



Dear RCS Families,

May 2021

“Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them,” Jesus. Along with His titles emblazoned in Isaiah 9:6, Jesus was also referred to as Good Teacher. Likewise, our preschool and K-12 teachers nurture and educate students. With the entire year baked in a pandemic, they have done so gallantly. RCS teachers stand in a distinctive class. Very few educators in WA State can claim in-person teaching throughout this school year.

As a former teacher, I know they cannot possibly outwork their jobs. There is always more to do, give, plan, and assess. Mindful of a teacher’s unrivaled dedication, it is time to spotlight National Teacher Appreciation Week, May 3-7.



If a teacher created a positive impact within your child’s life, then let them know. The first week of May offers a perfect opportunity. Express your encouragement through words of gratitude or a small gift. As we enter the last full month of school, a drop of appreciation feels like a gushing aquifer. Really. Teachers, thank you for all you do and for bringing students closer to Jesus. Your unwavering commitment is inspiring!

For next year, RCS plans to sunset the virtual-learning option for K-12 education. Unless there is a compelling reason for remote instruction, students will attend classes in-person.

What about the health guidelines for next September? The short answer is, no one knows. Many educational leaders see classroom conditions returning to pre-COVID conditions, but there are no guarantees. By next August, expect detailed communication linked to the latest health guidance. In the interim, please stay safe, mask up, and evaluate the risk-reward narratives for getting vaccinated.

A new narrative starting playing here three years ago. In 2018, RCS launched a pilot project dubbed, Community Impact Day. The idea bubbled to the surface by taking one day out of the school year to go do good in the community. In the pilot year, the senior class partnered with the city of Auburn and Lea Hill Village Home Owner’s Association. The students revitalized a neighborhood playground and painted over the graffiti-defaced fences within Lea Hill Village. A collage of photos captures our first Community Impact Day below.

2018-Pilot Year Photo



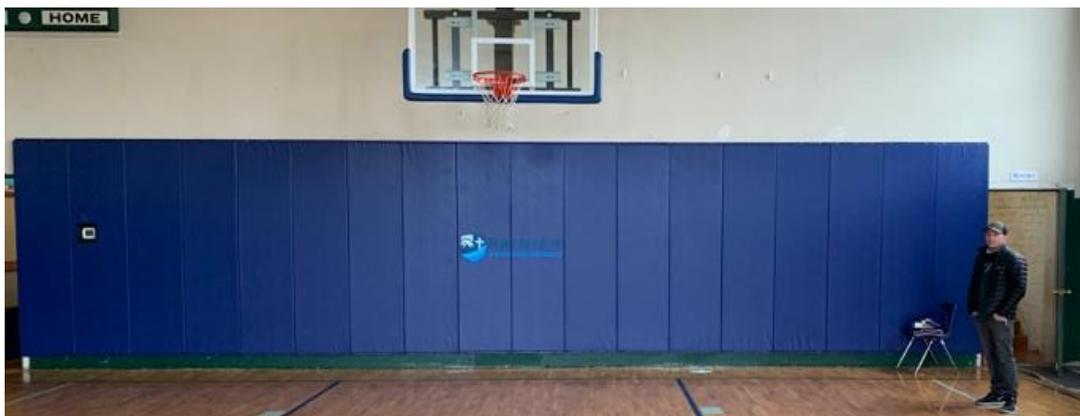
The following year, Community Impact Day folded in all high-school students. They caravanned to Northwest Harvest in the morning and hand-packed over 5400lbs of food. In the afternoon, the students shuttled back to Black Diamond Camps to clear trails, paint a house,

and perform manual brush removal. Due to the students and staff's sweat equity, the camp's executive director estimated saving \$5000 in labor costs. With a pay-it-forward reflex, he redirected \$5K in financial support for low-income families and 200 students attended summer camp on scholarship.



The wildly successful start sparked conversations about involving K-12 students in developmentally appropriate ways. Last year, COVID forced us to hit the pause button. This year, while navigating the County's COVID Phases, all campuses are pursuing a modified version of Community Impact Day. The building principals will share additional details soon. Being a good neighbor reflects our biblically-based ministry. "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven," Mt. 5:16.

In a shared slipstream, our alumni are buzzing with more good deeds! A big thank you is due to our alumni donors who gave generously for the extreme makeover of KVE gym. The first step is now completed. Thank you also to MVE (yes, MVE helping KVE) parent, **Roman Tupis**, shown in the lower right-hand corner,



and Athletic Director, **Marcus Johnson**. They helped install 2' x 8' wall pads over Easter break.

Eventually, the remaining walls get a fresh coat of paint and special mats to wrap around the



support beams.

Again, thank

you to our

alumni donors

who made the

project possible!

While it is only May, it is possible to think about the RCS Golf Tournament next September. There are sponsorship opportunities, and registration for your foresome, threesome, twosome, or onesome at Washington National is open. A thank you is owed to high-school junior, **Sara Yohanes**, and Art teacher, **Ms. Sparkman**, for designing the new promotional materials. Click on either image.

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WASHINGTON NATIONAL GOLF COURSE
SHOTGUN START @ 1:30PM

Early Bird \$125 (Ends 8/18/2021)
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BBQ and Award Ceremony Included

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For more details about sponsorship or the Golf Tournament, contact alumni parent, Joe Pratt,

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The Golf Tournament proceeds fund athletics and sports-of-the-mind teams. This year, the volleyball, MS/HS basketball, softball, soccer, and football teams received more than \$11K in equipment and uniforms from the Booster Club's key fundraisers: Golf Tournament and Fireworks Stand. Help spread the word and support the Fireworks Stand—**June 29-July 4** at Foley's Produce, just off the Maple Valley highway.

Speaking of highways, for next year, if your student needs transportation between our campuses, complete the interest survey through this link: [RCS Transportation 2021-2022](#). The choices about AM/PM route options help us plan for next year.

In closing, I thank Michael Ahlen for faithfully serving RCS for more than 18 years as IT Director. He is moving into a new position and relishes the idea of supporting RCS indirectly. Michael created countless opportunities for students and staff, and immersed himself in endless special projects. He will be greatly missed. Michael, pictured at right, shows off his silly farewell gifts. Thank you, Michael, for your amazing service! May God bless you.



My best,

Bruce Kelly

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president, Rainier Christian Schools



Prayer Notes:

National Day of Prayer May 6. RCS prayer meeting, Tuesday May 11 at 6:30pm.