Co-Presidents’ Message
Janice Miller and Sue Turner

We would like to thank everyone who came to the PTSA meeting; it is wonderful to have so many people at a PTSA meeting! It was a very fast overview of the information and if, upon reflection, you have questions please come to one of our next PTSA meetings or contact one of the Board members. We would also like to thank everyone who helped with Back-To-School Night, especially Heather Cleary and her membership team and Russell Miller for manning the computer for the presentation.

Coming back to school night is just one of the ways to be involved with your child’s education. Being involved with our children’s education is the primary reason that we volunteered to be PTSA co-presidents this year. We believe that this investment of our time and energy is one of the best we can make towards our children’s future. With this in mind we would also like to thank last year’s PTSA board for all their hard work. They are a tough act to follow.

Quote of the month:

“At the end of our life, we ought to be able to look back over it from our deathbed and know that somehow the world is a better place because we lived, we loved, we were other-centered, other focused.”- Coach Joe Ehrmann of Baltimore, MD from “He Turns Boys Into Men”- Marx, Jeffrey. “He Turns Boys Into Men.” Parade 29 August 2004: 4.
The Principal’s Corner
Steve Neill

The “04-05” school year is promising to be another fun and exciting year at Richland High School. Our enrollment has nudged upward, breaking ground on our renovation project is right around the corner, and the freshman introduction to the culminating project should keep everyone on their toes.

Our total enrollment is 2046, up 103 students from the same time last year. To complement this growth, we have new staff members and have asked a few teachers to accept a 6th period contract. The hallways are full during passing time between classes, but students are arriving to class on time.

The RHS staff and CKJT, the architectural firm hired to do the remodel, have been working feverishly to design the new campus. This process is nearly done with bids scheduled for January and actual construction starting in mid February. The 300 wing and shop areas will be Phase 1 and should be completed in nine months-October ’05. Phase 2 will begin April ’05 and will involve the small gym. Student parking will move to the east sections of campus (Fran Rish Stadium, the park area below Dawald Gym, and the parking lot below George Sprout swimming pool). To provide extra time for students who use their vehicles to go off campus during lunchtime, we have added five minutes for safety purposes.

As mentioned, enrollment is up and the freshmen class is our largest with 550 students. The class of 2008 is presented with two additional challenges. In order to graduate, each student must pass the reading, writing, and math sections of the WASL and complete a culminating project. This year’s WASL results were: reading – 77% and writing – 76% passage. State figures run about 8-9% below Richland High’s scores. In math, we scored at 54%, which is approximately 15% above the state average. We are working with our freshman to acclimate them to the culminating project. On September 2nd, we held a late start to discuss this project, 9th grade exit exams, and adjusting to high school. The Culminating Project has done an outstanding job of putting a plan together that will fulfill the state of Washington’s requirement. At the next PTSA Meeting on October 14th at 7:00 PM in the Library, Mrs. Mary Kaye Hergert will present the details of the culminating project to parents/students. Please plan to attend.

Again, we welcome all new students and parents to our Bomber family and remind everyone that our renovation groundbreaking is scheduled for
February of this school year. If you have questions or would like to speak with me, please call 942-2500 or drop by my office.

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**From the Attendance Office:**
Carrie Conley, Attendance Secretary

**ATTENDANCE OFFICE: 942-2527**

I appreciate all the phone calls and notes excusing your student the day of an absence or the next school day. I enter this information so teachers are able to see that the student is ill or at an appointment. Please help by reminding your student that they are required to check in and check out at the office.

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Richland High School Parent-Teacher-Student Association
2004-2005 Goals

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We are ahead of this time last year; and we hope to beat last year.

2. Albertson’s Community Partners Cards – expand use.
Last year we reached the $1,800 per quarter; now there is no maximum!
Cards are linked to the Albertson’s Discount Card after they are used together. This means you can “pass it on” for others to use also.

Editor – Cathy Sly (627-2029). Looking for someone to assemble electronic version. Email articles to Cathy at cdsly1@msn.com by the 15th (note exception in December).

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4. PTSA Meetings – increase member attendance and participation.
All meetings are open to all members! Start 7:00pm.
Meetings are typically held on the second Tuesday of the month in the RHS Library.

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5. Reflections – expand participation and offer monetary awards.
There are many ways to participate in this program:
- Literature
- Photography
- Film/Video
- Visual Arts
- Music
- Dance/Choreography
This year’s theme is “A Different Kind of Hero” Contest runs October 15-22 at RHS.
PTSA Leaders Needed:

If you too would like to share in the “adventure” of serving on the PTSA Board or a committee, please consider joining us. Our most pressing needs are for someone to take charge of the “Staff Appreciation/Hospitality” Committee (MANY parents have volunteered to help), a volunteer to head the “Audit” Committee (audits done January and July), a chair for the Golden Acorn” Committee (awards), and a Council Representative. One thing to remember is that any committee chair “position” may be shared by two people. This helps share the load, but both people still get to be actively involved.

We also have a “Drug and Alcohol Awareness” Committee that needs members. This Committee did not have a checklist on the membership form, so we do not have a list of those interested. Please let us know if you would like to be involved in this vital part of the PTSA. Remember, the PTSA is for Parents, Teachers and Students!

Anyone interested in building a new “Volunteerism” Committee? This committee would be a focal point for trying to coordinate between the many volunteers available and the specific needs of the school and PTSA organization. We do not currently have such a committee, but it could be a nice addition.

Parent patrol helpers are always needed. This is a program that will need additional help as the school begins its construction phase. If you have some time during the school day, this is an excellent way to learn more about how school life affects your son or daughter during lunch and before and after school.

Please call or email Sue Turner (627-1034; sturner3-cities.com) to let us know how you would like to be involved.

PTSA Board of Directors Meeting Results:

The September 2004 meeting of the RHS PTSA Board of Directors was held Tuesday, September 7, 2004 in the RHS Library. At that meeting, the Board of Directors approved appointed committee chairs, adopted a budget to propose to the general membership and planned the general membership meeting.

Official Minutes of this meeting will be voted on at the next PTSA Board of Directors Meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 14, 2004 7:00 pm in the RHS Lecture Room “A”. Also at the October 14th meeting, Ms. Mary Kaye Hergert will make a presentation on the Culminating Project that all students in the class of 2008 or later must prepare in order to graduate. Ms. Hergert will take questions at that meeting. All interested parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. This promises to be an informative evening. We will strive to keep the business portion short and sweet.
PTSA General Membership Meeting Results:

The first General Membership meeting of the RHS PTSA 2004-2005 year was held at the Back-To-School night (9/13/04). Official Minutes of this meeting will be voted on at the next General Membership PTSA Meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, January 11, 2005 7:00 pm** in the **RHS Library**. We had more than enough people (quorum = 10 members) in the RHS auditorium at 6:30pm to conduct official business. At that meeting three of the items that were voted on are:

1) Minutes of the previous General Membership meeting (April 15, 2004) – accepted as written.
2) Election of 2004-2005 Officers – slate elected as proposed by last year’s nominating committee.

A handout to current members included PTSA goals for 2004-2005, contact information for Board of Directors and Ad Hoc committee chairs, and a summary of the proposed 2004-2005 budget (now the approved 2004-2005 PTSA budget). More detailed information can be obtained by contacting the RHS PTSA Secretary, Calleen Antilla (628-8586, cantilla@charter.net), or one of the Co-Presidents, Janice Miller (943-1442, janicedmiller2@yahoo.com) and Sue Turner (627-1034, sturner@3-cities.com).

Class Offered:

**October 12, 2004 6:30 pm** at Jefferson Elementary – “**PTA and the Law**”. It is especially recommended for Board of Directors and anyone interested in becoming a Board member. The class covers state and federal regulations for running a charitable, tax-exempt, non-profit corporation (yes, RHS PTSA is 501c3 tax-exempt corporation). We can have as many people from our organization attend for one price and already plan to have several Board members attend. Any **current RHS PTSA member** interested in attending can do so without any financial impact. Call or email Sue Turner (627-1034; sturner@3-cities.com) or Janice Miller (943-1442; janicedmiller2@yahoo.com) to let us know if you are interested. Deadline to sign up is **October 4, 2004**.

PTSA and State Legislation:

The annual PTSA Legislative Assembly will be held October 15 and 16 in Yakima this year. The Assembly will be held at the Yakima Convention Center. Cost for non-voting participation is $80.00. Parents, Teachers and Students are welcome to attend this assembly as non-voting participants. Our Legislation Committee chair, Russell Miller, will be attending and voting for our RHS PTSA per the membership’s wishes. See the **survey form** in this newsletter to voice your opinion. Current RHS PTSA members should return this survey form to the school by **October 8, 2004**. The form may be
mail to: RHS PTSA, 930 Long Avenue, Richland, WA 99352. Attention: PTSA Legislation. Or you may turn the form in at the RHS front desk. Please ensure “PTSA Legislation” is clearly marked on the envelope. For more information on this and other State PTA topics go to www.wastatepta.org on the web.

Kudos/Thank-yous:

Past Co-president, Susan Schepens, has been a huge supporter of RHS with her time, talents and herself. Like a Chinook wind, Susan blew in from the South and took us all by surprise. She “jumped right in” to actively ensure the faculty knew how very much the parents appreciate the care they take to teach our near-adult “children”. She spearheaded the effort to use PTSA funds for scholarships for RHS students. Her warmth and enthusiasm have been an inspiration for others to become active in their support.

Susan is continuing to help the RHS PTSA as chair of the Scholarship Committee although she no longer has a child at RHS. This shows the true nature of her commitment to youth in general, not just her own children. A huge virtual hug and THANK-YOU to Susan for her dedication and caring support!

Heather Cleary has been Membership Committee chair at RHS PTSA for going on five years! Heather was also head of membership for Badger Mountain Elementary (PTO) and Carmichael Middle (PTA) for two years each. She has this down to a science now. Heather’s meticulous organization and early preparedness has helped a great deal in making it easy to join the RHS PTSA. This alone has been a huge benefit in increasing the membership (from nearly defunct to 400+ members annually) and thereby increasing funds to produce this newsletter. In addition, she coordinates the effort to make the 2-for-one discount cards available to RHS PTSA members as soon as possible and maintains the membership database. Heather has been invaluable – THANK YOU! Thank you also Laurie Williamson and Terri Cobb who helped “man” the membership table with Heather during Back-To-School night as well as Sue Turner, Calleen Antilla, Janice Miller and Terrie Cobb (again) who helped during New Student Orientation. Laurie helped out although she does not have a child at RHS this year in order to allow Heather and her helpers to attend their child(ren)’s “classes” during Back-To-School night.

Thank you Lenice Blair, Pete Blair and Julie Smith for their work on the Audit Committee for last year. Without a volunteer audit committee, we would be forced to hire an accounting firm to perform that task. Thank you for saving the PTSA that fee! Thank you Jim Wolfe, last year’s treasurer, for taking care of the PTSA funds. Thank you also Kathy Hertzel and Laurie Williamson who were most helpful in the final audit.

Thank-you to Kevin Merkling, Stephen Bissell and Scott Hertzel for their help with the presentation to new students and their parents. They were our club banner support on stage.
Mr. Jim Qualheim and his leadership students were so very busy on August 24th (new student orientation). The “Orientation Counselors” (O.C.s) showed newcomers where activities were taking place; conducted tours of the campus; cooked lunch for the new students, their parents and faculty, performed skits; and put new students at ease. The kids did all this without recompense on a day they did NOT have to go to school! These students work hard throughout the year to keep RHS students active in many ways. Kudos to Mr. Qualheim, the leadership classes and “O.C.’s!

Albertson’s as a corporation has been most generous. Last year alone, through the Community Partners program, they donated over $6,500 to the RHS PTSA! THANK YOU Albertson’s! In addition, the Lee Blvd. Albertson’s store donated ice cream bars for a faculty staff meeting and has helped in many smaller ways. They are a wonderful support to RHS PTSA! Next time you are in an Albertson’s; tell the manager we appreciate their support. Thank you Terrie Cobb for heading up this very successful program for the RHS PTSA. Terrie is in her second year as PTSA Vice President and Albertson’s Community Partners Committee chair. Way to go!

Thank you Time Greenstreet for providing a snack for the September RHS PTSA Board of Directors meeting. The apples were delicious!

Congratulations to Michelle McDonald. She has already qualified for a place in the State High School Swim Meet in Seattle, November 13-17th! Michelle qualified with a time of 2.72 minutes in the 200m Freestyle event. Go Bombers!

What is Albertson’s Community Partners?

Albertson’s Community Partners is the only non-Senior Party fundraiser that RHS PTSA conducts. This program allows us to bring money into the PTSA without straining parents’ and relatives’ pocketbooks with purchasing cookie dough, wrapping paper, etc. There are many fundraisers done for other school clubs, activities, sports, etc. so we did not want to compete with them.

When you shop at Albertson’s (anywhere in the USA) and have the cashier scan your yellow “RHS PTSA Community Partners” card, a portion of what you have spent will be donated by Albertson’s to RHS PTSA. This year, the Community Partners cards are to be “linked” with the Albertson’s discount card. That means that once you have used your Community Partners card and your Albertson’s discount card together, the discount card will automatically credit that Community Partner with your purchase total. You will only need to have the discount card scanned each time you shop.

It is because of the Community Partners program that we were able to offer Service/Leadership Scholarships to two RHS seniors last year and plan to offer three this year. Watch the newsletter for more information regarding this year’s scholarship applications, deadline dates, eligibility, etc.
Scholarships are not all Community Partners supports, however. A small portion goes to the Reflections program for local contest winners and to our Drug/Alcohol Awareness program. We are also planning to use about half of this income as a way to support the school directly through a grant process. All RHS PTSA members have the right to voice their opinion on how those funds are spent. Please attend PTSA meetings to be sure you have an opportunity to share your concerns and opinions. Moreover, remember to USE YOUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS CARD when you shop at Albertson’s. You may also pass the cards (after you have “linked” it to your discount card) to friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, distant acquaintances, total strangers, etc. The funds come from Albertson’s stores anywhere in the USA.

Look for your “RHS PTSA Community Partners” card in a future edition of this newsletter. If you already have a card, share the new card with someone else. It will not affect their total at the store, but it will affect the programs we are able to offer.

**Reflections Contest:**

This year’s Reflections Contest will be held the week of **October 15 – October 22nd.** Winners will be entered in the PTSA Council competition. Winners of the PTSA Council competition move on to State, and State winners move on to National PTSA Reflections competition. State winners will be recognized at the Washington State PTA Convention in May, 2005. Winners of the local RHS PTSA competition will receive a small monetary prize. A CD of the 2003-2004 state music competition winners (155 artists) is available for purchase through the state PTA. Go to **wapta@wastatepta.org** or call (800) 562-3804 to order.

The Reflections program offers students a platform to further develop their creative potential above curriculum requirements and validates the exemplary art forms through judging and monetary reward. When children express themselves through words, pictures, music, photography and other art forms, they grow intellectually. Contact **Judi Montizaan** (627-5271) for more information on the RHS Reflections contest or go to [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org) for general Reflections information.

This year’s theme is: “A Different Kind of Hero”. The program covers six categories for competition at the state level and four categories (starred*) at the national level:

- **Literature**
- **Musical Composition**
- **Photography**
- **Visual Arts**
- Choreography/Dance
- Film/Video

There is also a contest to name the 2005-2006 Reflections theme. The winning theme will be presented at the June 2006 National PTA Convention. An entry can be submitted
by the PTSA organization or an individual student. Winners will receive a monetary prize. Deadline for this contest is **November 1, 2004**.

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**PSAT AND SAT INFO:**
Ann Springer

The **PSAT test** is on October 16, 2004 at Richland High School @ 8:00 am. The cost is $11.00. Sign up and pay at the bookkeeper window beginning October 4th. The last day to sign up is October 15, 2004. Contact the counseling office for information.

**SAT DATES: (tests administered at RHS @ 8:00am)**

- October 9, 2004
- November 6, 2004
- December 4, 2004
- January 22, 2005
- March 12, 2005
- May 7, 2005
- June 4, 2005

Register online @ [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

The last test dates for seniors applying for college in the fall are October 9th, November 6th and December 4th.

**SENIORS:** Remember to watch out for college application deadlines. Transcript requests are available from Mrs. Springer. Counselor Reports/letters of recommendation requests should be given to Mrs. Springer to be routed to your counselor. Please give the Counseling office 1-2 weeks before any applications deadline.

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**PRACTICE AFTER SCHOOL FOR MATH ENHANCEMENT (PAS-ME)**

The Math Department at RHS will continue to provide Practice After School for Math Enhancement (PAS-ME) tutoring program. The purpose of the program is to give students extra help with their math at no extra cost to you. It is an after school and evening tutoring program staffed by the current math teachers at RHS. All Richland High students are invited to attend anytime they need some extra help. Their math teacher will refer students who are struggling in class to the program. We are asking for your support in making sure your student attends when the teacher refers them. We
also ask that you encourage your student to voluntarily attend if they are having trouble with homework, studying for a test, or have been absent and missed some important material in class. Teachers will be able to help with all levels of math. Teachers will be available Monday through Thursday as scheduled below in Mac Hall beginning on August 30, 2004. Sessions will not be held on early release days before a holiday.

As a math department, we are excited about PAS-ME. We hope to improve WASL scores and student’s grades and also provide a relaxed, comfortable place where students can work individually with a teacher to improve their understanding of math. The success of the program depends on the cooperation of teachers, students, and parents working together to insure the success of the individual students in their math classes. If you have questions, please call Dave True, Renee DeBuigne or your student’s math teacher at 942-2500, or email us at Dave.True@rsd.edu or Renee.DeBuigne@rsd.edu.

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**National Honor Society Tutoring Program**
Jessica Martin

The National Honor Society is heading up a tutoring program this school year. It is available for all students in a wide variety of subject matters. If a student is interested they need to contact Mr. True Dave.True@rsd.edu or Mrs. DeBuigne Renee.DeBuigne@rsd.edu, who will then contact one of the NHS members to set up the dates and times.

**From the School-To-Work Program Coordinator:**
Mary Kaye Hergert

**Senior Checklist for October –**
- Choose your top three to five schools offering educational opportunities matching your career plan.
- Collect application materials – many are available in the Career Center.
- Schedule your ACT or SAT testing time.
- Make a personal application deadline calendar.
- Attend school visit workshops at lunch in the Career Center.
- Attend a scholarship workshop.
October Workshop Calendar –

- A workshop to learn how to “Plan A Campus Visit” will be held at 11:00 am on October 1 in the Career Center.
- Oregon State University will present a workshop in the Career Center at 2:35 pm on October 4.
- Whitman College will present a workshop in the Career Center at 11:00 am on October 5.
- Pacific Lutheran University will present a workshop in the Career Center at 11:00 am on October 6.
- A Scholarship Search Workshop will be held at 7:30 am and 11:00 am in the Career Center on October 12 at 11:00 am and 2:35 pm.
- Linfield College will host a workshop on October 13, 2004 at 11:00 am in the Career Center.
- Freshman needing help as they organize their Culminating Project materials for November monitoring should bring their lunch and materials to the Career Center on October 14 or 18 at 11:00 am.
- University of Portland will present a workshop in the Career Center at 11:00 am on October 15.
- Spokane Community College will present a workshop in the Career Center at 11:00 am on October 19.
- Ninth grade Career Pathway testing on October 22, 2004 periods 1-6.
- An Air Force Recruiter will host an information table in the Mixing Area on October 26 at 11:00 am.

Career Pathway Testing–

As a part of the School-to-Work program at Richland High School, students at every grade level have opportunities and experiences to explore and plan for careers after graduation.

On October 22, 2004, Freshman will participate in a career pathway assessment to prepare for a Career Exploration Project in second semester. English classes, course selection for your high school experience and Culminating Project. The pathway assessment helps to identify clusters of jobs that are aligned with your interests and abilities. These organizational clusters are pathways. RHS pathways include Business, Social Studies, Science, Technical and Arts related career clusters.

Assessment results will be available in late November. Students may stop by and pick up a copy of their results in the Career Center or they will receive a copy when you begin the Career Exploration Project in English class.

The results will be very helpful for students as they register for classes in February. If students plan coursework connected to career plans or pathway they have a considerable advantage. They will capitalize on the chance to check out a career by taking classes that are free rather than waiting to explore in after-high-school classes that cost money. A list of pathway related opportunities is available at our website www.rsd.edu/schools/rhs/hergert.

For additional information about the Career Planning Survey assessment that we administer, please visit www.act.org/cps/index.html.
**PREVENTION/INTERVENTION SERVICES:**
Elizabeth Lee

Richland High School has had prevention and intervention services for almost ten years. I am the Prevention/Intervention Specialist and am returning for my third school year. I am employed through the Educational Service District #123 under the Safe & Drug Free Schools grant. I offer many services to RHS regarding drug/alcohol/tobacco issues. The prevention part of my job includes going into classrooms to give presentations on substance abuse and being the co-advisor for SHOUT (Students Helping Others Understand Tobacco).

The majority of my time is spent facilitating support groups for students. I meet with kids for a variety of different reasons. If a student violates RHS’s drug, alcohol, or tobacco policy then that student is referred to me. The students I work with are those who are struggling with drug, alcohol, or tobacco issues of their own or are affected by people using in their family. I see students who are referred to me by administrators, counselors, teachers, and parents. Students can also self-refer. When a student is referred, they are also screened by the Student Assistance Team (SAT) to determine what services will be of most help to the student. If you know of a student who may benefit from these services, please contact me at RHS on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. I can be reached at Elizabeth.Lee@rsd.edu.

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**SEPAC**
Special Education Parent/Professional Advisory Council

Special Education Parent/Professional Advisory Council (SEPAC) would like to invite and welcome parents/staff/professionals/friends or anyone interested in attending our informational meetings. The topics for the 2004-2005 school year are as follows:

- Spotlight on RSD Special Services October 7, 2004
- “Be a Professional Parent” November 4, 2004
- Behavior Plans December 2, 2004
- The Special Needs Child: Avoiding Sexual Exploitation Jan. 6, 2005
- Effective IEPs February 2, 2005
- Crisis Intervention & Anger Management March 3, 2005
- What is Inclusion? April 14, 2005
- SEPAC planning and evaluation May 5, 2005

SEPAC meetings will be held in the Administration Building Boardroom located at 615 Snow Avenue at 7:00 pm.
This year we are having a parent/professional social time starting at 6:30, just prior to our monthly meetings. This will give you an opportunity to socialize/build relationships with parents and staff on a personal level. Refreshments will be provided.

Please come, enjoy and learn. Any questions/concerns contact Tricia Schouviller at 946-8083 or Karen Cichy at 943-5117.

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**RHS Service/Leadership Scholarship News**

Susan Schepens

The PTSA of Richland High was able to award two $500 scholarships to members of the Class of 2004. The two deserving award winners were Erica Wolfe, presently attending Brigham Young University; and Michael Hickey, who is studying at Gonzaga University.

We had seven fine applicants for these first ever PTSA awards from members of last year’s Senior Class. The selection criteria were established as any student achieving a "B" average or better and evidence of Service and Leadership during their high school career. In addition, these students presented their portfolios to a panel of three independent judges from the local business community who conducted 15-minute interviews with each candidate. The portfolio and the interview process are part of the training our students receive at Richland High and are a mandatory requirement of this year’s Freshman class.

Our judges were impressed with the quality of each candidate and regretted that they were limited to only two rewards. One judge along with his wife committed to fund a $500 scholarship award for the Class of 2005. We on the scholarship committee asked for and received from the PTSA a commitment from PTSA budget to increase the number from two to three awards. So from the power of the witness of the young leaders of the Class of 2004 we will have at least four awards for this years graduates. That’s leadership!

In addition, we encourage members of our community who would like to make memorials in lieu of flowers for the passing of loved ones to donate to the Service and Leadership Scholarship Fund. We will send a card to the family with an indication that your loved one was remembered in a special way that promotes the education of a proven young leader in our community. We may, in fact, with donations from this source be able to increase the number of our scholarship awards in the future.

The PTSA Board would like to thank the members of last year’s Scholarship Committee: Mary Kay Hergert and Dan Chubb, Faculty Members; Rich Higgins, Janice Miller, Laurie Montero, and Susan Schepens, PTSA members. Any member of the PTSA who would like to serve on this year’s committee may contact Susan Schepens, 627-1780.
**BOMBER BIRD “BOMB”BARDMENT IS BACK!**

Looking for a clever way to say “Happy Birthday”, “Congratulations”, Good luck in the big game” or just maybe ‘hi’? The Instrumental Music Boosters have just the answer: Bomber Bird “Bomb”bardment! For $30 you can have someone’s yard decorated with green and gold “Bomber Birds”. After a 24 hour landing, the cluster of birds will migrate to their next destination with the assistance of the Bomber Bird “Band”its. If you’d like to order a “bomb”bardment call 942-0951 or 946-8228 OR email us at BomberBirdBandits@hotmail.com. Richland and West Richland addresses only.

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**FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE:**

Flu shots will be available through the Benton Franklin Health District at the TRAC October 11th – 15th. The dates and time are as follows:

- Monday – 10:00 am to 7:00pm
- Tues., Wed., and Thurs. 7:00 am to 7:00 pm
- Friday 7:00 am to 3:00 pm

The cost is $20 per shot. Anyone 6 months of age or older may receive the shot. Pneumonia shots will also be available for $26.

For faster service you may pre-register at 943-2614 x268.

For more information contact Rae Scott at 943-2614 x250 or check out the flu info. Hotline at 943-2614 x 223. Or, go to their website at: www.bfhd.wa.gov

A flu shot is the best way to prevent the flu!

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**Benton/Franklin Juvenile Justice Center Needs Volunteers:**

Volunteers are needed to participate in the Benton/Franklin County Community Truancy Boards. These volunteers meet with parents and students to discuss reasons for the student’s non-attendance and develop a plan to keep the student in school. Bi-lingual as well as English speaking volunteers are needed. The Boards meet on Wednesdays each week from 6-9pm at the Juvenile Justice Center Mall location. The volunteers must be at least 21 years old and have a desire to help students obtain and education. For more information contact Dick Holden at 736-2760 or Becky Keck at 737-2744.