



Connections



February 24, 2017

LWSD adds two days, extends four early release days to make up snow days

Last day of school is now Friday, June 23

Lake Washington School District will make up three snow days by extending the school year by two days and by changing four previously scheduled Wednesday 1.5-hour early release days to full days.

The last day of school, a half day, will move from Wednesday, June 21, to Friday, June 23. To make up the third snow day, the following early-release Wednesdays will now be regular full school days: March 22, April 12, May 3 and May 31.

In addition, the LWSD calendar has been updated as follows:

- Wednesday, June 21 and Thursday June 22 will now be full school days for students.
- Wednesday, June 21 will NOT be an early release day.
- Friday, June 23 will be the last day of school. It will be a half (1/2) day for students and a full day for staff. [See the list of half-day dismissal times.](#)

[Read more.](#)

Community invited to Juanita High School project open house

Project funded by April 2016 bond measure

Lake Washington School District (LWSD) is "Building on Success." That's the district's plan to build schools and to provide quality learning environments. It is based on a set of [recommendations](#) from a community-based Long-Term Facilities Planning Task Force. An April 2016 bond measure funds the first set of projects in that plan. One of those projects is to rebuild and enlarge Juanita High School to accommodate 500 more students. Community members are invited to join LWSD staff for an update on the project. Plans to house classes during the construction will be covered. The meeting is scheduled for:

March 1, 2017, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Juanita High School
10601 N.E. 132nd Street, Kirkland, 98034

[Read more.](#)

Reminder: Serving on the school board: An informational meeting

Have you ever considered serving on your local school board? As elected officials, school boards provide a vital link between their communities and public schools. Their governance role is about the "big picture." They set school district direction and allocate resources. They monitor performance and

hold the district accountable for progress.

Nancy Bernard, a member of the Lake Washington School District Board of Directors, will lead an informational meeting for those interested in learning more about Board service and the process of running for school board. She will provide information on the role of the school board and what it is like to serve in Lake Washington. She will also cover the basic information about running for school board. [Read more.](#)

School Board Service Informational Meeting

Monday, February 27, 7-8 p.m.

Bob Hughes Room

Lake Washington School District Resource Center

16250 NE 74th St., Redmond

Advanced Placement (AP) Exam registration period begins soon

Advanced Placement (AP) Exam registration starts Monday, March 6, and runs through Friday, March 17. Students will receive registration materials in their AP classes. If your student is enrolled in an AP class, please remind him/her to sign up by the end of the last lunch on March 17 to be able to take the exam. AP Examination Dates are May 1-19. For specific testing information, visit the [College Board AP Central website.](#)

Ready Start Preschool Program accepting applications in March

Lake Washington School District's Ready Start Preschool Program will start accepting tuition base applications for the 2017-18 school year beginning March 21, 2017 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Registration takes place at the Resource Center (16250 NE 74th Street, Redmond). If more children are registered for any one location or session (a.m. or p.m.) than we have availability, a lottery for each Preschool building will be held March 27 to determine the students in those classes. Parents will be notified of results by the end of April. After March 21, applications will be accepted at the Resource Center on any school day from 9 a.m. to noon and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. [Read more.](#)

Help us with hiring: Reserve your child's place in Kindergarten now

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 during regular school hours. While registration will continue throughout the school year and summer, parents are highly encouraged to register students as soon as possible. Doing so helps ensure class sizes are balanced and adequate staff are hired in time for the new school year. Don't delay – register today! [Read more.](#)

Final Reminder: Open enrollment ends February 28

Lake Washington School District holds an open enrollment period once each year for parents who want their children to attend a school other than their neighborhood school. To take advantage of open enrollment for students in grades one through 12, parents may apply for a change to that school assignment, also known as an in-district transfer or variance, between February 1 and February 28.

For kindergarten students, parents must request the variance at the time of registration. This open enrollment option only applies to those schools that have space available. [Read more.](#)

Final Reminder: High School PE credit option deadlines coming up

To earn a high school diploma, students must earn two health and fitness credits. Some students may need an alternative option to meet the fitness portion of this requirement. These alternative options are available beginning in the student's 11th grade school year.

One option, the Fitness Knowledge Assessment, will be given on March 8. Students must register by February 15. For information on this option and how to sign up, go to [the district website](#). Students who want to use a different option, the Fitness Plan, will need to submit their plan by March 8. The Fitness Plan directions will be available starting on February 6 on [the district website](#).

School News

Four high school seniors named candidates for U.S. Presidential Scholars Program

Four Lake Washington School District high school seniors are candidates for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program: **Kartik Iyer** (International Community School), **Apoorv Khandelwal** (Nikola Tesla STEM High School), **Jaehee**



Park (Redmond High School) and **Marium Raza** (Redmond High School). Ninety-two students from Washington state are candidates. They will now complete applications for the chance to become Presidential Scholars. Each year, up to 161 students are named as Presidential Scholars. This is one of the nation's highest honors for high school students. [Read more.](#)

Tesla STEM High School students named Best in Nation in Verizon app challenge

A team of seven freshmen at Tesla STEM High School was named Best in Nation in the Verizon Innovative Learning app challenge competition. A representative from Verizon surprised the students on Feb. 15 with the announcement during an all-school gathering. Four high school teams in the country received the recognition. [Read more.](#)



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