



Connections



January 20, 2017

January is School Board Recognition Month

The month of January is School Board Recognition Month in Washington state. The goal of this recognition is to honor school board members as outstanding volunteers and champions for public education. "School directors are directly accountable to the citizens of their districts and regions, serving as a vital link between members of the community and their schools," says Governor Inslee in his proclamation. Read the full proclamation [here](#). Interested in learning more about what our Board of Directors does? You can see [videos of every school board meeting](#) on the district website.

New ways to report safety concerns

LWSD partners with SafeSchools Alert to make reporting safety issues easier

LWSD partner SafeSchools Alert is adding new ways to report tips on bullying, intimidation, harassment, weapons, drugs or other threats to the safety of students or staff. While phone call reporting has been available, you can now call, text, email or visit a website to anonymously report any of these issues. As part of this change in service, the phone number has changed.

If you are reporting an emergency situation, please call 911.

Here's how to report:

- Website: <http://1342.alert1.us>
- Email: 1342@alert1.us
- Phone: 425-529-5763
- Text: 425-529-5763

[Read more.](#)

Next week: Elementary conference days

Elementary conferences take place the last week in January. That means elementary schools will operate on [half-day schedules](#) on January 24, 26 and 27. Elementary teachers will contact parents to schedule their student conference.

Redmond area school boundary process begins

Lake Washington School District will build three new schools in the Redmond area to meet the needs of its growing enrollment. New schools draw enrollment from neighborhoods now assigned to existing schools. As a result, a boundary committee is beginning the process to determine the boundaries for two new elementary schools and one new middle school. The new middle school and one elementary

school will be located in Redmond Ridge. The other elementary school will be in north Redmond. The two new elementary schools are scheduled to open in fall 2018. The new middle school will open in fall 2019.

The committee will need to distribute enrollment among all Redmond schools as it determines the new boundaries. In addition to the three new schools, the following elementary schools will be involved in the process: Alcott, Dickinson, Einstein, Mann, Redmond, Rockwell, Rosa Parks, Wilder. Redmond and Evergreen Middle Schools will also be involved. [Read more.](#)

Reminder: We're hiring! Educator & Administrator Career Fair – Saturday, January 28

Interested in becoming a teacher or administrator in Lake Washington School District? We are currently recruiting for all teaching positions. LWSD is hosting an Educator and Administrator 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.

Reminder: 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.

Parents will be able to register their children for Kindergarten beginning February 2 from 1 p.m. – 7 p.m. and continuing during regular school hours through the beginning of the 2017-18 school year. 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. [Read more.](#)

Lake Washington Schools Open Enrollment is February 1-28, 2017

Some schools closed to those outside their area

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. Parents may apply between February 1-28 for a change to the school assignment for the 2017-18 school year for their student in grades 1-12. This option is also known as an In-District Variance. [Read more.](#)

School News

Help Tesla STEM students win “Fan Favorite,” make app to help disabled get around

It can be a challenge for someone with a disability to find comprehensive transportation information. Typical mapping tools don't include accessibility ramps or walking distances, for example. A team of students from Tesla STEM High School won \$5,000 from the [Verizon Innovative Learning app challenge](#) for



their app concept, "Take Me There." This app would take advantage of crowdsourcing to help users who need more detailed accessibility information in their mapping tool. The students took top honors in Washington state and the Pacific region. Now they want to be the national "Fan Favorite" and win the chance to develop a working app. Text TAKEMETHERE to 22333 by Feb. 14 to help them win.

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