When I think of March, I always remember the little saying from about 1st grade: Comes in like a lion, goes out like a lamb. When I’ve thought about how it is here in the Tri-Cities, the lion seems to just keep blowing well into April. I do like it, though, that days are clearly getting longer. And spring sports are beginning. Thanks for reading this newsletter, and keeping up with what’s going on at your student’s, or students’, school. We do think this PTSA-produced newsletter is one of the very valuable activities we take on for RHS students, parents, and staff. One of you out there saw the ‘Help Wanted’ article/ad in February newsletter for a new editor, and it struck a chord with you. Whoever you are… please come forward! Nancy Uziemblo has been editing/producing The Days Pay-Per for over 5 years now (plus several years at Chief Jo Middle School before that.) She has just one more year as a RHS parent, and she needs to train and mentor a new editor. Yes, it does take some work, but the results are well worth it.

After carefully crafting my ‘please get your Albertsons Community Partners information updated’ article last month, we received a letter from Albertsons telling us that they were discontinuing the reward program as of the end of January! Thanks for your past support. Albertsons is offering another fundraising opportunity, involving sale of Albertsons gift cards to our supporters (discount offered for each $1000 in cards purchased), but we’ll have to talk to folks to see if that would be viable.

We’re still promoting eScrip; look for the article in this newsletter with basic sign-up information. Jamba Juice (described to me as a healthier Orange Julius) has an agreement with national PTA for support.

The closest Jamba Juice to us is in Spokane, but several of the RHS PTSA officers were very familiar with it from their out-of-town travels. Therefore, we will have Jamba School Appreciation Cards soon. For those of you who go out of town for sports or vacations, you can swing by a Jamba Juice and support RHS PTSA scholarships, newsletter, and much more. We’ll be looking at other fundraising options, so please share your ideas.

UPCOMING RHS PTSA MEETINGS:

BOARD MEETING (All members welcome.)
March 8, 7 p.m. in the RHS Library

SENIOR PARTY MEETING
March 9, 7 p.m. in the RHS library

SENIOR PARTY AUCTION/FUNDRAISER
March 13, at the Knights of Columbus Hall
6:30 - 11:00 p.m., $30.00 a person.
Contact Carol Sanford, 627-5916, for tickets.

The RHS PTSA 2010 Nominating Committee is recruiting qualified persons for the 4 PTSA elected positions for the 2010-11 school year.
You can help us by nominating yourself or someone else for President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer for the next school year.
RHS PTSA officer elections will be in April.
Contact Bob McAdoo [ r.mcadoo@verizon.net ], Nancy Uziemblo [Uziemblo@verizon.net] or Ryan Rettig [Ryan.Rettig@rsd.edu] for more information and to present nominations.
RHS PTSA NEWS

RHS PTSA NEWSLETTER
EDITOR—STARTING 2010-11 SCHOOL YEAR
Interested in sharing RHS news with families? Seven editions are published each school year. It is lots of fun and there is room for creativity! Contact Nancy Uziemblo at Uziemblo@verizon.net or 943-5762 for more inspiration.

RHS PTSA Scholarships
The RHS PTSA has 2 scholarships available for graduating seniors: The Service and Leadership Scholarship recognizes students for their outstanding community service and leadership and is for those students attending a 4 year, 2 year, trade school or technical school.

The RHS Post Secondary School Scholarship is specifically for those students who will be attending a 2 year, trade or technical school after graduation. Please see Mrs. Hergert for a scholarship application. The deadline for both of these scholarships is April 8, 2010.

Also in the Career Center is information on the Richland PTA Council Scholarship. This is a $500 scholarship awarded each year to one Richland High School senior. Pick up an application today!

Support the RHS PTSA with eScrip
The Richland High PTSA is enrolled in the eScrip program. Individuals sign up as supporters and register their loyalty cards (for Safeway or Yoke’s Fresh Markets), plus debit and credit cards if you wish. When you use any of these registered cards with a participating merchant partner, the merchant makes a contribution that goes to Richland High PTSA (and other organizations you indicate on your enrollment.)

How can you enroll?
Go to escrip.com, click on ‘sign up’ and follow the instructions. The Richland High School PTSA Membership number is 8566062. You'll want to register your Safeway Club Card number and Yoke’s Fresh Markets/eScrip Community Card number. To take advantage of contributions from other participating merchants, you’ll need to register credit card and/or debit card numbers. You choose which merchants or credit/debit cards you want to use.

At Safeway, donations to the RHS PTSA will be generated every time you use your Safeway Club Card. A Yoke’s Fresh Markets eScrip Community Card is available at Yoke’s customer service counter; present your card each time you make a purchase.

Questions? Contact Diane Call, buffcall@verizon.net or 531-4095

A MAJOR THANK-YOU to those who helped with the February newsletter: Lory Allen; Parents: Lynn McAdoo, MaryAnn Kelley, Sue Gauglitz, and Robin Berkenbile; Staff: Kara Kent, Rita Yourdan, Jeanette Mendell, and Miss H; Students: Kyle Cooke, Garth Mann, Shaylee Welker, Eugene DeBattista, Caitlin Talbert, Taylor Stolz, Long Vu, Hailee Elliott, Logan Frost and Michael McClusky.
RHS NEWS

...from Gordon Comfort, Principal, Richland High School

Saul Haas Foundation

The students at Richland High School have benefited by the RHS PTSA’s gift to the matching funds of the Saul Haas Foundation these past two years. The Saul Haas Foundation is an organization that matches dollar for dollar the donations from other organizations and individuals. Gratefully, the PTSA (and its members) has given money to the school that the Saul Haas Foundation has matched.

The vision of the Saul Haas Foundation is “to help promising young people at critical times in their lives to do that which otherwise would not be timely done.” As principal of Richland High, it is nice to have Saul Haas Foundation dollars because the rules regulating the use of the money are very broad allowing students to receive immediate aid. For example, I received a “drop form” from a student wishing to withdraw from his sixth period class. The drop didn’t make much sense to me so I asked his counselor. After she looked at his transcript, the situation didn’t make much sense to her either. I called the student’s mother and she informed me that the withdrawal was due to not having the needed equipment for the class as the family was experiencing financial hardship. It was wonderful to know that the Saul Haas Foundation money could be used to help this student.

This is just one example of the Saul Haas Foundation money being used to help Richland High School students, and there are many more. Richland High School students, staff, and I, would like to thank the PTSA for their support of the Saul Hass Foundation program.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT/PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SEPAC)

The Richland SEPAC invites parents, staff, friends- anyone who would be interested in attending, to our informational meetings. The meetings are held from 5:00 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. Free childcare is available. The meeting dates, locations and topics are:

- State Assessments: What’s the Latest? March 4
  Location: Enterprise MS
- Planning Meeting for Next Year  May 6
  Location: District Boardroom, 615 Snow Avenue

Richland High School Bomber Boosters

JOIN TODAY - GET INVOLVED!! You can help support the many Richland Bomber activities, events, and student needs by becoming a Bomber Booster member today. With your membership, you receive a RHS Bomber Booster shirt, Dairy Queen discount card, and you’ll get to hang out with the energetic RHS Bomber Boosters gang. Visit our web site at www.bomberboosters.org.
BIG Congratulations to RHS National Merit Scholars:
Finalists: Ellen S. Bengtson and Daniel R. Humphrys
Commended: Jordan A. Pettibon and Natalya S. Sinkova

RHS THEATRE ARTS
The Richland High School Theatre Arts Department will have a book-fair fundraiser at Barnes and Noble on Saturday, February 27 (during all business hours). Mention the Richland High School Theatre program or bring in the coupon in this newsletter [or at http://www.richlandbombers.org/ ] for the event and the Theatre Arts program will receive a percentage of your purchase. All proceeds go toward the department’s upcoming trip to perform at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Mark your calendars for March 5, 6, 12, and 13, when the award-winning RHS Performing Arts Department will present the beloved musical The Sound of Music at 7:30 p.m. in the RHS Auditorium. Audience members are encouraged to purchase tickets ahead of time, beginning March 1 at the Richland Bookworm and Adventures Underground (in the Uptown Shopping Center). Tickets will also be available at the RHS Bookkeeper’s Office and at the door. Tickets are $10, and $8 for students/seniors.

If you would like more information, or would like to help, please e-mail theatre arts director Ellicia Mertens Elliott at ellicia.elliott@rsd.edu.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO:
A gala event, to celebrate the production of The Sound of Music and to help benefit the Theatre Arts Department’s trip to Edinburgh, Scotland.
Theme: "My Favorite Things" Date: Saturday, March 13 Start Time: 5 p.m.
Location: Richland High School Commons Ticket Price: $35
Ticket includes entry to the Gala and select reserved seating at the 7:30 p.m. performance of The Sound of Music
Gala Features: Silent Auction, Door Prizes, Catered Appetizers, Beverages and Dessert
Live Music from BlueZette
Tickets can be purchased at the RHS Bookkeeping office or at the door.

ELITE FLEET MONTHLY WINNERS January 2010 ...from Becki Maki, Director

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Saturday, February 27, 2010
Richland High Theatre

Barnes & Noble Bookfair
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Barnes & Noble
At the Columbia Center Mall

• The cast of *The Sound of Music* will be at the store from 1 PM to 5 PM.

• Performances from the upcoming production of *The Sound of Music*!

• Get your picture taken with characters from the musical!

• E-mail RHS Theatre Arts Director Ellicia Elliott (ellicia.elliott@rsd.edu) for more information
Register for Classes that give **COLLEGE CREDIT**

Jumpstart your college education by enrolling in one of our “Tech-Prep” classes. RHS offers several classes in which you can earn **college credit** as well as high school credit while staying on campus!

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<td>Acquire skills for use in completing culminating project as you develop basic and intermediate keyboarding and word processing skills using the Microsoft Office Suite.</td>
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<td>Advanced word processing and desktop publishing. Students will develop advanced formatting skills in Word, PowerPoint and Publisher.</td>
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<td>Advanced spreadsheets and databases. Students will learn and apply Microsoft Office skills to advanced level projects including Excel and Access.</td>
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<td>Planning, recording, analyzing and interpreting financial information. Learn the concepts &amp; relationships of manual &amp; computerized accounting.</td>
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<td><strong>Web Design</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Introduction to Marketing</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Marketing Management</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Work-Based Learning</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Consumer Economics</strong></td>
<td>This career preparation and financial planning course is filled with the key concepts and skills adults need to navigate on their own. Careers and post-secondary education options will be explored during the first quarter and second quarter will focus on Financial Literacy Education. This course provides support in meeting the <strong>GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:</strong> High School and Beyond Plan and Culminating Project.</td>
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Parents of Richland High School Seniors
Save the Date for the
2010 Senior Party Auction!

“Bombers Take Flight”

Mark your calendars to assure you don’t miss the night flight on RHS Airlines filled with friends, fun, and fantastic gift items! In-flight entertainment will include tempting silent and live auction items as well as delicious appetizers and local wines. Finish the evening with dancing in the cockpit to the tracks of Sight and Sound Services. We do not anticipate any turbulence at our cruising altitude of 2010 feet, so feel free to mingle in the cabin all evening.

Date: Saturday, March 13th
Flight Time: 6:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Terminal and Gate: Richland Knights of Columbus Hall
Boarding passes on sale now at $30.00 per person. 21 years and older.

All proceeds benefit the Richland High School Graduation Party, providing the 2010 RHS seniors with a safe and unforgettable senior party on the evening of their graduation.

If you have questions, please contact:
Linda Dunford (627-1446) or Carol Sanford (627-5916)

HELP! We are presently in the process of organizing the 2010 Senior Party Fundraising Auction and we need you to help us make this a roaring success! If you just don’t have the time to become involved, would you consider donating an item or service that could be offered as an auction item? Possibly your employer or a friend you know would be willing to donate something we could use – all donations are welcome. Let’s all work together to make this a wonderful success for our graduating seniors!
If you are able to donate an item please contact:
Linda Dunford (624-1446), Carol Sanford (627-5916)
Lorna Dittmer (627-1879), or Cindi Foster (627-0425)
TICKETS FOR THE SENIOR PARTY ARE ON SALE AT LUNCH ON WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS.

Senior Party 2010
“Life’s A Beach”
Friday, June 4, 10 p.m.–3:30 a.m.
Cathedral of Joy

HOURS OF FUN FOR JUST $25

LOADS OF ENTERTAINMENT!!

Music    Hypnotist    Bingo
Trading Post    Henna Tattoos    Photo
Casino    Door Prize Drawings    Food
Large Inflatables

lots and lots and lots of PRIZES

All tickets purchased by March 1st will be entered in a drawing for a Flip Video Camcorder
BUY YOUR TICKETS EARLY!

RHS CLASS OF 2010 TICKET ORDER FORM

STUDENT NAME ______________________________
PARENT NAME _____________________________
PHONE NUMBER ______________________________
E-MAIL ADDRESS (to confirm receipt) ______________________________________________

Checks only: $25 before March 1
$30 March 1 - May 31 OR $35 at the door
Make Checks out to RHS PTSA 2010 Senior Party

Mail form with check to:
Leann Sutherland   503 Basswood Ave.
Richland, WA 99352

Questions: Call Leann 943-7694
Update on Professional Learning Communities/Teacher Collaboration Time

1) The three early release options for secondary teacher collaboration time/Professional Learning Communities proposed last month are no longer being considered. The District received numerous emails/phone calls from staff and parents about the suggested options. Almost all voiced concerns about the potential loss of instructional time. “We’re listening to what our teachers and parents are saying to us,” stated Rick Jansons, President of the Richland School Board. “Every minute of instructional time is valuable.”

2) The District is in the process of developing new options which will not shorten students’ class time. Any new options will be posted on the District web site at: www.rsd.edu

3) Teachers are being surveyed in an effort to gather their ideas and suggestions about how best to implement Professional Learning Communities at the secondary level.

4) Research shows that Professional Learning Communities can impact student achievement in a positive way. The District’s challenge is to ensure that teachers, administrators and parents work closely together to develop options and implement PLCs that will improve student learning. More information is at: www.plcwashington.org

Specific guidelines implemented for head injuries/concussions Consistent with state law, the Richland School District has implemented a Student Sports Concussion and Head Injury Policy:

1) All coaches undergo training in head injury and concussion management at least once every two years.

2) On a yearly basis, a concussion and head injury information sheet is signed and returned by the student-athlete and the athlete’s parent/guardian prior to the athlete starting practice.

3) A student-athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion/head injury will be immediately removed from a practice or game.

4) A student-athlete who has been removed from play may not return until he or she is evaluated by a licensed health care provider trained in the evaluation and management of concussions/head injuries and receives written clearance to return to play from that health care provider.

Drivers asked to stay off cell phones The Richland School District asks that parent drivers not be talking on cell phones when picking up or dropping off children at school. A close call was recently reported at one of our schools when a parent distracted by talking on a cell phone almost hit some children in a crosswalk.

Operation levy is approved Richland School District residents approved the operations levy on February 9. Election results showed a 65% yes vote, considerably higher than the 50% needed to pass. "We thank our community for their ongoing support of District students, staff and programs," stated Rick Jansons, President of the Richland School Board.

Receive District updates electronically Parents wishing to stay current with Richland School District happenings can do so via email. The twice a month electronic news summary includes recaps of Richland School Board meetings along with up-to-date information on instruction, curriculum and facilities. To subscribe, contact Steve Aagaard, District Communications Manager, at steve.aagaard@rsd.edu
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RICHLAND HIGH SCHOOL PTSA

RHS PTSA supports the school in many ways. You can be part of this by joining. Get a bonus 2-for-1 card! (Ski-Bluewood, Barracuda Coffee and more).
Check out http://www.rsd.edu/schools/rhs/ptsa/membership.html

Not in the clamor of the crowded street,
Not in the shouts and plaudits of the throng,
But in ourselves, are triumph and defeat.