



# Connections



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## Thirty LWSD schools receive 2016 Washington Achievement Awards

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and the State Board of Education (SBE) have announced the 280 schools statewide that will receive Washington Achievement Awards. Of those 280 schools, 30 are in Lake Washington School District (LWSD), the third largest district in the state. More schools in LWSD earned awards than any other district. The 30 LWSD schools will receive a total of 73 recognitions, including 15 awards for overall excellence. All award-winning schools will be honored during a ceremony on May 3 at Olympic Middle School in Auburn, Wash. [Read more about the LWSD schools and Achievement Awards.](#)

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## LWSD seeks input on 2018 Capital Projects Levy

The district runs a Capital Projects Levy on a four-year replacement cycle. The Capital Projects Levy funds critical technology and facility needs for schools and students. Voters passed the last Capital Projects Levy in 2014. The district is now planning for the upcoming 2018 Capital Projects Levy, as well as the upcoming 2018 Bond and Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O) Levy. In this survey, we are seeking input from parents/community members to help inform our Capital Projects Levy planning. [Take the survey here.](#)

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## Task force recommends preferred high school schedule

The College & Career Readiness Task Force has been working for two years to recommend adjustments to the high school schedule that would expand options for grades 9-12. It is also considering school start and stop time adjustments. At its last meeting, the Task Force agreed to recommend the addition of a seventh period to the high school day, beginning no earlier than the 2018-19 school year. The task force reviewed research and sought input from parents, students and staff in making this recommendation. The group discussed adding time to the high school day to accommodate this additional period. The task force's preference is to add 25 minutes to the day; however, the exact number could change as plans for implementation are developed.

The task force continues to work toward a recommendation for school start and stop times. No change to high school schedules or school start times would occur next year. The soonest any change could be implemented would be in the 2018-19 school year. Implementing a 7th period at the high school will require funding to do so. We are awaiting budget information from the legislature to determine what may be possible through future state or local levy funds. [Read more about the task force's work.](#)

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## King County recognizes Eastlake High School as Green School

### *Eleven LWSD schools now part of the Green Schools Program*

Eastlake High School (EHS) is now a "Green School." That is a King County designation: a school that is reducing waste, recycling, conserving resources and cutting costs. King County recently

recognized eight schools as new “Green Schools,” including Eastlake. To qualify, EHS began to collect compostable materials in its cafeteria. They promoted waste-free lunches. Students posted signs to encourage both students and staff to recycle. The student Environmental Club created a video about composting. [Read more about Green Schools.](#)

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## LWSD recognized nationally for green cleaning practices

### *Recognition from American School & University Magazine*

Lake Washington School District (LWSD) received the “Grand Award for K-12 School Districts” from American School & University Magazine. This recognition is based on LWSD’s Green Cleaning initiative. The program began in fall 2012. The custodial services department evaluated how to include sustainability in all aspects of its cleaning program.

“Our exemplary green cleaning programs focus on cleaning to protect the health of students and staff without harming the environment,” said Dr. Traci Pierce, superintendent. “This award recognizes the sustainability efforts being made by our custodial staff.” [Read more.](#)

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## Kirk Elementary School Construction Input Team

The Kirk Elementary School Construction Input Team has met four times since December 2016. Comprised of staff and parent representatives and the Kirk principal, the team is a critical part of the LWSD school design process. LWSD Facility Services leadership and the project architect help to guide the meetings. The team created a vision statement and values for the school, which described the school identity and became guiding principles (a.k.a. “design goals”) for the project design team. Other community members also provided input. Watch the video below to view the Kirk team in action. Construction will begin in spring 2018. The expanded and enlarged school will open in fall 2019. [Watch the video.](#)



## Registration for WANIC Summer Skills Academy 2017 starts April 25

### *Classes are held weekdays July 5-July 21, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.*

Washington Network for Innovative Careers (WANIC) offers courses at various high schools in local districts. These programs are open to students entering grades 9 through.

- Tuition is free; the only cost to attend a WANIC Summer Skills Academy class is the \$50 supply fee (assistance available for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch).
  - Students earn .5 Occupational Education high school credits except where noted differently in the description.
  - Students provide their own transportation and lunch.
  - Visit <http://www.wanic.org/> for class descriptions, locations and applications (open April 25).
  - Visit your high school’s Career Specialist for more information.
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## Reminder: LWSD seeks parents/community member volunteers for District Equity Team

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. The district is seeking parents and community members to serve on this team for a

two-year term. **Deadline to apply is May 1.** [Read more about the equity team and how to apply.](#)

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### Redmond Boundary Process reminder

Attendance boundaries for the three new schools being built in the Redmond Learning Community must be determined before the first school open in 2018-19. Those boundaries will in turn affect other elementary and middle school boundaries in the Redmond area. The committee that is developing the new boundaries will hold two meetings to get feedback on multiple boundary options.

The meetings will take place:

- May 4, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Redmond Middle Cafeteria
  - May 9, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Evergreen Middle Cafeteria
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### LWSD student receives National Merit Corporate-Sponsored Scholarship

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced on April 19 that Nikola Tesla STEM High School senior **Rishi Ramesh** (Redmond) will receive a National Merit Corporate-Sponsored Scholarship. National Merit Corporate-Sponsored Scholarships are financed by about 200 corporations, company foundations and other business organizations. Ramesh is one of only 1,000 distinguished high school seniors nationwide to win these scholarships. [Read more.](#)

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### School News

#### Evergreen Middle School team takes second place at Washington State Science Olympiad

Students on **Evergreen Middle School's (EMS) Green Team** put their science skills to use at the Washington State Science Olympiad held at Highline Community College on Saturday, April 15. First place finishes in the both the "disease detectives" category and the "towers" category brought them to an overall second-place finish at the Olympiad. [Read more.](#)



#### Interests and talents combine into winning recipes at Sodexo's Future Chefs Competition

What do cauliflower pizza, Greek chicken salad and masala patties have in common? Besides sounding like healthy meals, they also were the three winning recipes at Sodexo's Future Chefs Competition held on March 29. [Read more.](#)



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