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School News

A message from Dr. Traci Pierce, superintendent

Happy New Year! Each New Year brings a renewed sense of hope and anticipation for a brighter future for our students and for the generations of students to come! As superintendent of the state's fourth largest district, I continue to be hopeful and positive about the future of Lake Washington School District and the future of public education.

While January only marks the mid-way point of the 2015-16 school year, we are already planning ahead for the 2016-17 school year. Kindergarten registration is just around the corner. High school course catalogs are being finalized, secondary school information nights are underway, and choice school applications are due on January 22. [Read more.](#)

Reminder: LWSD seeks input on possible bond plan

At its December 7 meeting, the Lake Washington School District Board of Directors received an initial draft report on potential funding measures that would enable the district to build new schools and address aging schools. A Bond Advisory Committee, composed of city, business, community, parent, and staff representatives, provided input on the draft funding plan. It would implement the Long Term Facilities Task Force recommendations. A survey to provide feedback on the draft funding plan is open through January 15. Take the survey online here: [LWSD funding plan survey.](#)

Coming Soon: Elementary conference days

Elementary conferences take place the last week in January. That means elementary schools will operate on [half-day schedules](#) on January 26, 28 and 29. Elementary teachers will contact parents to schedule their student conference.

Mark Your Calendar: Kindergarten registration begins February 4

If you live in Lake Washington School District and you have a child who will be five years old on or before August 31, 2016, it is time to register them for kindergarten. Registration takes place at your neighborhood school, beginning on February 4 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Registration continues through the beginning of the school year in September, but we encourage you to register as early as possible. For more information, including what you will need to bring with you to registration, go [to the district website's For Parents section.](#)

Early registration helps schools plan ahead, making sure they have the right number of teachers and classrooms reserved for kindergarten students. Since there will be no half day classes sharing classrooms this year, it will be more important than ever to make sure enough space is available for kindergarten classes.



[Emerson High School student receives Kirkland Chamber's Lee Johnson Community Service award](#)

Daniel Oliver, a senior at **Emerson High School**, received Kirkland Chamber's Lee Johnson Community Service Award at their December 10 luncheon. The Lee Johnson Community Service Award goes to a student in the Kirkland community who has shown a great drive to be involved in curricular and extra-curricular activities. [Read more.](#)



[Redmond Middle School teams up with Cascade Bicycle Club to offer safety curriculum to students](#)

For three weeks in November, **Redmond Middle School sixth graders in Katy McCorkle's fitness class** learned about bike safety. Forty BMX style bikes and helmets were delivered to the school by Cascade Bicycle Club, who sponsored the activity. The curriculum includes classroom and on-bike lessons. [Read more.](#)

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