



# Connections



June 22, 2017

## Congratulations, graduates!

It is graduation season in LWSD. Watch our [website](#) and [Facebook](#) page for photos and videos from each graduation ceremony and congratulations to all our class of 2017 graduates!

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## See you at Derby Days!

Lake Washington School District will be hosting a booth at Redmond Derby Days on Saturday, July 8. Stop by and see our vision for building on success. Learn more about our plans to build new schools and rebuild and enlarge current schools to help reduce overcrowding. Bring your kids to help us build a school out of LEGOs. We look forward to seeing you there!

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## Building on Success Updates:

### Ground broken for two schools in Redmond Ridge

On June 7, Lake Washington School District celebrated milestones in two construction projects: consecutive groundbreakings for a new elementary school in Redmond Ridge East and a new middle school in Redmond Ridge. The first ceremony took place at the elementary school, and the middle school event followed half an hour later.

Families from the community attended both events along with LWSD Board member Mark Stuart and King County Councilmember Kathy Lambert. Kim Bilanko, planning principal for the new elementary school in Redmond Ridge East, spoke at that groundbreaking. (The planning principal for the middle school will be named next year.)

[Read more about the Redmond Ridge groundbreakings.](#)

### Explorer Community School groundbreaking

The Explorer Community School Groundbreaking Ceremony was held on Tuesday, June 20, at 2:00 p.m. Staff, students and parents from the Explorer Community School were joined by Dr. Traci Pierce, Superintendent of Schools; Mark Stuart, Board of Directors; and other members from the district leadership team to celebrate the rebuild of the school. Students from Explorer sang "This Land is Your Land" to kick off the ceremony. Brief comments were shared by Dr. Traci Pierce, superintendent, and Principal Karen Barker. The current portables at Explorer are being replaced by modular classrooms that will provide a better learning environment for students and long-term energy reduction and savings.

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**Tell your new neighbors - Summer registration available at LWSD Resource Center**

If you need to register your student for the 2017-18 school year while your school office is closed for the summer, we can help. Summer registration is available at the district's Resource Center from July 10 – August 16 during the following hours:

- July 10 – 31:
  - Monday/Wednesday/Friday: 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
  - Tuesday/Thursday: 11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- August 1 – 16:
  - Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

The Resource Center is located at 16250 NE 74th Street, Redmond, in Redmond Town Center.

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### Website changes for 2017-18

We are launching our new district and school websites on July 5, 2017. Please review the new website and provide us with feedback of how we can make it better. Check the district website out in preview mode now: <http://new.lwsd.org/>.

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### Meal prices to increase for 2017-18

At the May 8 School Board Meeting, the Board approved price increases for breakfast and lunches for the 2017-18 school year. The impact of inflation on both food and labor costs make an increase necessary. The last time prices were increased was in the 2014-15 school year. See next year's prices below.

Lunch	2016-17	2017-18
Elementary	\$2.75	<b>\$3.00</b>
Secondary	\$3.00	<b>\$3.25</b>
Adult	\$3.75	<b>\$4.00</b>

Breakfast	2016-17	2017-18
Elementary	\$1.25	<b>\$1.50</b>
Secondary	\$1.50	<b>\$1.75</b>
Adult	\$2.25	<b>\$2.50</b>

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### Coming this August - Change your contact/emergency information online!

Are you tired of filling out your contact information on the emergency form every year? Wouldn't it be nice to just review the information and submit changes online, at your convenience? This August, you will get your chance to do just that. You will be able to log in to Parent Access, click on Family Access, and verify your contact/emergency information, make any needed changes, then click submit

and be done. More information on the Online Student Information Verification process will be posted on the district website in July.

If you don't have a Parent Access account, now would be a good time to set one up. Just go to [the Parent Access page](#) on the district website for more information. Then you will be ready in August to take care of your emergency information online.

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### **Reminder: Due to required annual maintenance, some systems will be unavailable during the summer**

Limited access to Skyward Family Access will be available from June 30 to September 4. For Summer School students, grades and attendance information in Skyward Family Access and access to PowerSchool Learning will generally be available through August 3. PowerSchool Learning will be unavailable for all students and parents from August 4 to September 4.

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### **Reminder: School start time survey open**

The College and Career Readiness Task force is asking K-12 staff, parents, and high school students for their opinion on four start/dismissal time options currently under consideration. Any changes to high school start and dismissal times will require changes to elementary and middle school start and end times as well. (No changes will be made for next school year: any potential change would take place in 2018-19.) The survey will provide four options. Survey participants will have a chance to rank the options in the order of their most preferred to least preferred choice. The survey will be open through June 30. Use [this survey link](#) to take the school start time survey.

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### **Looking for a new job? We're hiring!**

LWSD needs bus drivers, substitute custodians and seasonal laborers. Job descriptions are available on the [district website](#), under "Employment" then "Classified Positions." Bus drivers earn \$23.78 per hour. [Learn more about why driving a bus for LWSD is a great job.](#) Substitute custodians earn \$16.78 per hour and summer grounds seasonal laborers earn \$16.12 per hour. Please share this information with your friends and neighbors.

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### **Last issue for 2016-2017 school year - have a great summer!**

This is the last issue of Connections for the 2016-2017 school year. You can expect the first edition for the 2017-2018 school year in late August. In the meantime, [here is a link](#) to the one-page version of next year's school calendar.

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## **School News**

### **EPA presents Tesla STEM students with President's Environmental Youth Award**

Students at **Tesla STEM High School** started with their own school when they wanted to curb carbon emissions and slow climate change. But they didn't stop there. The student Leadership Team has challenged other schools to do the same. Since October, almost 30 schools, including schools in Australia, Asia



and Africa, have taken on the “Schools Under 2C” Challenge.

On Tuesday, the Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 presented the students with the [President’s Environmental Youth Award](#) during a ceremony at the school. [Read more about the President’s Environmental Youth Award.](#)

#### **Muir in Motion promotes fitness and fun**

One day each spring for over ten years, **Muir Elementary** students have rushed to the soccer field to participate in the Muir in Motion obstacle course. The event promotes physical fitness and fun by offering many challenges for the students to try. On Friday, June 2, students, parents and staff, including Principal Jeff DeGallier, joined in quickstepping a rope ladder, hopping over hurdles, walking and hopping through tires and running sideways, backwards and crouched in a bear crawl. According to school secretary Gail Anderson, the students “had a blast going from station to station.”



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**Quick Links:** [LWSD Website](#) | [Upcoming Events](#) | [Peachjar e-flyers](#)

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