



Connections



September 11, 2015



A message from Dr. Traci Pierce, Superintendent

We are off to a great 2015-16 school year! This year in the Lake Washington School District we are adopting a new motto, "*Growing Together, Serving our Community*." In this first message of the 2015-16 school year, I want to share a few "back to school" highlights that connect with our new motto, which complements our district's mission, vision, values, and goals. [Read more.](#)

School Facilities Task Force develops recommendations, asks for input

The Long-Term Facilities Task Force has developed a set of draft recommendations to help the district with the issues of overcrowding and aging facilities. They are asking for feedback from the community. The recommendations address classroom capacity issues, cost reduction, efficient use of space and other issues. They also recommend specific projects to be undertaken in the future. They have launched an [online survey](#) to gather input on the recommendations. See sidebar for regional meeting dates. [Read more.](#)

National Merit Semifinalists

Forty Lake Washington School District (LWSD) high school seniors have been named semifinalists in the 61st annual National Merit Scholarship Program. **Redmond High School** and **Tesla STEM High School** each had 15 semifinalists. **International Community School** had seven semifinalists. Three are from **Lake Washington High School**. [Read more.](#)

Parents sought for Middle School Report Card committee This year, we are forming a committee of teachers, parents, and administrators to develop a middle school report card. Our goal is to design a report card that provides as much information as possible about a students' performance and serves as a bridge between our elementary reporting system and our high school reporting system. If you are interested in applying to be on this committee, [click here.](#)

Kindergarten Highly Capable Services and Quest Information nights coming soon

Parents interested in learning more about programs for highly capable students and the application process are strongly encouraged to attend the appropriate Parent Information Night.

- **Kindergarten Highly Capable Parent Information Night** for parents of current kindergarten students. Thursday, September 17, at 4:30 p.m., repeated at 7 p.m., Performing Arts Center, Redmond High School, 17272 NE 104th St., Redmond.*
- **Grades 1-4 Quest Parent Information Night** is for parents of students currently enrolled in grades one through four. Thursday, October 1, at 4:30 p.m., repeated at 7 p.m., Performing Arts Center, Lake Washington High School, 12033 N.E. 80th St., Kirkland.*
- **Middle School Quest Parent/Student Information Night**, Tuesday, September 29 at 7 p.m., Performing Arts Center, Lake Washington High School, 12033 N.E. 80th St., Kirkland.

* **Please note:** Parents only need to attend one of the two sessions and attendance is not required to apply.

Applications will be available on the LWSD website on Thursday, October

Long-Term Facilities Task Force Regional Meetings

You can attend a regional meeting to learn more and provide input on the draft recommendations:

Wed., September 16

Juanita Learning Community Meeting

6:30-8:30 p.m.
Juanita High School
10601 NE 132nd St.
Kirkland, WA 98033

Thurs., September 17

Lake Washington Learning Community Meeting

6:30-8:30 p.m.
Rose Hill Middle School
13505 NE 75th St.
Redmond, WA 98052

Mon., September 28

Redmond Learning Community Meeting

6:30-8:30 p.m.
Redmond High School
17272 NE 104th St.
Redmond, WA 98052

Wed., September 30

Eastlake Learning Community Meeting

6:30-8:30 p.m.
Eastlake High School
400 228th Ave. NE
Sammamish, WA 98074

Wed., October 7

Task Force Town Hall

6-8:30 p.m.
Rose Hill Middle School
13505 NE 75th St.
Redmond, WA 98052

Quick Links

1 at 8 a.m. Applications are due on Friday, October 30 at 4 p.m. **Late applications will not be accepted.**

[Upcoming Events](#)

[Peachjar e-flyers](#)

For more information, visit the [Accelerated Programs](#) section of the district website.

School start times under review

Parents have asked if the district is looking into high school start times, as several other districts around the area are doing. Yes! The charge of the College & Career Readiness Task Force includes school start times for elementary, middle school and high school, along with the number of periods in the high school day, impacts of the 24-credit graduation requirement and other ways to expand options for grades 9-12. Sign up to receive updates on this group's work on the Task Force's [dedicated web page](#).

Special Services begins program review

The Special Services department is beginning a program review of special education and services based on Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. As part of this review, the outside organization conducting the review, the Urban Special Education Leadership Collaborative, will hold an open forum. Staff from the Collaborative will meet with parents and student with disabilities on **Tuesday, October 20, at the Resource Center from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** [Read more](#).

Smarter Balanced score reports coming soon

If your student took the Smarter Balanced Assessments in math and English Language Arts last spring, you will soon receive a score report. You can expect to get the score report in the mail the third week in September. For more information on the Smarter Balanced Assessments, go to [the district website](#).

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