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May is Arts in Education Month

The month of May is Arts in Education Month in Lake Washington School District (LWSD). The arts - including dance, music, theater, and visual arts - are an essential component of the complete and balanced education for all students. [See how LWSD incorporates the arts into our curriculum.](#)

Community invited to bond project open houses

Lake Washington School District will build three new schools -- one middle and two elementary schools -- in the next few years. All three schools will be built in the Redmond area. The district's April 2016 bond measure, which passed with a 66.28% approval rate, is the source of funding for these projects. Community members are invited to attend two open house meetings concerning the new schools. These community meetings will take place at the following dates/times:

- [New middle school](#) and [new elementary school](#) to be built in Redmond Ridge:
Monday, June 13, from 6-8 p.m., Rosa Parks Elementary School commons
- [New elementary school](#) in north Redmond:
Tuesday, June 14, from 6-8 p.m., Redmond High School commons

[Read more.](#)

High school parents: New chickenpox (varicella) vaccine regulations

School vaccination regulations have changed for the upcoming 2016-17 school year. The [Washington State Department of Health](#) now requires two doses of chickenpox (varicella) vaccine for all students in grades K through 12, previously required for K-8. Students who do not have two doses of vaccine by the start of classes in September could be excluded from school. Learn more on the [Department of Health website](#). Report all updated vaccinations to your student's current school by June 1 to ensure a smooth transition to next school year.

Check Family Access before it closes for the summer!

Make sure to check your student's grades and other information before June 29. Access to grades, attendance, schedule and academic history will not be accessible during the summer. After June 29, due to required summer maintenance work, Skyward Family Access will not be available. (Parents with students attending summer programs will still have access.) Family Access will be available again on the first day of school, September 6.

Safety Spotlight: What LWSD is doing to make our schools safer

Keeping students and staff safe is a top priority for Lake Washington School District. In fact, strategic goal #2 is: Provide safe and innovative

School News



[Six LWSD teachers recognized as "Inspirational Teachers"](#)

The University of Washington Computer Science & Engineering (UW CSE) program recognized **six Lake Washington School District teachers**. UW CSE undergraduate students nominate their most inspirational high school or community college teachers from any discipline. These LWSD teachers were honored at the 2016 Inspirational Teachers Celebration on May 23:
Cynthia Burt, Tesla STEM; Milo Dullum, LWHS; Gerald Lenocker, Tesla STEM; Lisa Martinez, LWHS; Paul Osborne, RHS; and Peter Saxby, Tesla STEM.



[Lake Washington High School student's artwork recognized nationally](#)
Kalista Schultz, a Lake Washington High School (LWHS) senior, won an

learning environments. The district's safety committee recommended three priority building improvements to improve safety at all school buildings. (The safety committee includes first responders, principals, parents and other staff members.) These items were funded through the 2014 capital projects levy.

1. **Interior door locks**-Starting last summer, the district has been working to ensure that all classrooms can be locked from the inside-so teachers do not need to open a door in order to safely lock down their room. The bulk of this project is complete.
2. **Interior window treatments**-The district is currently reviewing products to provide some classroom interior windows the ability to be covered during an emergency. This will support the district's efforts in applying the principles from ALICE to the response plans. A team is currently reviewing solutions that are being scored on accessibility, durability, ease of use (intuitive to use), and availability. Implementation throughout the district will begin this summer and be completed in the fall.
3. **Proximity readers/access control**-The district is currently reviewing a standard solution that would allow for the use of proximity cards rather than keys for external doors. This system would allow most exterior doors to remain locked, while still allowing access to authorized personnel. The district will pilot a new security/access control system at three schools with full installation scheduled for the 2017-18 school year.

WANIC offers 2D game development summer workshop for middle school students

Is your middle school student interested in designing digital games? Washington Network for Innovative Careers (WANIC) is offering a DigiPen Middle School Summer Workshop on Junior 2D Game Development for middle school students this summer. Students in the Junior 2D Game Development workshop will learn to apply concepts of math, physics, art, computer science and music through hands-on activities that culminate in the creation of their own digital games. The workshop runs from July 5-15 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at Lake Washington High School. This program is open to LWSD students who have completed grades five through seven. Space is limited - don't delay! Tuition is \$460. If you qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch and need help with tuition, contact the WANIC office at 425-739-8400. For more information, or to register, visit the WANIC website: www.wanic.org.

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"Award of Merit" in the 2016 National PTA Reflections arts competition. Her winning entry was a photograph titled "Thaumaturgic" (performing miracles). [Read more.](#)



[One ensemble and two high school soloists place at State Solo and Ensemble Contest](#)

Lake Washington School District (LWSD) was well represented at this year's WMEA/WIAA High School State Solo and Ensemble Contest. Qualifying students from all regions of Washington state performed for adjudicators at Central Washington University on April 29 and 30. LWSD high schools had 12 soloists and two ensembles qualify for state. [Read more.](#)

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