

Sacajawea PTO



Smoke Signals

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Weather

Announcements

Parents and students can receive weather closure/delay announcements via push notification and email.

Find out more by going to the RSD web site at: www.rsd.edu/info/weather-delays

1, 2, 3, 4, We Declare a Penny War!

Join our PTO to raise money for a charitable cause in our community. Children in our area arrive at school without proper shoes and/or without socks. As the weather continues to get colder there is a need to fill. During the week of December 4th through the 8th there will be a shoe box in each class-

room. We are asking students to bring in loose change (bills are welcome too) to fill each box. All the money will be donated to Community in Schools to purchase shoes and socks for kids in our community! PTO wants to help teach and encourage giving without receiving something in return. There will

not be prizes awarded, but we will create a display to show how many pairs of shoes each class was able to contribute. We will share totals in our next newsletter! Take a minute and talk with your child about giving and the joy it brings.

Holiday Craft Night



- Friday, Dec. 1st, 2017
- 6 to 8pm in the Café
- Refreshments will be provided by WinCo
- 5 crafts to make for gifts
- Holiday fun
- Use the Café doors
- Students and Siblings must be accompanied by an adult.

Save the Date

Here are the dates for PTO activities and other notable dates this month:

- 12/1: Holiday Craft Night
- 12/4-8: Penny Wars
- 12/7: Papa John's Pizza Night
- 12/10: Star Wars Hockey Night (discount tickets!)

12/15: All Pro Dads

12/19: Movie Night enter th

12/20-1/2: Enjoy Winter Break!

1/11: Skate Night

1/16: PTO meeting 6pm in library, accepting proposals.

Oh brother.



Despicable Me 3 Movie Night

December 19, movie starts at 6:30pm in the Café. Concessions for sale by PTO. Bring chairs or blankets for seating. Outside food is permitted. Please enter the Café Door at back of the school.

[Levy Rates]

Current Levy

\$3.40 per \$1000

Proposed 2019-2022 Levy

\$2.00 per \$1000*

*Yearly property taxes will decrease \$280 on a \$200,000 home.

Support out schools vote Yes!

RSD News

Continuous improvement is the goal

Richland School District high schools and middle schools continue to **focus on increasing graduation rates and ensuring students are college and career ready:**

- Early intervention with students who struggle in middle school is key to ensuring high school success.
- Staff members are working hard to strengthen relationships with students/families, increase student connections to school, encourage career interest exploration, and improve attendance by reducing suspensions.

"As part of their School Improvement Plans, our school staffs are working hard to connect with students and families," says Assistant Superintendent **Todd Baddley**. "Keeping students engaged and communicating with parents are top priorities in reducing absenteeism and improving achievement."

Technology access in the Richland School District fundamentally shifts the teaching and learning process by opening doors to a world of information, resources, and op-

portunities that are real life and student driven. RSD educators, administrative leaders, and community members **understand the value of leveraging technology, both in the classroom and at home.** This "**Learning with Technology**" video reflects the partnership between RSD teachers, parents, and students that enhances student learning within a technology-rich environment. <https://tinyurl.com/y728n5ec>

All Pro Dad's Day



2017-18 Schedule

Dec 15

Jan 19

Feb 16

March 23

April 20

Be a hero to your kids. Come join us for breakfast in the Café on December 15th from 7:45-8:30am.

Good News for RSD taxpayers

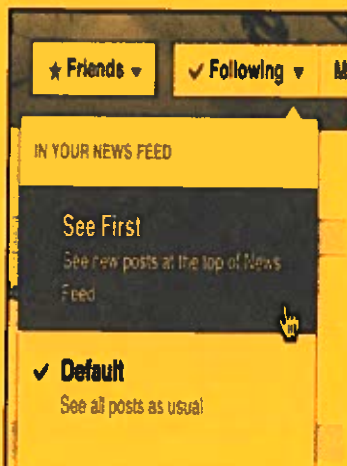
There is positive financial news to report regarding the 2013 bond issue. "Richland School District voters approved a \$98 million bond issue, but we'll end up with \$172 million worth of new facilities by the time all nine projects are done," says Superintendent Rick Schulte.

- The District expected to receive \$32 million in state matching money; instead, the District will receive \$74 million.
- The additional state dollars enabled the District to add significant square footage at Lewis & Clark, Marcus Whitman, Orchard, Sacajawea, HomeLink, and Leona Libby Middle School.
- Plus, the District is using some of these additional dollars to build an entirely new Jefferson Elementary instead of just the 1952 wing as originally planned.

"We've been good stewards of the community's tax dollars and that will continue," adds Rick Jansons, President of the Richland School Board.

T-Shirt Giveaway at 300 'Likes'

Stay informed about what's going on, Like us on Facebook! Where "Sacajawea Elementary School PTO" posts updates. Interact by liking, commenting, and/or sharing our posts, to help our visibility. To be sure PTO stays in your newsfeed, click "See first" under the following tab. You can also join us on Facebook as we live-stream monthly PTO meetings.



Be Here, On Time, All Day, Every Day. School Attendance Matters!

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Sacajawea PTO

Sacajawea's PTO Board Elected Officers 2017-2018

President: Kelsey Clements — sacrypto@gmail.com

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Newsletter and You!

Smoke Signals is brought to you by the Sacajawea PTO. Please email sacysecretaryPTO@gmail.com by the 20th of each month if you would like to include something in our next monthly newsletter.

PTO is trying to improve our content and resources for students and their families. We've got some questions.

- Where or how do you prefer to receive communications from Sacajawea and PTO?
- What do you want to see in the monthly newsletter? (Teacher's highlight, thoughts from student's? Student Achievement? Parenting tips? Scholarships?)
- What do you want to see on our Facebook page?
- What activities would you like to see at Sacy? What movies interest you for Family Movie Night?

Everyone has thoughts and opinions. We want yours!

Send an e-mail to sacysecretarypto@gmail.com.

Volunteering Application



Register to volunteer! Whether helping in the classroom, volunteering for PTO, or chaperoning field trips you MUST fill out a volunteer application form. Go to

<https://richlandvolunteers.hrmpplus.net/>

to fill out an online registration. Thanks for being a part of our school community!

Need a Date Night?

Hanford High School Instrumental Music welcomes two world-class musicians from Los Angeles to the HHS stage December 8 and 9. The husband and wife team of virtuoso trombonist Bob McChesney and vocalist Calabria Foti will perform with HHS instrumental musicians.

Friday, December 8, 7:00 pm - Jazz Night featuring the music of Duke Ellington, Natalie Cole, and many more.

Saturday, December 9, 4:00 pm - A Night of "Strings and Swing".

For more information go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/y9qcgfpw>

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<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7448454>

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Help this Holiday Season

During this difficult economic time, many families are facing financial hardship. If you or someone you know is in need of support this holiday season, there are several local organizations that offer confidential support to families in need. Just be-

fore Conferences and Thanksgiving a green paged packet came home with students about the many ways to give and help receive help this season. If you need information please visit win211.org has lots of information about recourses available.

Communities In Schools

Site Coordinator, Darlene Johnson, can also help you connect with community resources. Located at Sacajawea Elementary. Call 967-6341 or stop by the office.

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2-1-1™
Get Connected. Get Answers.
Washington Information Network 211

Final Call For Campbell's Labels Cash For Trash Update!!!



These are found on some Campbell's soup cans. UPC must state label for education to be eligible.

This Program is in it's final month. The program is ending forever. So quick raid yours, Grandma's and Aunt Jan's kitchen drawers. PTO wants all soup labels **before** Winter break!

The Cash for trash program is a new title for all programs that bring in money, from products we already purchase. Check out these great ways to turn your trash into cash for Sacy! Please bag all of these items and send



with students. Label all submissions with your student's name and teacher! This is used to track progress in grade or class contests. If you want to increase your contributions, ask family or neighbors to save them too.

Box Tops and App, Coke Give

Box tops are found on many products, including fresh veggies, butter, cereal, and more! Clip them, and send them into the school. For our Fall submission we sent in \$436 dollars. That, along with a June submission for \$180 and the app users bringing in over \$100, **We are expecting a check for over \$700!!**

Coke Give is doing great! During the double cokes event we brought in almost \$100!! Way to go Sacy Families. Remember to save your trash, every little bit adds up.

Each code is worth 5-38¢!
(examples of Coke codes)



Tyson Project, Prang Power Points

The **Tyson Project A+** program is a simple way to support Sacy. Just clip and redeem **Tyson Project A+** labels from packages of **Tyson** products. For every label we receive, we'll get 24¢ for the school. We can use the money for whatever we want or need.



Prang Power points are found on various art supplies, most notably on Ticonderoga pencils. Clip them from the boxes and send them in. We can take them taped, or glued to pages or better yet, in a baggie. (Just like Box tops, that's right, they don't have to be on a page to send it!)



**Sacajawea
Hockey Night
Friday 12/10/17
Tri-City Americans
Vs. Everett Silvertips**

5:05pm

Star Wars theme night

Tickets are available for \$12 each!

\$3 goes back to Sacy

Student Name_____

Teacher_____

Number of tickets_____

Make Checks written to Sacajawea PTO

Pls turn in by Dec. 7th



PROMO CODE '1sacajawea' MUST BE USED!! Otherwise Sacy doesn't get credit! If we have over \$2000 in sales, about 85 average orders than we get a bonus \$150!

Find our December Pizza Day posts on Facebook, like, comment and share to be entered to win a Papa John's Gift Card!

Remember Promo code: 1sacajawea



Sacajawea Elem. Pizza Day Thurs. Dec. 7th

You order online at papajohns.com

You must use promo code: 1sacajawea

We donate to the school

15% of each order received using the promo code will be donated to the school!

You earn a free side item

Papa Rewards members who place a \$15+ order will receive 10 papa points in their account the following day when you use the code above. 10 points = 1 free side

Details: www.yourpapajohns.com/schoolnights

FAMILY SPECIAL

\$22

2 Large 2 toppings

Promo Code: TCSCH22

Expires: 12/31/17

COMBO DEAL

\$15

Large 1 topping & Garlic Knots

Promo Code: TCSCH15

Expires: 12/31/17

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