



Connections



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School every day – it adds up

Attendance a priority for Lake Washington School District

September is Attendance Awareness Month. Districts and schools across the nation are highlighting the importance of consistent student attendance this month. Every absence, whether excused or unexcused, is a learning opportunity lost and can have significant effects on student success. Missing just two days a month adds up to 18 days per year, which is 10% of the school year. That level of absence means a student is, for example, less likely to read by the end of third grade.

In Lake Washington School District, about 10 percent of students missed 10 percent of school days last year. The district will continue to focus on the importance of attendance in the 2015-16 school year. "Every day in school adds up to more learning," said Dr. Traci Pierce, superintendent. "Schools, families and community partners working together can help students attend regularly. It starts with education about the importance of being in school every day." [Read more.](#)

Thirty-three LWSD students named National Merit Semifinalists

Students now compete for scholarships worth more than \$33 million

Thirty-three Lake Washington School District (LWSD) high school seniors have been named semifinalists in the 62nd annual National Merit Scholarship Program. The [National Merit Scholarship Corporation](#) announced the semifinalists on September 14. [Read more.](#)

Is your high school student interested in a career in healthcare?

Has your student ever wondered what type of education and training it takes to be a surgeon, therapist, nurse practitioner or work in health-related IT and business? EvergreenHealth and Lake Washington School District invite high school students and their parents to participate in a Career Pathways in Health Care event on **Monday, October 10 from 6-8 p.m. at Evergreen Surgical and Physician Center** (12333 NE 130th Lane, Kirkland, WA) in Room Tan 100/01.

Students and parents will hear from a panel of healthcare experts from EvergreenHealth. The panel will be followed by a resource fair with career pathway and educational information from:

- University of Washington-Bothell
- Cascadia College
- Bellevue College
- Northwest University
- Lake Washington Institute of Technology

To register for this event, call the EvergreenHealth at 425-899-3000.

Planning to volunteer? Make sure you are an approved volunteer first

Volunteers play an important role supporting student learning in Lake Washington School District (LWSD). Each volunteer must complete the LWSD volunteer application and be approved before they can begin volunteering. Volunteer applications can take up to two weeks to process and once approved, are valid for two years. Don't remember if you are already approved? To find out, contact the school where you volunteer, or contact the volunteer office at 425-936-1270 or via email at: volunteers@lwsd.org

School News

Start the day off right with free breakfast, September 6-30

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Research tells us that “kids who eat breakfast regularly tend to be more alert in school, and therefore are able to learn better.” To encourage healthy breakfast habits, the LWSD Nutrition Services group is offering free breakfast during September to all students at elementary schools where breakfast is usually served. Free breakfast will be available at Bell, Dickinson, Einstein, Frost, Juanita, Keller, Lakeview, Mead, Muir, Redmond, Rose Hill, and Twain elementary schools. [Find out what's for breakfast.](#)

(Source: [Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics](#))



Seventh-graders earn Superior rating at Project Citizen National Showcase

Kamiakin Middle School Quest students were one of six groups in the nation to receive a Superior rating at the 2016 [Project Citizen National Showcase](#), July 19–20 in Calabasas, Calif. Project Citizen is a civic-education program. The seventh-graders, taught by Katie Turnley, discovered that many high school graduates have not learned how to manage their money. The class formulated a policy recommendation and action plan to address the problem.



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