



October 9, 2015



School News

A message from Dr. Traci Pierce, superintendent

It's hard to believe we are already one month into the new school year! The trees are beginning to turn, and autumn is here. We love all of our students and are excited that a new year is well underway!

As we begin the month of October, I am proud that the Lake Washington School District is growing and thriving. As we grow, so does our commitment to our students and families. In October, we are focusing on and highlighting our district-wide safety efforts. We have a goal to provide safe and innovative learning environments, and we focus on both the social-emotional and the physical safety of our students. [Read more.](#)

Reminder: Elementary conferences scheduled for October 12, 13 and 15

The first set of elementary conferences is scheduled for October 12, 13 and 15 in the afternoon. (These dates will be [half-days for elementary students.](#)) The conferences will give parents/guardians, students and teachers an opportunity to talk about the goals students have set for themselves.

Unite Against Bullying - Wear orange Oct. 21

Make it **orange** and make it end! What are your true colors when it comes to bullying? Make your color **orange** on Unity Day, Wednesday, October 21. That's the day everyone can join together - in schools and communities - and send one large, **orange** message of support to students who have experienced bullying. Together, we can make our school communities more compassionate, respectful and caring!

Bully Free Zone is theme for National School Bus Safety Week

The week of October 19-23 is National School Bus Safety Week, sponsored by the National Association for Pupil Transportation. The week's theme is "Bully Free Zone!" It reminds students that buses should be a safe place for everyone. LWSD bus drivers have been trained in how to intervene if they witness bullying.

Great Washington Shake Out

On October 15 at 10:15 a.m., our district is participating in the Great Washington Shake Out, a yearly statewide effort to increase earthquake preparedness. All schools and support buildings will perform an earthquake drill. At 10:15 a.m., an announcement will instruct all staff and students to Drop, Cover, and Hold. Then the building will be evacuated. If you are in a school building on the 15th, please join staff and students in taking part. If you aren't, go to [The Great Washington Shake Out website](#) to learn about how you can take part.

LWSD recognized for safety in pest management

Every parent expects their child to go to school in a healthy environment. Use of pesticides and herbicides is a concern. That's why Lake Washington School District (LWSD) uses Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in its schools. IPM ensures the use of alternate, non-chemical pest control methods as the first approach to solve a pest issue on school grounds. Because of the success of this program, LWSD was one of four school districts in Washington honored at a Washington School IPM event held on October 1 at the University of Washington Center for Urban Horticulture in Seattle. [Read more.](#)



[Franklin Teacher named Symetra Hero in the Classroom](#)

On Wednesday, September 23, representatives from the Seattle Seahawks and Symetra honored Franklin Elementary PE teacher Andy Arena as a Symetra Hero in the Classroom during a surprise assembly. As part of the award, Arena was recognized on the field at CenturyLink field at the Seahawks game on Monday, October 5. He also received a \$1,000 donation to Franklin Elementary in his name, to be used for books and classroom supplies.



[Local author inspires Mann students to help end hunger in America](#)

Lois Brandt struggled to read and write as a child. Rather than give up, Brandt connected with her former kindergarten teacher who offered to help her. By the end of third grade, Brandt was able to read and

Ninth annual Eastside Native American Education Program Veterans' Honor Pow Wow

The ninth annual Eastside Native American Education Program's Veterans' Honor Pow Wow will be held on Saturday, October 10. The Veterans dinner begins at 3 p.m. Grand Entry will start at 6 p.m. The event will be held at Juanita High School (10601 NE 132nd Street, Kirkland, WA 98034). For additional information, contact [Mary Wilber](#) at 425-936-1402.

write. What makes this story even more remarkable? Lois Brandt is now the acclaimed author of *Maddi's Fridge*.

High School PE Credit Options

One and one half credits are required for graduation in the area of fitness. Physical education classes fulfill this requirement. High school students may be excused from participating in physical education classes on account of physical disability, employment, religious belief, participation in directed athletics or military science or for other good cause. Students must still demonstrate proficiency in the knowledge portion of the fitness requirement. Students in the class of 2016 and beyond may take the Fitness Knowledge Assessment or submit a Fitness Plan to fulfill this requirement. The Fitness Knowledge Assessment is offered three times a year. The first session for this school year will be October 26. Specific forms must be completed and students must register for this test at their high school. Students opting for the Fitness Plan will have three opportunities to submit their plan during the 2015-16 school year. The first deadline is on October 26. The [district website](#) provides more information and forms to fill out for students who are interested in these options.

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