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FEDERAL WAY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Rainier View Elementary

As we conclude the second month of school, we are preparing for student-led conferences scheduled for October 29-30. We look forward to this time when students can show off their learning and identify goals which they and their teachers have set for the remaining months of the year.

What is the student's roll?

The student's job at conference time will be to explain some of the standards and goals he/she is working on, and to show examples of current level of performance. With the support of teachers and parents, your child will also set goals for future improvement.

What is the parent's roll?

One of the most important things a parent can do is attend the conference! During the conference, parents are encouraged to listen, to compliment and talk with their child about his/her work, and to identify ways they can help their child reach his/her goals.

What is the teacher's roll?

Teachers will help select work samples, which show their level of performance in these areas. They will assist students in setting goals for the remainder of the year. Prior to the conferences, teachers will provide opportunities for students to practice their part in the conference in order to put them more at ease.

Upcoming Events:

Student Led Conferences No School	Oct. 29,30
Day Light Savings Time FALL BACK!	Nov. 1
Popcorn Day	Nov. 6 & 20
Veterans Day Assembly— 9:00am	Nov. 10
No School Veterans Day	Nov. 11
Early Dismissal—1:20 pm	Nov. 25
No School—Thanksgiving Holiday	Nov. 26,27

School Start and Dismissal Times

Grades 1-5 and All Day Kindergarten
8:50 a.m.—3:20 p.m.
A.M. Kindergarten
8:50 a.m.—11:35 p.m.
P.M. Kindergarten
12:35 p.m.—3:20 p.m.

Accelerated Reader

Parents, did you know you can go to the Rainier View website, www.fwps.org/rainierview and click on Accelerated Reader Home Connection to monitor your child's AR goal progress. It's easy! Just ask your child for his/her user name and password. Also, click on AR Book Find to find out the AR Quiz level for books in your home library or the public library. Thanks for being reading partners! Mrs. Grayson, Librarian

The **Family Partnership Office** coordinates parent partner support networks, trainings and workshops for parents interested in supporting their students academic success. For more details, call 253-945-2273, e-mail Trise Moore; tmoore@fwps.org or go to <http://www.fwps.org/info/family/>

Kindergarten Field Trip

Despite heavy rain and windy weather, the Kindergarten classes had a great time at the Maris Farms Pumpkin Patch. We enjoyed several activities while dodging mud puddles such as a hay ride, corn maze, and visiting the farm animals. Each of the students got a pumpkin to take home to remind them of our fun-filled day.



Veterans Day

We are celebrating Veterans Day with a special assembly. We will be honoring our Veterans, Tuesday, November 10 at 9:00am. **All veterans are welcome!** Please let us honor, remember, and celebrate your service to our country!

OUR FIRST 2009/2010 FLYERS!

Students were be honored at the October 23rd flyer assembly for consistently showing the traits; Respect, Responsibility, and Cooperation.

Elementary Track Jog-a-Thon

Who: All Elementary School Students

Where: Sequoyah Middle School Track

When: Saturday, November 21st from 9:00-4:00pm

(Students do not need to stay the whole time)

Why: To support the Elementary School Track program in Federal Way

Students may pick up a pledge sheet in the office. Pledges must be get pledges before the walk-a-thon and can collect them after. See your school office for more information.



Welcome To Rainier View

David Couch

My name is David Couch and I am very excited to be joining the staff here at Rainier View. I grew up in Puyallup and still live there today. I attended Central Washington University where I graduated with a degree in Elementary Education and Reading. Last year I taught 4th grade at Hilltop Elementary in Edgewood.

Sports are a big part of my life. I am a huge fan of our local teams: the Mariners and Seahawks, and love college football. I enjoy going to the gym, hanging out at the lake during the summer, and watching football on TV.

Kelley George

My name is Kelley George and I am the AmeriCorps volunteer for the 2009-2010 school year. I would like to thank all of you for the warm welcome that I have received at your school and I look forward to tutoring your students.

For those of you whom I have not met, I would like to introduce myself. I graduated this past May from the University of New Hampshire with a B.S. in Business Administration and a Spanish minor. I have lived in New Hampshire for my entire life and I am looking forward to a new and exciting time in Washington.

I will be in your school this year Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm. I will not be present on Fridays because our AmeriCorps team meets for training and community development projects. I will also be attending a state-wide AmeriCorps conference in Yakima on October 26th to October 29th.

I look forward to working with you and your students throughout the school year.

Kerri Alderman

My name is Kerri Alderman and I am so excited to be back at Rainier View. I have been teaching in the Federal Way School District for the past 3 years. I grew up in the Federal Way and Northeast Tacoma area. I received my teaching degree from Central Washington University. I am currently working on my master's degree online through Walden University. When I am not at school or at home working on one of my masters assignments, I enjoy spending my few moments of free time shopping or watching sports. I am a huge Seahawks fan and go to the games whenever I get the opportunity. To keep in shape I play on a co-ed indoor soccer team.



Search for a new Superintendent...

We look forward to hearing what the community wants for their schools as we embark on this exciting journey.

In our search for a new superintendent, we are committed to building on our success with a process that is transparent, inclusive and efficient for parents, teachers, staff and the community.

Our primary search criteria for a new superintendent are founded on a commitment to academic performance, innovation and community engagement.

On behalf of the FWPS Board of Education I would like to invite you to the following listening sessions to be hosted by board members on the following dates:

Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at Decatur High School Cafeteria 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 5, 2009 at Federal Way High School 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Monday, November 9, 2009 at Thomas Jefferson High School 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 12, 2009 at Todd Beamer High School 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

We look forward to hearing from you.