



# Connections



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## @LakeWashSchools Growing academics, serving more students, building new schools #proud2bLWSD

We are off to a great 2016-17 school year! I am so pleased to welcome new and returning families and students to Lake Washington School District. It is a great time to be in LWSD. We are growing, serving, and building.

We are growing academics and very pleased to be able to provide full-day kindergarten for all students for the first time this year. Over 2,300 kindergarten students will start school on September 9, following Kindergarten Family Connections Meetings on September 6-8. Family Connections meetings help teachers get to know families and students. These meetings help with successful transition to kindergarten. [Read more.](#)

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## Community invited to open houses on new schools, Juanita High School

Lake Washington School District's growing enrollment will soon be served by three new schools. A [new elementary school in north Redmond](#), a [new elementary school in Redmond Ridge](#) and a [new middle school in Redmond Ridge](#) will open within the next few years. In addition, [Juanita High School](#) will be rebuilt and expanded to accommodate 500 more students. The district's April 2016 bond measure is the source of funding for these projects.

Community members had an opportunity in May to see preliminary plans for all three new schools at open house meetings. Second meetings are scheduled now to share the updated plans, reflecting community input and information. Those meetings will take place:

**Elementary School in Redmond Ridge East & Middle School in Redmond Ridge:**

Monday, September 26, 6-8 p.m. at Rosa Parks Elementary School

**Elementary School in North Redmond:**

Thursday, September 22, 6-8 p.m. at Redmond City Hall, Council Chambers.

Previously announced meeting is in conjunction with the city of Redmond.

Tuesday, September 27, 6-8 p.m. at Redmond High School

The first meeting on the Juanita High School project will share preliminary plans and seek community feedback on the project:

**Juanita High School:**

Wednesday, September 28, 6-8 p.m. at Juanita High School

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## Haiku is now PowerSchool Learning

Over the summer, Haiku, the district's learning management system, was acquired by PowerSchool Learning. The tool remains largely the same. The changes are mostly cosmetic, including the name, colors and logos. The PowerSchool logo appears where the Haiku logo used to be. The link to this tool on Parent Access now says Haiku/PowerSchool Learning. Both names will be listed during this transition as we get used to the new name. You will be able to monitor student class information, assignments and calendars through this system as you have in the past.



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## LWSD accelerated programs application, eligibility changes

The application process for highly capable services during 2016-17 has changed from previous years. The new eligibility and identification criteria for services in kindergarten through middle school are explained [on the district website](#).

For more details on the changes and application process, attend one of the following parent information nights:

- **Parents of kindergarten students**  
Thursday, October 6, Lake Washington High School, 4:30-6 p.m. or 7-8:30 p.m.  
*Note: both sessions are the same. Please plan to attend only one session.*
- **Parents of current first through fourth grade students**  
Monday, September 26, Lake Washington High School, 4:30-6 p.m. or 7-8:30 p.m.  
*Note: both sessions are the same. Please plan to attend only one session.*
- **Parents of current fifth through seventh grade students**  
Thursday, September 29, Lake Washington High School, 7-8:30 p.m.

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## State test scores coming soon

All 27,000 Lake Washington School District Standards-Based Assessment (SBA) score sheets from last spring recently arrived at the district office and are now being sorted for distribution to our schools. The schools will then distribute these reports to parents. You can expect to get your student's scores by the second week in September at the latest.

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## Lake Washington students' ACT scores rise

### ***LWSD students more likely to meet college readiness standards***

Lake Washington School District (LWSD) students are more likely to meet college readiness standards than other students in Washington state or the U.S. Comparatively, more LWSD students score high enough to meet the [ACT](#) college readiness benchmark. Nationally, only 26 percent of students met this standard for all four subjects. Just 43 percent met it statewide. 65 percent of the students in LWSD who took the ACT qualified. That number is two percent more than in 2015. [Read more.](#)

## Backpack Awareness Day is coming soon – September 21

Lake Washington School District is taking part in the national **Backpack Awareness Day** on September 21. According to the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), backpacks should weigh less than 10 percent of a student's body weight. LWSD will observe the day, with a theme of "Pack it light, check at night." We encourage students and parents to look through student backpacks each night. The goal is to reduce excess items in a student's backpack, thus reducing the total weight students are carrying. A district committee is also researching tactics schools can use to help reduce the number and/or weight of items students must carry. Here are some additional tips from AOTA about [safe backpack wearing](#).

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## School News

### New classrooms welcome students at Redmond Elementary

Meet-and-Greets are always exciting, but this year's second-graders at **Redmond Elementary School** are the first in the school's new classroom wing. Students had a chance to see their new classrooms, which were finished over the summer. [Read more](#).



### Juanita High School teacher named Family and Consumer Science Educator Teacher of the Year

**Genevieve Menino**, a Family and Consumer Sciences teacher at **Juanita High School** was selected as the Washington Family and Consumer Science Educators (WA-FACSE) Teacher of the Year. Menino was recognized at a luncheon at the Davenport Grand Hotel in Spokane, Wash. on August 9. [Read more](#).



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

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