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School News

A message from Dr. Traci Pierce, superintendent

This November, we join with the U.S Department of Education, the National PTA, the National School Board Association, and teacher and administrator associations across the county to observe and celebrate American Education Week, November 16-20. This week offers districts across the country the chance to share their vision for students; highlight the great things happening in their schools and classrooms; and highlight the importance of community involvement and support in public education. Here in the Lake Washington School District, we do this not just in November, but all year round. [Read more.](#)



[EHS students get financial reality check at BECU event](#)
 Eastlake High School (EHS) students got a financial reality check at BECU's "Financial Reality Fair" at their school on October 20. EHS sophomore Ashley Croshaw called the fair eye-opening and said, "It gave me a glimpse into real life and actually how much it costs."

LWSD jumps from sixth to fourth largest district in state in one year: Rapid enrollment growth continues, increases need for classroom space
 Lake Washington School District's enrollment grew by 1,114 students last year, from 26,716 students in 2014 to 27,830 on October 1, 2015. The enrollment increase this year moved Lake Washington from sixth largest district in the state to fourth largest. Lake Washington passed both Evergreen School District and Kent School District. It trails only Seattle, Spokane and Tacoma School Districts in size. [Read more.](#)

School/Home Communication Task Force seeks members

Good communication can help parents engage in school activities and support their students' learning. The School/Home Communication Task Force will develop recommendations for consistent use of specific communications tools by schools in the district, including websites, newsletters, calendars, etc. This work will include clarifying the roles of school communications and PTSA communications. Parents, teachers and office staff members are being recruited to serve on the committee. The group will meet monthly on a Thursday beginning December 10 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Resource Center. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please click on this [School/Home Task Force sign-up link](#). **Applications are due by November 12.**



[Muir PTSA provides a cultural experience at Passport to Muir event](#)
 John Muir Elementary School families participated in a cultural celebration, sharing their heritages and traditions at the PTSA's "Passport to Muir" event.

HIV/AIDS Curriculum Presentation for grades 5-12 parents

Interested in the HIV/AIDS curriculum for students in grades 5-12? Attend the HIV/AIDS curriculum presentation for parents on Monday, November 30, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the LWSD Resource Center (16250 NE 74th Street, Redmond, WA 98052). Information about the curriculum will be shared and materials will be available for parents to review.

Too sick for school? When to keep your child home from school

As we move into flu season, take a moment to check the "[Too Sick for School?](#)" page on the district website. Learn the symptoms that require you to keep your child home from school to protect other students and staff members from potential illness. Among the symptoms - fever (100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher), vomiting, diarrhea, sore throat, eye

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infections and more. [Read more.](#)

[Upcoming Events](#)

Audubon Elementary School celebrates 50 years of educating students in Redmond

[Peachjar e-flyers](#)

All current and former staff members and students of Audubon Elementary School in Redmond are invited to attend the school's "A Hoot of a Homecoming" 50th birthday celebration on Thursday, November 19 from 6-8:30 p.m. The ceremony will include remarks from Lake Washington School District Superintendent Traci Pierce and Redmond Mayor John Marchione. Audubon students will perform.

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