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Parent Newsletter

Rainier Beach High School

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Vikings Against Violence

This semester RBHS began its first Leadership class, taught by Ms. Annie Patu, which focuses on building student leadership skills and engaging students in service learning projects within the community. The students this semester chose to host an anti-violence campaign throughout the school to raise awareness about the increasing violence within the community and to promote non-violent responses to these issues. Students chose three specific areas to address that included gossip and rumors, sexual harassment, and gang violence.



The campaign kicked off on April 4 during lunch. Members from the Anti-Violence Coalition came and spoke to students about how they can help to decrease violence in our community. The leadership class is also hosting discussions in homeroom classrooms to raise awareness and brainstorm possible solutions to address these issues.



Our hope is that everyone will at the least be aware of these issues and hopefully change their behavior to handle difficult situations with a non-violent response.

This article was written by RBHS student Kendrick Davis-Pittmon.

If you have a student who is going on to college next year, there are still scholarships available; but hurry! Contact Ms. Quintana 252-6395.

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In Need of Parenting Support?

We are all in need of support and assistance at some time in our lives. If you are feeling overwhelmed by parenting, or could just use some pointers or advice, you are not alone! At the Rainier Beach Family Center, part of Atlantic Street Center, support groups and classes for parents of all kinds are offered to help you to strengthen and empower your family.

The Rainier Beach Family Center offers three free programs: a Parenting of Teens Class (for parents of teenagers), a TAPP Program (Teens as Parents) and a group for grandparents and kinship care providers, to support those raising their family

members' children. Call or stop by to gain some support and sense of normalcy from others in your situation.

Child care and food are offered at these programs, as well as limited transportation. Currently, classes are being held at Atlantic Street Center, 2103 S. Atlantic Street, although they will soon move back to the Rainier Beach Community Center. For more information and to find out when the groups meet, call 206-723-1301.





Summer's Coming!



Make sure your family has plenty to do this summer!

Summer School: If your student needs some extra credits, there are some great opportunities for the summer! Registration is now open for summer school, which is offered at Franklin, Cleveland, Ballard and West Seattle, and it's **FREE!** Summer school runs from June 30th– July 31st. Another great opportunity is WASL Summer College, available to juniors and seniors, and running from July 19th– August 14th...and students can earn 1.5 credits! Summer College is also **FREE.**



Come to the counseling office for more information and to register by **June 3rd.**

Career Center: Is your student interested in robotics, aerospace, swimming, boating, inventing, computers, film making or more? Rainier Beach's Career Center has an extensive list of fun summer activities for all students as well as **paid summer internships** and plenty of job listings for students ages 14-19! Come check out the Career Center for other opportunities as well:



- Help with college admissions, financial aid, scholarships
- Resumes, that's how you get an interview!
- Career surveys, interactive on the computer
- Summer jobs and paid internships

- Summer Skills Center Classes– get .5 credit

Family members are always welcome for career center services! Please make an appointment first with Ms. Quintana at 252-6395.

Food Workers Permit: Anyone interested in getting a job handling or serving food over the summer will need to get a Food Workers Permit...why not make it easy and get it at school? On **Wednesday, May 21st**, at 12:30 PM (it's an early dismissal day), Ms. Green will be giving the Food Workers Permit Test for the **last time before summer!**

Students can sign up on Ms. Green's door, room 160. Cost is \$10.



Homework Help

The end of the year is fast approaching, five week progress reports are out, and some students are starting to stress about getting their work done and grades up. But have no fear: homework help is here! Along with our wonderful after-school tutoring program in the RBHS library, the Seattle Public Library is also offering **free** homework help with real tutors either online or at the Rainier Beach Library Branch! Tutoring is available at the Rainier Beach Branch from 5-7 PM Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 1-3 on Saturdays. Online homework help is available every day in English from 3-10 PM **y disponible en Espanol 3-7 PM de Domingo a Jueves.** Online help is at www.spl.org.

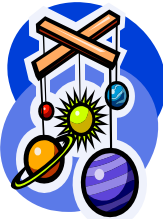


Yearbooks Are On Sale Now!

Make sure your student doesn't miss out on the wonderful memories. Order a yearbook today– distribution day is May 30th, Viking Day. This yearbook is all-color and has a hard cover...for only \$55! Contact Ms. Burks, 252-6455 (room 262) for more information.


RBHS Models Our Solar System!

On Friday, May 9th, students taking Integrated Science began a collaborative project to construct a classroom-sized scale model of our own Solar System within the Milky Way Galaxy. The model will include the Sun as well as all significant objects in orbit around our star such as planets, moons and asteroids. Students will use foam spheres with tempera paint and note cards with significant information on each object to complete the model. The model will be available for students, family and friends to visit, view and learn about students' work in astronomy. For more information or to view it stop by room 245 or contact Mr. Kupperstein, 252-6449.



Upcoming Events

MAY

24th: PROM-New Date! On Argosy Cruise Ship 

21st: Early Dismissal (out at 12:30)

26th: No School– Memorial Day 

 **30th:** Viking Day


JUNE

6th: Senior Breakfast at RBHS \$10 for student and parents 

6th: Last day of school for seniors

9th: Senior Luncheon at Salty's 11-2, \$15

10th: GRADUATION at Memorial Stadium 5 PM

 **17th:** Last day of school for all students

18th: Summer!

All young ladies interested in the HPV vaccine, see April in the Teen Health Center before May 23rd!

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