

# Board Briefs

Richland School Board Highlights of April 10, 2018, meeting

On recent visits to other school districts, the **RSD Technology Vision Workgroup** observed how schools are leveraging technology to create innovative content and improve instruction ([read detailed report](#)). “Schools selected for site visits have high poverty levels, clear instructional focuses, and strong student outcomes resulting from their intentional work,” explained Nicki Blake, Executive Director of Teaching & Learning.

Board **awarded the general contractor bid** for the new elementary school in West Richland to **Chervenell Construction**. Chervenell’s bid of \$17.51 million was the lowest of three bids submitted.

- The District will use Elementary #11 during the **2019-20** school year to house Tapteal Elementary students while the new Tapteal is being built.
- In **2020-21**, the District will use Elementary #11 to house Badger Mountain Elementary students while the new Badger Mountain is being built.



Elementary #11 construction will begin in late April.

## Board reviewed a [detailed report](#) on Extra-Curricular Athletics & Activities:

- 4,414 secondary students participate in clubs/groups;
- 4,068 students participate in athletics.

“Increased student engagement positively impacts school culture resulting in better attendance, less student discipline, and higher graduation rates,” noted Assistant Superintendent Todd Baddley.



Badger Mountain Elementary principal Gail Ledbetter recognized assistant principal **Shana Borms** for the positive impact she is having at the school. “Shana is a servant leader who puts the needs of others first. She is committed to helping students and

staff grow, and to the continual building of our Badger Mountain community. Shana takes on any project that involves helping students succeed because that is her passion.”

Jeff Lettau, Director of Facilities and Operations, recognized three employees for their **excellent work** supporting RSD staff and students:

**Gina McNiven** - Custodial, **Manuel Fernandez** - AV/Auditorium Support, **Ray Murphy** - Grounds



## Other News:

**Hanford High School Center Stage** presents William Shakespeare’s *Romeo & Juliet* on April 13, 14, 18, 20, & 21, at 7:30 pm, and April 21 at 2:00 pm, in the Black Box Theater. Seating is limited. For ticket and Gold Card info, go to this link: [www.hanforddrama.org](http://www.hanforddrama.org)

**Richland High School** sophomore **Hailey Polus** used Prismacolor pencils to create beautiful image seen below. Hailey's piece earned a Judge's Choice award at the regional high school art show and is now on display at the Washington State High School Art Show in Olympia.



View other RSD state art show entries [here](#).

**Jacob Poletski**, Tapteal Elementary fifth grade student, has been named a 2018 inductee into the **AAA School Safety Patrol Hall of Fame**. Each year, AAA Washington selects ten outstanding safety patrollers from around the state for this special honor ([details here](#)).

“Jacob exemplifies Tapteal's Personal Standards: show respect, solve problems, make good decisions,” says **Ben Price**, fourth grade teacher and Safety Patrol Advisor.



The Richland School District's **Preschool Roundup** is underway. Three and four year old children **can qualify for RSD preschool programs** based on income, developmental concerns, or academic need. The first two parent meetings and child evaluations are **Wednesday, April 18, 4:00 to 7:00 pm**, at Lewis & Clark Elementary and Sacajawea Elementary.

**The Richland High School girls basketball team** raised nearly \$3000 for the Kadlec Foundation which is using the money to provide no-cost mammograms for

women in financial need. “We are grateful to these RHS student-athletes for their continued support of the Kadlec Auxiliary Mammogram Assistance Program,” stated **Nikki Ostergaard**, Kadlec Foundation.



The Lady Bombers present their check to Kadlec officials.

Hanford High School student **Christopher Kang** earned a **Grand Prize** award at the Mid-Columbia Regional Science Fair and will now compete at the International Science and Engineering Fair. RSD students earning **First Place Awards** at the regional competition ([details here](#)) were:

- **Afrak Aftab**, Hanford High
- **Zoe Gotthold**, Richland High
- **Nischal Allena**, Enterprise MS
- **Ourania-Marie Glezakou-Elbert**, Libby MS
- **Daniel Li**, Libby MS

**Marcus Whitman Elementary leadership students** coordinated a successful clothing drive for the Tri-City UGM Women and Children's Shelter. The van seen in the background was full of donations.



