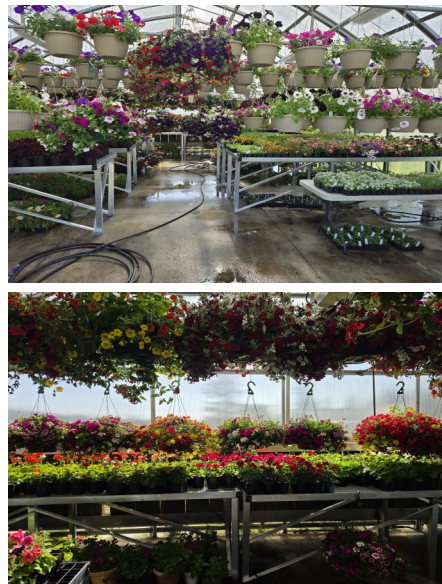
Rainier High School FFA Plant Sale

RHS landscape students had an amazing time learning about plant biology and the growing of a variety of crop types. We focused on annual flowers, perennial flowers and vegetable starts. We also decided on some bare root plants to add another layer of items for our local customers. Growing plants from seeds and vegetative plugs is a large endeavor that students take on each year.

Students become proficient in transplanting, watering, pinching, fertilizing and finishing off many different types of plants as well as developing an understanding about marketing, sales and service.

This is all possible because our community supports our school programs, which includes our annual plant sale. So we wanted to make sure our community knows how much we appreciate their support in our learning process. We hope everyone enjoy the final product.

Thanks to the Rainier Community!!!



Chemistry

Mrs. Olson took her chemistry students out to the track to complete an activity focusing on nuclear half-life. Each group used skittles to demonstrate how half-lives affect a sample of nuclear material.



Retirement!

Chris Rearden—34 years, Preschool and Special Education Teacher

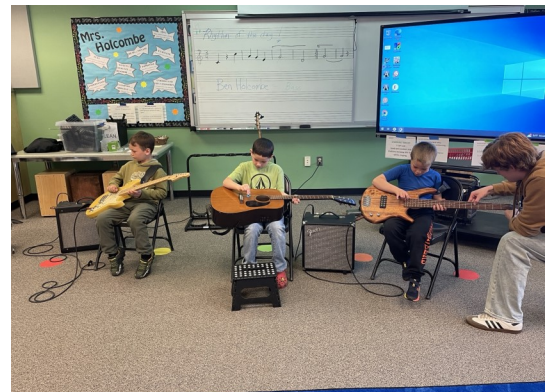
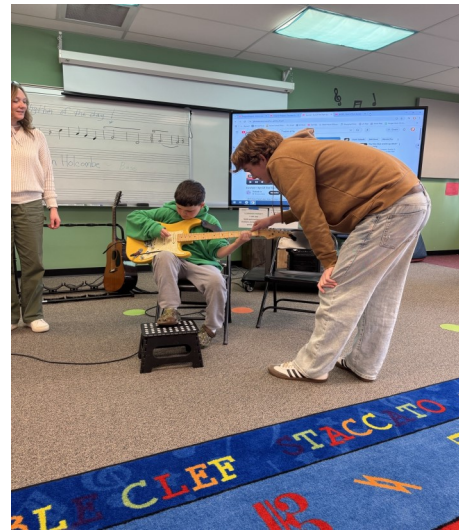
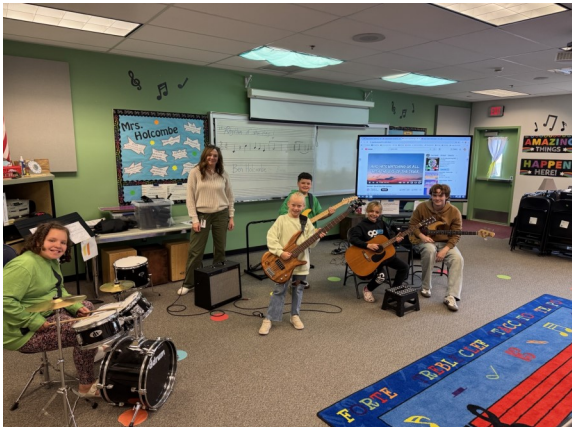
Sue White—23 years, Elementary Teacher

Debi Holmes—17 years, District Office Business Manager



Rainier Elementary School Cougars

Cougar Paw Guitar Experience with Mrs. Holcombe's son Ben.





RAINIER SCHOOL DISTRICT CAPITAL LEVY UPDATE

PROMISES MADE...PROMISES KEPT!

MAY 22, 2025



BIG THINGS ARE HAPPENING!

Thanks to the incredible support of Rainier voters, we're excited to share the next step in fulfilling the promises we made to our community!

Thanks to your approval of the Capital Levy, we're beginning one of several much-needed upgrades - **resurfacing the high school track!**

Starting May 28th, all gates to the Football Stadium and Track will be CLOSED during the project. This is just the beginning of improvements that will benefit our students, athletes, and entire school community for years to come.

Thank You, Rainier Families!

Your support helps us create safer, more functional, and inspiring spaces for all students.

We're committed to keeping our promises—and keeping you updated every step of the way.

Stay tuned for more exciting improvements coming soon!

Thanks!

Bryon Bahr

Superintendent

INVESTING IN EDUCATION: A GUIDE TO SCHOOL LEVY TYPES

WHAT IS A CAPITAL LEVY?

It's a local funding approved by voters—**that's YOU!**—to take care of our schools through:

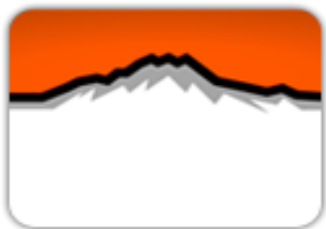
- Smaller building projects
- Repairs and upgrades
- Technology Improvements
- Safety enhancements

Examples Include:

- Fixing leaky roofs
- Updating computer systems
- Improving playgrounds
- Resurfacing tracks and fields

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LEVY TYPES

What It's For	Capital Levy	Bond	EP&O Levy
Technology Upgrades	✓		✓
Safety & Maintenance	✓		✓
Building Renovations		✓	
New School Construction		✓	
Teacher & Staff Salaries			✓
Day-to-Day Operating Costs			✓
Athletics, Clubs, & Enrichment			✓



RAINIER SCHOOL DISTRICT

“Home of the Cougars, Mountain Lions, and Mountaineers”

Celebrating the Close of a Remarkable School Year

It's hard to believe the 2024–2025 school year has already come to a close. As we reflect on the past several months, we are filled with pride and gratitude for the many exciting accomplishments and meaningful moments that have shaped this year.

Our students have grown in countless ways—academically, socially, and emotionally. From kindergarteners mastering their first full school year to seniors walking across the graduation stage, every student has reached a milestone worth celebrating. To our graduates: congratulations on completing this important chapter of your lives! Whether you are headed to college, trade school, military service, or stepping directly into the workforce, you carry with you the confidence, curiosity, and courage that only a graduate can fully know.

We are also proud to share that Rainier School District was recognized by the **Washington School Recognition Program** for its outstanding performance during the 2023–2024 school year. Please join us in congratulating:

- **Rainier Middle School** for exceptional growth
- **Rainier Senior High School** for outstanding achievement

These recognitions are a testament to the hard work of our students, the dedication of our staff, and the unwavering support from families and our community.

Looking ahead, we are excited about continued improvements to our district facilities. This summer, work is underway to resurface the Rainier High School track—made possible by the generosity of our voters who supported the Capital Levy. Additionally, we are thrilled to have been awarded a **\$5.525 million OSPI Modernization Grant**, which will help fund much-needed upgrades and repairs across all three schools.

As we step into summer, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to our students, staff, families, and community members for making this year truly special. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the fall—rested, recharged, and ready for another incredible year of learning and growth.

Enjoy your summer, Rainier!

Thanks

Bryon

Bryon Bahr

Superintendent