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A message from Dr. Traci Pierce, superintendent

Commitment to Sustainability

Lake Washington School District has a long-standing commitment to sustainability. As a 2015 McKinstry Champions of Sustainability award winner, LWSD is a recognized leader in sustainability practices and education in the region. As Earth Day 2017 approaches, it is a great opportunity to highlight and celebrate the sustainability efforts of our district and schools. Please take a moment to view our Commitment to Sustainability video.

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LWSD seeks parent/community member volunteers for District Equity Team

Lake Washington School District is committed to ensuring academic success for every student and to achieving its vision of *Every Student Future Ready*.

As part of the Lake Washington's ongoing strategic improvement efforts, the district is forming a District Equity Team to help develop an equity plan focused on closing achievement and opportunity gaps for students. Like many districts across the region, state, and nation, Lake Washington sees evidence of achievement and opportunity gaps in its data. *Achievement gaps* refer to any significant, persistent disparities in academic performance between groups of students, based on income level, race, or program participation. *Opportunity gaps* refer to gaps in access to resources, programs, and other opportunities. [Read more](#).

Redmond Area Boundary Process

In January 2017, a boundary committee began the work to make recommendations for school attendance boundaries in the Redmond area. The district is building two new elementary schools and

one new middle school in the Redmond area due to enrollment growth. These new schools will draw students from existing schools. Neighborhood boundaries for all elementary and middle schools in Redmond could change.

The boundary committee is preparing multiple new attendance boundary options. The boundary committee will hold two meetings to get feedback on those options. Attendees will view the options in an open house format. Committee members will be present to discuss these scenarios and answer questions. Both meetings will present the same information.

Boundary Feedback Meetings

May 4, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Redmond Middle School Cafeteria

May 9, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Evergreen Middle School Cafeteria

Attendees will be able to provide written feedback at the meeting. Those who cannot attend will be able to review the proposed scenarios on the district website and submit feedback online.

School District wins budget award

Lake Washington School District provides more information, transparency

The Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) has awarded Lake Washington School District its *Pathway* to the MBA (Meritorious Budget Award). The award recognizes excellence in budget presentation during the 2016–2017 budget year.

The *Pathway* to the MBA promotes and recognizes excellence in school budget presentation. It enhances school business officials' skills in developing, analyzing, and presenting a school system budget. After a rigorous review by professional auditors, the award is conferred only on school districts that have met or exceeded the program's stringent criteria. [Read more.](#)

School News

Exchange students share Japanese culture at LWSD schools

Students lunged for flying shuttlecocks during multiple games of badminton at **Eastlake High School** last week. The activity helped connect Eastlake students and students visiting from Mitaka High School in Tokyo, Japan, despite any language barriers. It was one of several cultural exchanges.

Students played icebreaker games to learn more about one another. At Eastlake High School, both Eastlake and Mitaka students had a chance to practice language skills. They learned more about Japanese and American culture. After the badminton team's practice, the students had a pizza party and made tie-dye T-shirts. [Read more.](#)



Cambridge International celebrates Juanita High Cambridge Program

"Juanita High School is amazing and I consider it one of the crown jewels of Cambridge in America," said Mark Cavone, U.S. Regional Director, Cambridge International Examinations, North America.

The Cambridge program features an academically rigorous curriculum that emphasizes critical-thinking skills and inquiry-based learning. It prepares students for internationally recognized exams. It is offered in 10,000



schools in 160 countries. [Read more.](#)

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