



HUSKY HIGHLIGHTS

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

You Should See What They Are Doing!

Last night I had the opportunity to attend a CTE Advisory Meeting and Open House at Rice Lake High School. CTE stands for Career and Technical Education, and is applied to educational programs that specialize in the skilled trades, applied sciences, modern technologies, and career preparation.

CTE programs offer both academic and career-related courses, and provide students with the opportunity to gain work experience through internships, job shadowing, on-the-job training, and industry-certification opportunities. CTE opportunities provide a wide range of learning experiences covering different career pathways, from skilled trades such as automotive technology, construction, plumbing, or electrical contracting to fields as diverse as agriculture, architecture, graphic design, culinary arts, fashion design, filmmaking, forestry, engineering, healthcare, personal training, robotics, or veterinary medicine.

I was able to see and learn more about what students and teachers are doing differently, including the partnerships that have been and continue to be formed with businesses and individuals in our local area. A few examples of what our students have done or are doing include designing and building canoes, designing and producing finished graphic design projects, engineering and manufacturing products such as golf clubs, designing and participating in true business simulations, producing finished food products such as smoked meat products, and graduating from high school having obtained certifications that lead to meaningful employment. To complement this, the facility additions and upgrades provided for in the last referendum have been key to helping provide the spaces and equipment to make this happen. I was truly impressed!

To learn more about CTE and the Career Clusters and Pathways offered in our district, you can take the Career Clusters Interest Survey by selecting or visiting the first link. To learn specifically about the 16 Career Clusters and their corresponding pathways offered at Rice Lake High School, select or visit the second link.

<https://careertech.org/sites/default/files/StudentInterestSurvey-English.pdf>

<http://www.ricelake.k12.wi.us/rlhs/Career%20Clusters.pdf>

Additionally, if you or anyone you know would like to learn more, see the great things happening, or if you have ideas about how you would like to be involved, please call Curt Pacholke, Rice Lake High School Principal, at 725-234-2181, and he would be happy to work with you.

Sincerely,

Randy Drost
Haugen & Hilltop Elementary Principal

Haugen Artists Participate In Youth Art Month Show at WITC

Congratulations Youth Art Month Participants!

Haugen students who had work chosen to be part of the Youth Art Month exhibit at WITC in March include;

Back

Brady Musil, Jacob Rubin, Hope Larson, Naomi Tschernach, Wyatt Kunesh, and Trinity Mathews

Front

Michael Sirek, Kaiden Walkey, Abby Britton, Bri Barahona, and Alyssa Holt

Great job to these young artists!!!!



With upcoming springtime field trips, I thought I should mention that sunscreen and bug spray are considered medication and school staff cannot apply them to your child. Applying them before your child leaves for school would be the safest practice.



Paula Kodesh RN
School Nurse



**Rice Lake Area School District
Family Literacy Night At Tainter Elementary**

**Thursday, May 12th
6:00—7:30 pm**

Mark your calendars for May 12^h for the family literacy night: This will be held at Tainter Elementary School from 6:00-7:30. The Rice Lake Public Library will have information about their summer reading program too!

Bring the whole family for a fun night of reading and art! Hope to see you there

- Keyboarding is an important skill for elementary students. The computer-based state test given to 3rd and 4th graders requires students to be able to keyboard answers to the questions. Students who are able to keyboard will have an easier time with the technology skills required by the test.



- How can you help your child be a better keyboarder?

Practice keyboarding using keyboarding websites.

Go to <http://goo.gl/muaTuk> for a list of websites. There is a Tab on this website called “Access School Network at Home” which provides directions for students to log into their school account and go to *Type to Learn* which is the keyboarding program students can use.

The main skills to focus on:

- a. Keep fingers positioned on the home row. The Home row is the middle row of the keyboard (ASDF JKL;) Students are taught to begin with their fingers on this row each time they keyboard.
- b. Look at computer screen while keyboarding and not at fingers
- c. Focus on accuracy and not on speed (this will come with practice.)

- For questions about keyboarding, please contact Natalie Springer at 715-764-2206 or email: springern@ricelake.k12.w.us

Guidance Corner



In guidance classroom 1st-4th grades we have been talking a lot about our brains and how important our brains are. You might ask your child why is your brain so important. See if your child(ren) can answer the ways to keep your brain healthy until it is done developing to its full potential (at age 21 years):

1. Exercise, 2. Eating healthy, 3. Drinking water, 4. Sleep, 5. Wearing a seat belt, 6. Wearing a helmet when your skull needs extra protection, 7. Reading, learning 8. Listen to music, 9. Laughter (when appropriate), 10. Wise alcohol choices when 21. Curriculum the RLSD uses is called Protecting You Protecting Me if you would like more information.

Summer School

There are still openings for both the July 18-29 session as well as the August 3-12 session. Registration deadline is June 10, 2016 for both sessions.

All registration forms are on the summer school website:

http://www.ricelake.k12.wi.us/dis_sumsch.cfm

If there are any questions, please contact Mrs. Jensen at Tainter Elementary School.

Husky Happenings

- April 4 HPG meeting / 6:30
- April 19 Dental Clinic @ Haugen
- April 21 4th grade Recorder concert in Music room @ 10:40
- April 22 HPG Spring Fling in gym 6:00—8:00 pm
- April 27 4th grade tours Middle School from 9:00 am—12:00 pm
- April 29 No school—Inservice
- May 3 Teacher Appreciation luncheon
- May 12 Family Literacy night @ Tainter 6:00—7:30
- June 7 End of year picnic