



## Welcome to Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL)!

### **A message from Superintendent, Dr. Hatrick:**

Welcome to what will be an exciting school year. I want all families to know that although we are beginning the school year in CDL, we will continue to review the state and county data in hopes to bring students back as soon as possible. This year's CDL was developed to meet the needs expressed by parents and students. During my first month as superintendent, I met with many parents, put out a survey, and have had follow-up meetings to fully understand the challenges faced last spring. I hope you find the redesigned Google Classroom one that meets your child's learning needs.

As many of you know, I began as superintendent in Rainier School District #13 on July 1, 2020. It has been a busy but rewarding summer as I have met many parents and students. The staff are back and working from campus to support the learning needs of your child(ren). If I haven't had the pleasure to meet you, I would love the opportunity. I have an open-door policy and if there are things to help you and your student(s) navigate the CDL platform, have questions about the district, or just want to meet, I would love to sit down with you. You are always welcome to email me at [jhatrick@rsd.k12.or.us](mailto:jhatrick@rsd.k12.or.us) or call the district office (503.556.3777) to schedule an appointment.

I would like to personally thank the parents, students, community, staff, and governing board for such a warm welcome to the Rainier School District and Rainier community. As we navigate this school year, working collaboratively with all of you to improve the district will be one of my priorities. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for opportunities to volunteer.

Your partner in education,

Dr. Hatrick



## Upcoming Schedule/Events

October 7, 14, 21, 28	No class for all students
October 9	Statewide In-Service, No school for students or staff
November 4, 18	No class for all students
November 11	Veterans' Day, No School for students or staff
November 19	End of Quarter 1, Regular school day
November 20	Grade Day, No school for students
November 23 & 24	School released at 12:00 p.m., Conferences 12:00-8:00 p.m.
November 25	Trade Day, No school for students or staff
November 26 & 27	Thanksgiving Holiday, No school for students or staff

## Rainier School District #13 Help Desk

Monday through Friday: 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

For questions and support, please log into this Zoom meeting using the following link:

<https://zoom.us/j/9897020553>

Meeting ID: 989 702 0553

OR

Dial by your location

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

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## **A message from Nutrition Services Director, Debby Webster:**

Welcome to the 20-21 school year! During full Comprehensive Distance Learning, student meal service will be offered similarly to the meal service operations used last spring. We will deliver meals using the same basic bus routes. USDA provided a waiver for free meals for all ages 1-18 through December 31, 2020. Unless USDA extends this waiver, the district will be required to transact meal payments (free, reduced, full pay), consistent with the pre COVID-19 meal service operations. Since the State of Oregon has increased the income guidelines for free meal eligibility, we are encouraging all families to fill out a free/reduced lunch application. [Click here](#) for the confidential online application. (Link is [www.ode.state.or.us/apps/frlapp](http://www.ode.state.or.us/apps/frlapp)). If you fill this out now, there will be less to do later this year.



## **A message from Hudson Park Elementary Principal, Heidi Blakley:**

I am pleased to welcome you back to the 2020-21 school year! I would like to extend a special welcome to all of the new families joining Hudson Park this year and welcome back all of our returning families as well! Our goal at Hudson Park is to work together to provide our students with a rich learning environment. My vision, as the principal, is to ALWAYS put kids first! I believe all students can learn. As educators, we need to discover how each child learns in order to differentiate our instruction to support diverse learning styles. In a collaborative effort, we want children to thrive in all ways possible. Hudson Park prioritizes a nurturing learning environment that is positive, safe, warm, caring, as well as a fun place to learn and grow.

I recognize the circumstances that surround this school year are not what we expected or hoped for, but with your help we will ensure your child's success. I look forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. Our teachers understand that part of our children's success relies heavily on the support offered both at school and at home and realize that a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. I am certain that our common responsibility for our children's success will provide fruitful outcomes as the year progresses no matter the

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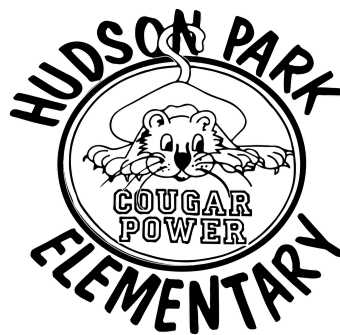
challenges. As part of our shared responsibility, our teachers and I ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring they:



1. Attend school with teachers (virtually or in person when permitted) ready for the day's learning experiences
2. Complete and turn in all assignments on time
3. Consistently communicate with their teachers
4. Share school experiences with you so you are aware of their progress
5. Inform you if they need additional support in any area or subject
6. Know that you expect them to succeed in school

Student success is attributed to the partnership and the relationships we build within our community and this is a priority now more than ever. It truly does take a village and at Hudson Park we value teamwork and collaboration! Education is a joint venture and we greatly appreciate the support you provide for your children at home and at school to help them meet their learning goals.

Although this year looks different than any other year, we are dedicated to providing your child(ren) a memorable, interactive, engaging distance learning experience. In the Hudson Park spirit, we pride ourselves on filling buckets. At Hudson Park, we think of every child as having an invisible bucket. The bucket represents a child's mental and emotional health. You can't see the bucket but it's there. It is our responsibility to fill each child's bucket with positive affirmations. Now more than ever it is so important to be filling buckets to one another and in our community. Hudson Park will be focusing on all of the positives that we can take from this experience and as the role models in our little Cougars' lives, it is important that we display a positive attitude toward distance learning each and every day. Let's make it a great year! Please stay safe and see you 'virtually' very soon!







**A message from Rainier Junior Senior High School Principal, Graden Blue:**

We are excited for the new school year to start in the Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL) model. We will remain in this model at least until November 9th., at which time metrics will be reviewed to determine next steps. Staff has prepared for the return of their students by creating a more rigorous curriculum and providing more opportunities for our students to meet graduation requirements. Students will see less periods per semester but will finish the year with an opportunity for an additional credit.

We look forward to the time that we can bring students back on campus.

When that time arises, there will be only minor disruptions to their schedules. For sports, check with coaches specific to your sport. If your child is interested in sports, have them register on the [RJSHS webpage link under athletics](#). There have been adjustments to seasons to accommodate the conditions surrounding COVID. Conditioning and training practices started September 22 for all sports. Our desire is to work with families to support your children in furthering their education. Please reach out to us with thoughts or concerns at 503-556-4215 or [graden\\_blue@rsdk12.or.us](mailto:graden_blue@rsdk12.or.us)

**A message from Special Education Director and North Columbia Academy Principal, Heidi Schafer:**

**Special Education:** The Special Education Department is excited to welcome everyone back to school for the 2020-2021 school year. Throughout the year we will be following the guidance Oregon Department of Education has provided the state for special education service delivery and student support. It is our goal to work with families to prioritize student needs and parent preference. If you have any questions or need clarification regarding learning options or special education services, please feel free to call Melissa Pratt, Administrative Assistant at 503 556-9121.



**North Columbia Academy and Rainier Virtual Academy:** The North Columbia Academy is happy to announce the Rainier Virtual Academy has met capacity. This option is for students who are interested in learning through Odysseyware, an online platform. The NCA teachers are also fully engaged in Comprehensive Distance Learning. If you have any questions about our programs, please feel free to call Cheryl Roberts, Administrative Assistant/Registrar at (503) 556-3777 extension 280.



## A message from Rainier Preschool Director, Megan Keplinger:

We are delighted to have your child join our preschool program for the 2020-2021 school year. To begin, preschool will be supported virtually this fall with the goal of transitioning to hybrid learning (combination of in-person and virtual) as soon as we meet the metrics. We will follow the Rainier School District's plan for re-opening to hybrid and in-person instruction.



Rainier Preschool is using the same distance learning framework as Hudson Park Elementary, which will be supported with live lessons via Google classroom and supplemented with SeeSaw, an interactive and engaging app. The live sessions are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10:00-11:00 a.m. In addition, our preschool teachers will be incorporating new curriculum this year including [Bridges Math/Number Corner](#), [Learning Without Tears](#), and [Nellie Edge](#).

At this time, Rainier Preschool is accepting applications for enrollment. To apply, please visit our website for more information: <https://www.rainier.k12.or.us/preschool>.

Any questions, please reach out to [megan\\_keplinger@rsd.k12.or.us](mailto:megan_keplinger@rsd.k12.or.us).

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**Check out our Distance Learning webpage for updates!**



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