



Dear RCS Families,

November, 2020

The traditions in November salute Veteran's Day and celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. Please join me in thanking all active duty, war, and combat veterans for their service to our country. Due to Phase 2 restrictions, Veteran's Day assemblies at Rainier Christian



will look different this year. Nevertheless, our unwavering gratitude for veterans acknowledges their service and sacrifice. Thank you veterans, and may God bless you.

This November, I am especially thankful to see and hear happy kids each day across our campuses. Learning, thriving, and joyful kids in the midst of a pandemic testifies to God's grace and provision. I am blessed by and thankful for our amazing staff. Since September 9,



they mask up, get their temperature taken, and bring their best to make a positive impact on students' lives and learning.

Remember, only 6% of teachers statewide can make that claim.

Keeping the doors open for kids and learning reminds me of a sharp exchange between Jesus and his red-faced disciples. Their opposing views about children are recorded in Luke's gospel.

"People were bringing babies to Jesus to have him touch them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. But Jesus called the children to him and said, 'Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.'" Luke 18:16,17.

The disciples may have thought children cannot enter the kingdom until they are adults. Jesus turned that idea upside down. Grown-ups cannot enter the kingdom until they become like children.

Among many qualities, children are trusting, tender-hearted, and keep things simple. These childlike qualities are the keys of humility that unlock the door of faith. Wonderfully, children model how to guard our hearts from cynicism, bitterness, and resentment. The kingdom of God is received like a child because it cannot be earned or bought. It is by faith. Eph. 2:8,9.

By faith, RCS is trusting for God’s provision during our online auction. Again, I want to thank our premium sponsor, **Oak Harbor Freight Lines**, for securing the bidding platform,



Greater Giving. Sarah Rickel, RCS auction coordinator reminds us that the auction window closes on November 7. A few special items are not available to bid on until

November 7. [Register here](#) to browse and bid

generously. This year, the Fund-A-Need portion of the auction is directed towards raises for our heroic support staff and teachers. They are on the frontline. Their commitment to the educational, spiritual, and emotional well being of our children deserves the two-handed type of giving.

Rainier Christian School District Staff



Our entire staff relies on your partnership and willingness to adhere to Covid-19 health guidance. During visits to the campus or while away, wear a face covering and practice social distancing. Why? When a parent tests positive, their child is assumed to be infected. The CDC guidance means I must temporarily close the school or quarantine a cohort within the school for two weeks. Keeping everyone safe is my top priority. The ability to remain open is contingent upon everyone doing their part on and off campus during an unprecedented time.



Our next prayer time together is Tuesday, **November 17** from **6:30-7:00pm**. Join us for a rich time of thanksgiving and intercession on [Zoom](#). One concern returns to this month's prayer list, the 35-acre parcel. Last week, a property agent for the Water and Land Resources Division of King County Parks contacted me about their interest. Next, pray for a permanent home for our high school and middle school basketball and volleyball teams suited for league play. The picture below shows our practice court at Black Diamond Camps. The Seatac league



will not sign off on playing games at this site due to the lack of run-off and court surface conditions. Lastly, I want to remember our families, community and nation before the Lord. May God's Spirit strengthen and encourage us as we aim to glorify Him.

To our new and returning families, if you have a positive experience with our school to share, please let others know. The majority of families learn about RCS by word of mouth—the finest form of marketing. In today’s digital world, RCS also benefits from vibrant testimonies posted online. Niche.com is a platform where additional support is needed. Being a digital ambassador for RCS offers one way to earn volunteer hours. If you have a positive experience with our school, receive 0.5 volunteer hours by placing a review [here](#).

In closing, as we honor our veterans and celebrate Thanksgiving, I am reminded that November is a wonderful time of the year. The holidays dish up opportunities to think of others. Families, thank you for trusting your children to the care and nurture of the RCS staff. Your partnership with Rainier Christian Schools is deeply appreciated. May God bless you and your family throughout the entire month of November.

My best,

Bruce Kelly



president, Rainier Christian Schools

