

News Update

Richland School District

March 9, 2018

The District is getting closer to **breaking ground on the new elementary school** in West Richland. Awarding of the construction bid is expected in early April. **Elementary #11** will be built near the intersection of Belmont Boulevard and the future Sunshine Avenue.



Elementary #11 will open in August 2019.

Construction of the new Jefferson Elementary School is **right on schedule** and will open next August. Here is the link to the real time **construction cam**.



Windows are being installed on the north stairwell at the new Jefferson.

KVEW-TV News – [RSD rolls out SafeSchools Alert System to enhance security](#)

Thank you to Hanford High student-athletes who helped out during the recent mobile food bank and literacy night at Tapteal Elementary School. The **We LEAD** athletic leadership group helped bring food into the gym, assisted kids selecting books, and then cleaned up the gym afterwards.

“The Hanford High student leaders were ready and willing to help with big smiles and ready hands,” noted Diana Henning, Tapteal Family Resource Coordinator.



Glenda Schlahta, Three Rivers HomeLink instructional support teacher, presented a workshop at the Washington Association for Learning Alternatives Conference. Schlahta’s presentation was titled **Recognizing and Screening for Dyslexia**.

“The focus was on how ALE schools can meet the needs of students who struggle with dyslexia,” explains Schlahta.

The **Hanford High School Symphony Orchestra** will perform at the **Music for All National Orchestra Festival** next week in Indianapolis. The HHS Symphony Orchestra is one of only 13 orchestras from across the nation selected ([more details](#)). The HHS musicians will have an opportunity to work with, and learn from, some of the top orchestra clinicians in the world.



A team from **White Bluffs Elementary School** earned the **first place trophy** at The Three Rivers Battle of the Books March 1 in Kennewick.

Fourth and fifth grade students from Kennewick and Richland read the 20 Washington Children's Choice Book Award nominees this winter. They took notes on setting, character, genre, plot, etc. and were **tested on their comprehension skills**.



Team members are **Ethan Van Beek, Jordan Jelinek, Keenan Humphreys, Jake Brannon, and Paizlei Tucker**.

Enjoy watching and listening to these excellent middle school choir performances from the **2018 RSD Choral Showcase....**

[Carmichael - Ava Ngena](#)

[Chief Joseph - Zinga Zinga](#)

[Enterprise MS - Lightning](#)

[More RSD Choral Showcase performances](#)

Community members are invited to a free forum “Protecting Kids from Internet Crimes” on Thursday, March 15, 6:30 pm, at the Richland Public Library, 955 Northgate Drive. The Richland Police Department and the Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce will present information on cyberbullying, pornography, teens sharing images, and “sextores” and manipulated images by online predators.