

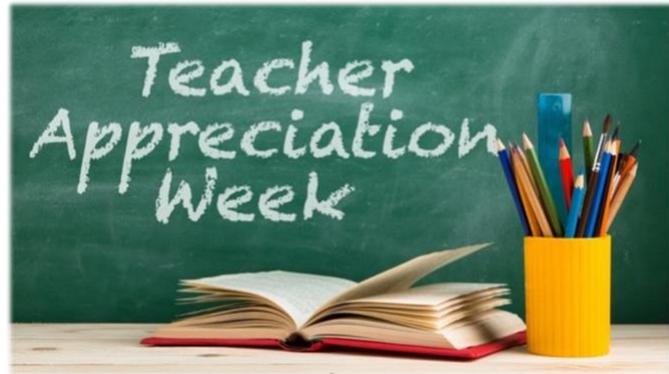


Dear RCS Families,

May 2022

The staging for a great week of teacher recognition is underway. Monday, May 2, marks the start of National Teacher Appreciation Week. The proclamation honors our PreK-12 grade

teachers and celebrates the positive impact on children's lives. If you have worked any time in a classroom, then you know a kind gesture goes a very long way at this time of year. Let your



child's teacher know by encouraging them with words of appreciation or a small gift. Teachers, thank you for all you do every day! I appreciate you for modeling and inspiring kids for Christ and their futures.

Looking ahead to next month, the RCS Board of Directors recognizes life is returning to normal. As a gesture of goodwill, they will host dinner for those attending our first in-person general meeting in about two years on **Tuesday, May 31**. All RCS families may enjoy a meal at the Kent View Elementary gym. Dinner begins at 5:15, and the general meeting starts at 6:00 pm. Getting a count of the meals needed helps them plan. Click on the [RCS Board Meeting Dinner](#) link to enter a number by Sunday, May 29. A big thank you is due to the RCS Board of Directors for knitting our gatherings back together. **The 2021-22 RCS Board of Directors:** Julie Franzen, Chair / Steve Pope, Vice-Chair / Dan Vander Pol, Treasurer / Rick Rosenkranz, Secretary / Mark Hargrove / Darryl D'Ambrosio.

A biblical theme traced to the book of Proverbs shows that lessons for children are often caught more than taught. Modeling by example for our children is more potent in the long run than words of correction and training. The principle, in part, explains the rationale behind our 15 hours volunteer requirement per family/year. Families who cannot volunteer may exchange time at \$25/hour or \$375 for the year. However, connecting people through volunteer opportunities drives the larger vision.

Among the list of [volunteer possibilities](#), a few options exist to satisfy the 15-hour requirement in less than one day. See the details in the table below and note the point of contact for additional information.

 <p>Directional and yard signs are available at each campus.</p>		<p>Host a garage sale from 8:00 am-1:00 pm between now and June 30. Contact Kery Wong, <a href="mailto:kery.wong@rainierchristian.org">kery.wong@rainierchristian.org</a> for more information.</p>
<p>Security Detail, Fireworks Stand.</p> 		<p>One overnight shift, 10 pm-6 am, June 27-July 4<sup>th</sup>, Fireworks Stand in Black Diamond. Contact Marcus Johnson, <a href="mailto:marcus.johnson@rainierchristian.org">marcus.johnson@rainierchristian.org</a> for more information.</p>
<p>Special Projects-a message sent through FACTS advertises an unanticipated need for any one of the campuses.</p>	<p>Example of Past Project: Pick up the scoreboard from Portland, OR.</p> 	<p>Contact Bruce Kelly, <a href="mailto:bruce.kelly@rainierchristian.org">bruce.kelly@rainierchristian.org</a> for more information.</p>

Thank you for supporting our educational ministry with your gifts and talents. May you meet some new friends along the way.

Later this month, **May 21**, lace up your running shoes or sneakers for the first annual

Mustang Gallop 5K run/walk. Please join me in thanking our generous sponsors:

- **Ronny Wilson and ICON Real Estate Services**
- **Mountain View Fire and Rescue**
- **Oak Harbor Freight Lines**



A promotional poster for 'THE MUSTANG GALLOP 5K RUN/WALK'. The poster is dark blue with white text. At the top, it features logos for Ronny Wilson (with a signature), Mountain View Fire &amp; Rescue, and Oak Harbor Freight Lines. The main text reads: 'THE MUSTANG GALLOP 5K RUN/WALK', 'MAY 21ST 2022', 'LOCATION: RAINIER CHRISTIAN HS', 'CHECK IN: 8:00-8:45AM', 'RACE START TIME: 9:00AM', 'REGISTRATION: \$30 w/ Shirt +\$10', and 'All proceeds benefit RC Athletics'. At the bottom, it says 'FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT MARCUS.JOHNSON@RAINIERCHRISTIAN.ORG'.

The 5K event zigzags through our MS/HS campus grounds at Black Diamond Camps. Reach out to

Athletic Director Marcus Johnson,

[Marcus.johnson@rainierchristian.org](mailto:Marcus.johnson@rainierchristian.org), with any

questions or interest in earning volunteer hours.

The proceeds support our middle and high school athletic programs. Go Mustangs!!

In closing, I want to thank many of you, including the campus prayer teams, for interceding for me. The existence of RCS belongs in part to a committed group of people who prayed and believed in God's provision. God answered their prayers in miraculous ways. Their practice offers up a prototypical model for miracles today. Dr. Ray Pritchard of Keep Believing Ministries aided my understanding from his February 22, 2009 sermon based on Hebrews 11:33-38.



“Christianity is a religion of miracles. Take the miraculous out of our faith and you are left with nothing but a set of ethical instructions that has no power to change the heart. Remember that miracles come in many different varieties. I had a friend with cancer who prayed and prayed that he might be healed. Eventually, he decided

that he would not pray that way anymore, not because he thought it was wrong but because he asked himself, “Will God be glorified more by my healing or by my faith being strong even if I am not healed?” Great question, exactly the right way to look at it, and only God knows the answer. So he prayed that God would be glorified whether by healing him or by giving him strength to keep believing no matter what. That strikes me as the right biblical balance.”

Will God be glorified more? That is a question and a stance that stretches my faith. He is God, and I am not. Again, thank you for your prayers during this season.

On May 5, RCS marks the National Day of Prayer at each campus. I am calling us to carve out time on that day to pray. Remember our teachers and the staffing needs for next year before the Lord. May our individual and collective prayer advance God's kingdom through the ministry of Rainier Christian Schools.

My best,

Bruce Kelly



president, Rainier Christian Schools

