



Connections



January 6, 2017

A message from Dr. Traci Pierce, superintendent

Growing Together, Serving our Community

@LakeWashSchools Welcoming 2017 #proud2bLWSD

Happy New Year to all Lake Washington families and students! We are looking forward to continued success and new opportunity in 2017.

As we ring in the new year in LWSD, our eyes are on the Washington State legislative session. We are hopeful that 2017 is truly the year the legislature fulfills its paramount duty to fully fund basic education for every student in Washington State.

In 2012, the Washington State Supreme Court ruled unanimously that the State of Washington is violating its constitutional "paramount duty" to amply fund the education of all K-12 students. Since that time, the legislature has been ordered to make steady, real, and measurable progress toward full funding. The plan for full funding is to be determined during the 2017-18 legislative session, which begins January 9. [Read more.](#)

Lake Washington earns place on prestigious Advanced Placement District Honor Roll

For the third year in a row, the College Board named Lake Washington School District (LWSD) to its [Annual AP District Honor Roll](#). LWSD is one of only 433 public school districts in the nation and one of six in Washington to be honored.

The Honor Roll recognizes districts that increase access to Advanced Placement (AP) coursework while maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher on AP exams. [Read more.](#)

We're hiring! Educator Career Fair - Saturday, January 28

Interested in becoming a teacher in Lake Washington School District? We are currently recruiting for all teaching positions. LWSD is hosting an Educator Career Fair on Saturday, January 28 from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Bring your resume to share. Apply online at: www.lwsd.org/employment. Questions? Contact [Nancy Teteak](#) at 425-936-1264.

Kindergarten Registration begins February 2: Register at your neighborhood school

If you live in Lake Washington School District (LWSD) and your child will be five years old on or before August 31, 2017, it is time to register them for Kindergarten. Registration takes place at your neighborhood school, beginning on February 2 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. [Read more](#).

Continuous Improvement Process (CIP)

Annually, each school in Washington state is required to develop and implement a school improvement plan. LWSD calls this the Continuous Improvement Process (CIP). Schools set goals and analyze results continuously in an effort to improve academic and non-academic areas of focus. Starting in August, schools analyze the results of their previous goals. During the fall, goals are set for the current academic year. Periodically throughout the school year the current goals are monitored to determine whether adequate progress is being made and what supports (i.e. student instruction, professional development for staff, or curriculum resources) may be required to meet the goals. This process is focused on improvement of student outcomes, student experience, and school climate/culture. Each school will post their CIP plan on the school website in February 2017. Parents and community members are encouraged to review the analysis of the 2015-16 goals and the goals developed for this school year.

Reminder: Choice School applications open; Middle school and high school options booklets available

Choice school applications are now available online for the 2017-18 school year. The deadline to apply is **4 p.m. January 20, 2017**, for any school that relies on a lottery to determine enrollment.

Parents of students in grades five or eight should have received the [Middle School Options booklet](#) or [High School Options booklet](#). They outline the opportunities in these respective levels, including information about neighborhood schools and choice schools. The booklets are also available on the [district website](#). New videos about each choice school are posted on the [district website](#) and [YouTube channel](#).

Reminder: High School students can earn World Language credit through proficiency test

Students are required to graduate with two credits in a World Language. Students who have achieved some proficiency in a world language at home or in the community may seek to earn up to four World Language credits by taking an assessment that measures their proficiency. To use this option, students sign up to participate in "Washington World Language Assessment Days."

LWSD is offering two more testing opportunities for ninth-12th grade students in 2016-17. The cost of a first attempt during a student's high school career is free. Remaining testing opportunities for 2016-17 include:

- January 11, 2017 at Redmond High School ([Register here](#))
- March 1, 2017 at Juanita High School (Registration available mid-January)

[Learn more](#).

School News

Survivor teaches Juanita High School students about Nazi Germany

Holocaust survivor and actress Eva Tannenbaum-Cummins performed her one-person play, "A Page from the Past... Or is it?" in December for students in Peter Suruda's English classes at **Juanita High School**. During the annual visit, organized through a partnership with the [Holocaust Center for Humanity](#) in Seattle, Tannenbaum-Cummins recollects her childhood growing up in Hitler's Berlin.



[Read more.](#)

Candy cane lanes and frosted pollinator pathways

The Environmental Club at **Eastlake High School** hosted a gingerbread house contest on Dec. 12. But instead of candy shingles and frosted icicle lights, these gingerbread houses had recycle bins, pollinator pathways and composting toilets.



[Read more.](#)

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



Generated by



Learn more