

# EDUCATION

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## RRCC Student Senate helps raise funds

RRCC STAFF REPORT

The Rainy River Community College Student Senate staged a week-long fundraiser in March in support of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The Senate featured a “Pennies for Patients — Battle of the Sexes” competition in order to inspire the most giving.

Collecting spare change in color-coded containers with goal sheets publicly displayed, as well as a running total tabulated daily, the students raised \$227.49 toward blood borne cancer research.

Student Senate Treasurer Anja Silvers said, “It was a close race but I knew the women would pull through in the end.” The women out-raised the men \$122.04 to \$105.45, but as RRCC Student Senate Secretary Makayla Boyer said, “The victory is nice, but in the end we are just happy to have the opportunity to give to such a great organization.”

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**RRCC Student Senate treasurer Anja Silvers and secretary Makayla Boyer.**

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## Indus School students treated to engineering assembly

INDUS SCHOOL REPORT

Third through sixth grade students at Indus School were treated to an engineering assembly March 5 presented by Jessica Holm from the Minnesota Science Museum Outreach Program. It was an engaging and interactive presentation.

After introducing herself and the topic of engineering, Holm asked students to brainstorm ideas of how to move a large sphere that could shatter or explode if mishandled or dropped in transit. Two groups of students came up with engineering plans and one group was chosen to engineer the move. After a first unsuccessful two-minute timed try, the student group had time to rethink their engineering problem.



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**Sam Wingate, Ana Noyes, Emma Morgan, and Lydia McDaniel volunteer to help Jessica Holm with her demonstration.**

On their second try, they were more successful, but did not move the sphere; thus, everyone noticed that engineering is a process of trial and error. Holm noted how much time and planning goes into engineering new products.

Next, four volunteers were chosen to wear four different types of gloves. In the first example, the gloved students were to move flat, round plastic discs from a flat surface to a tube. The thinnest gloved student had the best time. In another trial, gloved students moved their hands closer to a heat source until they could feel the heat. The thickest gloved student was

able to come closest to the heat.

In another demonstration, students learned about engineering the shape of the nose of high-speed train engines to stop a loud noise as the train entered a tunnel. A tall tube filled with water was used as train engine models were dropped and water was displaced. As the more pointy engines entered the water-filled tube, they displaced less water and, hence, would displace less air in a tunnel entrance.

Indus elementary students will next be going to the Minnesota Science Museum in April for an all-expenses-paid Camp-In experience.

## RRCC to offer early childhood degree

RRCC STAFF REPORT

Rainy River Community College has partnered with Mesabi Range College to offer a degree in early childhood/early childhood special education. This 60-credit associate of applied science degree prepares students for employment in early childhood settings, such as head start, as a special needs aide, in childcare settings, and as a para-professional.

Early childhood programs provide the educational background and practical experience necessary to provide young children (birth to age 8), of varying abilities, with developmentally appropriate learning

experiences. This program includes onsite courses at RRCC and online courses through MRC.

Students will also explore universal promotion, secondary prevention, and tertiary intervention approaches to educate and care for children with challenging behaviors. Physical space, appropriate routines, and myriad transition and teaching strategies will be practiced. In addition, students will develop several communication strategies that will foster an inclusive, relationship-based approach to interacting effectively with diverse families.

Graduates wishing to pursue a bachelor's of science in early childhood

education can seamlessly transfer to Southwest State University with their convenient online option through an articulation agreement with Mesabi Range College. Some courses in this degree also transfer to UMD's Unified Early Childhood Studies program.

Interested students can call visit the RRCC website at [www.rainyriver.edu](http://www.rainyriver.edu), or call RRCC advisor Stephanie Sather at 285-2330 for more information about the program.

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## Students attend Young Author's Conference

INDUS SCHOOL REPORT

Thirteen Indus School students attended the 2014 Young Author's Conference March 14 at Northland Community and Technical College in Thief River Falls for students in grades 5 through 8.

This one-day event, designed to encourage and inspire young writers and to promote student enthusiasm and competence in written communication, provides an opportunity for students to interact with established authors, storytellers, illustrators, poets and teachers of writing. In addition, a book fair

and autographing session motivate students.

The day began with an opening session, Everything I Learned from My Dog and Other Implausible Ideas, with author Margi Preus. Then, each student engaged in break-out sessions to interact, learn and work with professional writers in both written and visual communication.

Sample titles of these sessions were: “Imagine Your Wildest Tale,” “Talking Heads Drama,” “Writing A Movie Scene,” and “How to Create a Character Loaded with Personality.”

Students who expressed a definite interest in lit-

erature and writing were given the opportunity to attend. Indus students who attended, accompanied by sixth grade teacher Sara Wendt and paraprofessional Kris Morgan, were: Fifth graders — Alicia Kelly, Kinsey Seegert and Nissa Thomas; sixth graders — Dani Erickson, Emma Morgan, Annie Schiro and Haedyn Sutton; seventh graders — Tryston Hasbargen, Taylor Hyatt, Mariah Leahy, Maggie Morgan and Kyle Schiro; and eighth grader — Haley Grover.

The Young Author's Conference is sponsored by the Northwest Service Cooperative in Thief River Falls.

## Rainy Lake Medical Center Diabetes Support Group

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Rainy Lake Medical Center will be offering Diabetes Support Groups in April, July, and October.

**When: Tuesday, April 8th**  
**Time: 6:30 - 7:30 pm (doors open at 6:00 pm)**  
**Where: RLMC Clinic Community Room**

Topic: *Foot Care*  
Speaker: Deb Polkinghorne,  
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