RHS PTSA PRESIDENT’S NOTE    …Diane Call

When I was a Kamiakin student, I was very loyal to Kamiakin--had a band jacket in close-to-school colors, played in the band, hollered for our teams. (Even the football team, that went zip -- whatever my freshman year.)

My two older children went to Hanford. I went to my son’s sports games, and to my daughter’s cross-country and track meets. She also was in band, so I became an active band parent. And cheered for the Falcons in all their endeavors. I was loyal to Hanford.

Now my youngest is attending Richland High. I attended basketball games at Richland as a Kamiakin student — and the first time I came into a RHS basketball game as an RHS fan, it seemed I was on the wrong side of the gym! I have no reason to ‘knock’ other schools or their supporters, but no detractions from others against Richland go unchallenged. I am loyal to Richland High.

It is fun to be loyal to your school, or your kids’ school, or a sports team. Yet, there are other things worthy of our loyalty yesterday, today and always. Family first. Friends and co-workers. Those to whom I am called to lend a helping hand or maybe an inspiring word. Honoring, or being ‘loyal’ to, the tenets of faith.

Parents and students, as we all march (or meander) on through life, I hope we can look back with fondness for our experiences and pride in what we accomplished here. And may we strive that our main loyalties be with those we most closely share our lives with.

There is lots of information in this newsletter, so please take a look!

Enjoy these days of spring, even savoring the busy-ness that comes with many spring activities.

UPCOMING RHS PTSA MEETINGS:

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
April 12, 7 p.m. in the RHS Library

SENIOR PARTY PLANNING MEETING    April 13, 7 p.m. in the RHS library

This year’s RHS PTSA Nominating Committee places in nomination the following people for the 2010-11 school year:
For President: Diane Call
For Vice-President: Vicki Stephens
For Co-Secretaries: Kristina Painter and Nancy Uziemblo
For Treasurer: Deb Roper

Further nominations will be accepted from the floor at the April 12 meeting. A person does not have to be present to be nominated from the floor. However, they must give permission to be nominated. Those members not present at the meeting will be requested to vote electronically via an email forwarded to members after the meeting. Electronic voting will end April 22.

RHS PTSA NEWSLETTER
GOING GREEN NEXT YEAR??—What do you think of only electronic issues?  Will
electronic copies reach all RHS families? Share your thoughts through the message board that is linked at http://www.rsd.edu/schools/rhs/ptsa/

RHS PTSA NEWS

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.
The application deadline for both of these scholarships is April 9.

Richland PTA Council Scholarship. This is a $500 scholarship awarded each year to one Richland High School senior. The deadline to apply is April 15.
Please see Mrs. Hergert in the Career Center for scholarship applications.

THANK-YOU to those who helped with the March newsletter:  Lory Allen; Parents:  Lynn McAdoo, Nancy Uziemblo, Sue Gauglitz, MaryAnn Kelley, Robin Berkenbile, Cristy Bratton, and Tiffany Malone; Staff:  Kara Kent, Rita Yourdan, Jeanette Mendell and Ms H.; Students: Shaylee Welker, Long Vu, Logan Frost, Caitlin Talbert, Eugene DeBattista, Michael McClausky, Taylor Stolz, Kyle Cooke, Garth Mann, Jeana Tilden, and Hailee Elliott.

CONGRATULATIONS! THESE RHS PTSA GRANTS WERE RECENTLY AWARDED:
Math Team – funded registration fee for the Washington State Math Council Contest Regional High School Contest and assisted cost of attendance at the University of Washington/Engineering Discovery Day.
Choral and Instrumental Music Departments – funded costs towards the performance of “Gloria”, a three movement piece composed by John Rutter.

Advanced Placement Program – assisted with expenses to send 10 teachers to a weeklong AP conference in summer 2010.

Richland High School Bomber Boosters Scholarship
The Bomber Boosters will be awarding scholarships to graduating seniors. Please pick up an application in the Career Center. Scholarship recipients will be selected based upon financial need, involvement in activities, and scholastic achievement. Applications are due April 30.

Support the RHS PTSA with eScrip
Since Albertson’s is no longer supporting non-profits through the Community Partners program, as announced in last newsletter, Richland High PTSA is looking to replace that source of income. (Historically, the Albertson’s rewards program has been our major fundraiser.)

RHS PTSA is enrolled in the eScrip program, and we are looking to maximize the potential benefits. This is a very simple source of ‘ready’ money: You sign up as a supporter and register your 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 RHS PTSA (and other eScrip registered 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. At Safeway, donations to the RHS PTSA will be generated every time you use your Safeway Club Card. Yoke’s Fresh Markets eScrip Community Card is available at Yoke’s customer service counter; present your card each time you make a purchase.
Next month: more on other ways your purchases can benefit RHS PTSA through eScrip.

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

RHS PTSA NEWS

REFLECTIONS ART PROGRAM
Congratulations go to Kelsey Christensen, who received a Reflections Award of Excellence from Washington State PTA for her Visual Arts entry, “Molly-fish”. Kelsey will be honored, along with other state Reflections winners, on May 2 in Seattle during the 2010 Washington State PTA convention.

NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR
Do you know an outstanding educator? Nominate one! The OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD is offered by RHS PTSA and the Washington State PTA to recognize individuals who go beyond the normal expectations of their jobs to make the learning environment fun, beneficial, and challenging. An outstanding educator could be a teacher, assistant, custodian, bus driver, administrator or community member.

The RHS PTSA will present an OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD to:
1.) enable our PTSA to recognize innovative and successful individuals
2.) support financial grants for students pursuing post-secondary education through a donation in the recipient’s name from RHS PTSA to the Washington State PTA fund.

The enthusiasm and diversity that an educator brings to the classroom directly influences the success of a student. If you know individuals who have provided outstanding educational opportunities for youth, please nominate them.

Send their names and a brief description of why you are nominating them to Nancy Uziemblo at uziemblo@verizon.net or drop off at the RHS Main Office front desk. Nominations will be accepted until May 30.

NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR — Nomination form
Your name __________________________________________________________
How can we contact you if more information is needed? _____________________
Person being nominated _________________________________________________
This person is an outstanding educator because
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NOW TAKING NOMINATIONS FOR OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER…..

THE GOLDEN ACORN AWARD A Golden Acorn Award will be presented by RHS PTSA to a volunteer in recognition of his/her dedication and service to children and youth. Also, the RHS PTSA makes a contribution in the name of the recipient to the Washington State PTA Scholarship Program. From these contributions, Washington State PTA is able to provide grants to students entering post-secondary education.
WHAT PARENTS SHOULD KNOW
Underage drinking laws:
• It is unlawful for any person to sell, give, or otherwise supply liquor to any person under the age of twenty-one years or permit any person under that age to consume liquor on his or her premises or on any premises under his or her control.
• You cannot knowingly allow a person under 21, other than your own child, to remain in your home or on your property while consuming or possessing alcohol.
If you break the law:
• These offenses are punishable by up to a year in jail and a $5,000 fine.
• Others can sue you if you give alcohol to anyone under 21, and they, in turn, hurt someone, hurt themselves or damage property.
• Police Officers can take any alcohol, money or property used in committing the offense.
Things you can do as a parent:
• Refuse to supply alcohol to anyone under 21.
• Make sure that alcohol is not brought into your home or property by your teen's friends.
• Create alcohol-free opportunities and activities in your home so teens will feel welcome.

Richland High School PTSA is introducing the Parent Pledge Program
This program was developed by the National PTA, WSPTA and the Drug Free Action Alliance’s Parents Who Host, Lose the Most. This public awareness campaign was designed to educate parents about the legal ramifications, as well as the health and safety risks, associated with serving alcohol to teens other than their own children. While the campaign runs throughout the year, special attention is given to prom and graduation season when underage drinking parties are prevalent. This is why the RHS PTSA has decided to kick off the program starting in April.
By communicating with other parents, we can reduce peer pressure on our children, thereby limiting the circumstances where they will feel pressure to experiment with drugs and alcohol. The Parent Pledge Program builds a communication network among the parents of Richland High School and its students to reduce the use of alcohol and other drugs and foster a positive social environment. As we all know, as students enter high school, it is common for parents not to know all of their children’s friends and their families as well. By signing the Drug Free Homes Pledge, parents are letting other families know that they intend to supervise social gatherings in their homes to try to make sure youth parties and get-togethers are alcohol and drug free.
Help us kick off this program at the April 12 RHS PTSA meeting at 7 p.m. in the RHS library. We will have more information on the program, copies of the parent pledge and snacks.

PARENT NEEDED ON SCIENCE ADOPTION COMMITTEE
Right now the Richland School District 6-12 grade Science Adoption Committee needs parent representatives from each school to help with an important 1-2 year process. Planning meetings are approximately every 2 weeks throughout this spring and summer. This is extremely important work that will impact science teaching and learning in our schools for many years. Please contact Tim Faix, Principal Intern and Physics Teacher at Hanford High School (timfaix@rsd.edu) if you are interested.
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM NEWS
Instrumental music students have started 2010 out with a busy spring. Several instrumental music students recently competed in the Mid-Columbia Solo/Ensemble contest. During this contest soloists and small groups performed before judges and received a rating and coaching for areas of improvement. The best performances from this event were selected to perform at the State Solo Ensemble competition in Ellensburg on April 23 and 24. This year's winners from RHS are:

- Bethany Hammerstrom - French Horn
- Amy Hammerstrom – Bassoon
- Austin Winkelman - Tenor Sax
- "Brass Overload" - Large Brass:
  - Eric Hofferber, Robert Leam, David Richmond, Derek Sams, Jeffry Spinner and Lucas Winkelman
  Alternates
- Susan Bengtson – Viola
- Austin Winkelman – Bassoon
- Michelle Hulke - Trombone

Upcoming concerts: (start time at 7:00 p.m.)
- Spring Concert – April 8
- District Band Showcase – April 12
- CBC Jazz Unlimited – April 10 (all day)
- RHS Jazz Night – April 15

SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT/PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SEPAC)
The Richland SEPAC invites parents, staff, and friends to our informational meetings. Meetings are held from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Free childcare is available. The next meeting date is: May 6, RSD Boardroom, 615 Snow Ave., topic: Planning Meeting for Next Year

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.

ELITE FLEET MONTHLY WINNERS February 2010

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SENIOR PARTY 2010 "Life’s A Beach"

A huge thank you to the fundraising committee for the senior party. The auction event was a big success. We would like to thank Carol Sanford, Linda Dunford, Cindi Foster, Kym David, Susan Goecke, Lorna Ditmer and Susan Adami for all their hard work to make this such a successful event. The graduating class of 2010 appreciate all the hard work to make their party the night of graduation even better!

Thank you, Lauri Grindstaff & Teri Carr

HELP NEEDED for the SENIOR PARTY -- contact Donna Koussa 509-521-3395

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 $30
LOADS OF ENTERTAINMENT!!

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

lots and lots and lots of PRIZES

Tickets purchased in May will be entered in a drawing for a $25.00 Starbucks Card
Congratulations Christopher Ferguson!
He won the Flip Camcorder valued at $170.00 in the February ticket sales drawing.

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: $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
District drills down on emergency response procedures

The Richland School District tested its Emergency Response Plan in early March. Fifth grade students at Wiley Elementary School participated in a drill simulating the Evacuation/Receiving Site protocols that would be used in an actual emergency if students were not able to reenter their school due to fire or other causes.

The Wiley fire alarm sounded at 12:10 pm. Classes were evacuated while a 911 call was placed by school staff. Benton County Fire District 4 vehicles arrived at Wiley shortly after 12:10. At 12:20, Wiley students were evacuated to Enterprise Middle School where the middle school staff had an opportunity to practice Receiving Site protocols including how parents would be reunited with their children (a number of parents participated in the drill).

“Student safety and campus security are top priorities for us,” said Superintendent Jean Lane. “We have an excellent emergency response plan in place, but there’s always room for improvement. That's why we do the drills.”

RSD web site features

You’re invited to listen to and/or watch quality performances by Richland School District music groups. The link is: www.rsd.edu/features/music-performances.html

Students thinking about dropping out of high school are finding success at the alternative high school in Richland. River's Edge staff are making a difference in students' lives. The KNDU news story is at: www.rsd.edu/features/reach-goals.html

Preparing students to become “critical thinkers”, “contributing and responsible members of society” and “successful in the global community” are more than just phrases embedded in the Richland School District’s new mission statement. These words reflect the true end game of what student learning is all about. The complete article by Superintendent Jean Lane is posted at: www.rsd.edu/features/contributing.html

CREHST education fundraiser is April 24

CREHST’S annual "SPRING SWING" Education Programs Fundraiser is Saturday, April 24, 6:15 p.m., at the Pasco Red Lion Inn. This annual Dinner Dance and Silent Auction benefits students of the Tri-Cities through support of education programs on History, Science, and Technology. The event features the big band sounds of the University of Idaho’s Lionel Hampton School of Music Jazz Band, a gourmet dinner, and a diverse selection of silent auction items. Admission is $70 per person or $60 for CREHST members, and tables of 8 and 10 can be reserved. Contact CREHST at 943-9000 to make reservations.

Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program

The Richland School District provides an exceptional preschool experience for Richland School District Families at Jason Lee Elementary and Tapteal Elementary. This is a free preschool to qualifying families. Recruitment of eligible families for the 2010-2011 school year begins this spring. This is a free early childhood program that provides children with an exciting classroom learning environment and families with educationally based home visits, during which they participate with their child in activities selected to meet the interests of the family and to build school readiness skills. Now taking enrollment for fall 2010. Contact: Betty Oster (967-6051) or Karol Krohn (430-7998/967-6068).
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RICHLAND HIGH SCHOOL PTSA

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Check out http://www.rsd.edu/schools/rhs/ptsa/membership.html

Traveler, there are no paths; paths are made by walking.

Antonio Machado, Spanish Poet and Playwright, 1875-1939