



Connections



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A message from Dr. Traci Pierce, superintendent

The April 26, 2016, election results were certified May 6, and the bond passed with over 66% voter approval. On behalf of our 27,830 students, our district staff, and our Board of Directors, I want to express my deepest thanks and gratitude to our families and communities for supporting the bond measure! We can now begin work to reduce overcrowding and enhance learning environments for our students!

While the election is over and the bond has passed, this is just the beginning. We now begin the work of constructing schools and implementing the recommendations of the Long Term Facility Planning Task Force. We also continue planning for the subsequent bond measures upcoming in 2018, 2022, and 2026 to fully implement the projects recommended by the Task Force and ensure that we have classroom space through the 2030 school year for our ever-growing student population.

One of our strategic goals is to engage our communities. We are accountable to our communities to use resources responsibly and to ensure transparency in our work. The Long Term Facility Planning Task Force provided a number of recommendations for how the district can use cost effective design and construction principles and keep the community involved and informed with respect to our facility needs and construction projects.

One of the recommendations of the Long-Term Facilities Task Force was to create a committee of design and construction experts that would review and give input on major construction projects during the design phase of a project. Forrest Miller, the district's Director of Support Services, is a Certified Facility Manager (CFM), Recognized Educational Facility Planner (REFP), and Educational Facilities Master (EFM). Forrest oversees the district's Facility Services including construction and maintenance. Mr. Miller has now convened a Design and Construction Advisory Committee. [Read more.](#)

Eleven Lake Washington School District students receive National Merit \$2500 Scholarships

Over 21 percent of awards in the state going to LWSD students

The [National Merit Scholarship Corporation \(NMSC\)](#) announced on Wednesday that 11 Lake Washington School District (LWSD) students will receive National Merit \$2500 Scholarships. Fifty-one students were selected statewide for these awards. Over 21% of students in Washington receiving these awards are from LWSD. [Read more.](#)

School News



Science Through Dance - 2:23

[Audubon second graders learn science with help from Pacific Northwest Ballet](#)

Audubon Elementary second graders are learning about the science of balance and motion while also exploring the art of ballet. The school has partnered with the Pacific Northwest Ballet (PNB) to bring lessons into their performing arts and physical education classes. Over a four week period, a dance artist and musician from PNB have visited Audubon to share "Dance

Big Ideas" with students - incorporating science into music and dance through lessons about balance and motion. [Watch the video.](#)



[Evergreen Middle School team earns fifth place at National Science Bowl](#)

A team of **Evergreen Middle School** students tied for fifth place overall at the National Science Bowl in Washington, D.C. As one of 16 teams to advance to double-elimination rounds, they received \$1,000 for the EMS science club. In the electric car competition, they placed 34th. The team consisted of

Immunization information for fifth grade parents Washington State Law requires students entering the sixth grade to show proof of the following immunization:

- One dose of Tdap vaccine (to help prevent pertussis/whooping cough) for all children 11 years and older. *Date of the last Tdap given must be after the 11th birthday.*

Parents should have received or will receive a letter from LWSD with details. To ensure a smooth transition to middle school, please be sure to return the bottom portion of the letter with your child's information to their current school as soon as possible. Questions can be directed to your school nurse.

Parent Education Course: Internet/Social Media Safety and Digital Literacy for Parents

Eastlake High School (EHS), Eastlake High School PTSA and Inglewood Middle School PTSA will present a program on digital literacy and online safety on Tuesday, May 24, from 7-9 p.m. at the EHS Theater (400 228th Ave NE, Sammamish, WA 98074). Darren Laur, co-owner and head instructor of Personal Protection Systems Inc., will present. Laur is a retired Victoria Police Officer, an internationally recognized safety expert and award-winning author.

Topics covered will include:

- What is the Internet and Social Networking?
- What are our kids doing online?
- How to secure your social network
- Four steps to keep kids safe online, and much more

For more information, contact Beth Sigall, VP-Family & Community Engagement, Lake Washington PTSA Council 2.8, face@lwptsa.net or 425-647-0793.

Lake Washington Schools Foundation events a success

Over 650 education supporters came together in April to celebrate the big dreams of LWSD students at Lake Washington Schools Foundation's Spring for Learning luncheon and breakfast. Gifts continue to come in and it is anticipated the events will raise \$270,000. [Read more.](#)

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Arpit Ranasaria, eighth grade; **Mahathi Mangipudi**, seventh grade; **Maneesh Rajagopal**, eighth grade; **Sathvik Kakanuru**, eighth grade; and **Vedantha Venkatapathy**, eighth grade. The five-day event, from April 28 - May 2, brought together 47 middle school regional champion teams. It was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy. [Learn more about the National Science Bowl.](#)



King County recognizes JHS and ICS "Earth Heroes"

Two LWSD student teams received 2016 Earth Hero at School awards from King County during a ceremony on May 5. The **Juanita High School (JHS) Earth Corps** won the award in the "food waste prevention / food waste collection for composting" category. The **International Community School (ICS) Green Team** won in the "waste reduction and recycling" category. Both schools participate in the King County Green Schools Program. [Read more.](#)

Quick Links

Upcoming Events

Peachjar e-flyers