



Connections



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Learning-Focused

Happy New Year

A message from Dr. Traci Pierce, Superintendent

Each new year brings 365 days with new opportunities and possibilities. As a district, we are looking forward to the days ahead as we welcome 2018!

Much of our district communication in recent days and in the days ahead is focused on one particularly important day coming up in 2018: February 13, which is Election Day. Like many school districts across the state, Lake Washington will have important measures go before our voters on February 13: a bond measure and two replacement levies.

These measures provide funding for staff, programs, technology, facilities, and school construction. These measures are "mission critical." They directly support our district mission and vision, focused on Every Student Future Ready.

[Read more from Dr. Traci Pierce, Superintendent](#)

Community Engagement

Join us! Upcoming Bond and Levies Community Open House meetings

Want to learn more about the upcoming Bond and Levies on the February 13 ballot? Join us for one of our upcoming Community Open House meetings to learn more:

- **Tuesday, January 16** from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Redmond High School
- **Wednesday, January 17** from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Lake Washington High School
- **Tuesday, January 23** from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Eastlake High School
- **Wednesday, January 24** from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Kamiakin Middle School

Reminder: We Value Your Feedback

Each year, the district invites parents and community members to provide feedback on general school and district questions. The survey is anonymous. Schools and the district use this information in planning for the future and in continuous improvement processes.

This year's survey is now open: tell us what you think! [Please click here to take the survey.](#) **The survey will be open through January 19.**

The district also surveys parents on specific programs and planned strategic work: that survey will open in February.



Building on Success

Topping Out at New Middle School in Redmond Ridge

On December 28, 2017, LWSD staff and construction crews celebrated the placement of the last steel beam for the new middle school at Redmond Ridge. The new school will open in fall 2019. [Watch the video.](#)



Important Reminders & Updates

Student portal to be replaced by new “For Students & Families” page

On January 12, LWSD will turn off the student portal in favor of using the new “For Students and Families” page on the website. This new page links students to all the tools and resources they need that were previously found through the student portal. Visit the [“For Students and Families”](#) webpage to check out the new design.

In the past year, all the tools/resources that students go to the student portal for have been moved from single sign-on (SSO) to separate logins for each tool. The current portal creates an additional step for students to go through to reach the tools they need.

The new “For Students and Families” webpage provides a central location for these tools/resources with an improved and easier to use interface for both parents and students.

Tell your neighbors and friends: Kindergarten Registration for 2018-19 starts February 1

If you live in Lake Washington School District (LWSD) and your child will be five years old on or before August 31, 2018, it is time to register them for Kindergarten. Registration takes place at your neighborhood school, beginning **February 1 from 1 p.m. – 7 p.m.** and continuing during regular

school hours through the beginning of the 2018-19 school year.

While registration will continue throughout the school year and summer, parents are highly encouraged to register students as soon as possible. Doing so helps ensure class sizes are balanced and adequate staff are hired in time for the new school year.

Attending one of the new elementary schools next fall? Registration for the two new schools will take place on Wednesday, February 7 from 3:30-7 p.m. at the following locations:

- **North Redmond:** Redmond Middle School (10055 166th Avenue NE, Redmond, WA 98052)
- **Redmond Ridge East:** Rosa Parks Elementary (22845 NE Cedar Park Crescent, Redmond, WA 98053)

[Visit the Kindergarten Registration webpage for more information.](#)

Lake Washington Schools Open Enrollment is February 1-28, 2018

Most schools closed to those outside their area

Lake Washington School District holds an open enrollment period once each year for parents who want their children to attend a school other than their neighborhood school. Parents may apply between February 1-28 for a change to the school assignment for the 2018-19 school year for their student in grades 1-12. This option is also known as an In-District Variance.

This open enrollment option only applies to neighborhood schools that have space available. The list of schools that are closed to students outside their neighborhood will be available on the district website on January 31, [available here](#). Schools are closed if current and projected enrollment shows that students who live within their attendance boundary will fill the school's capacity. District enrollment has increased rapidly over the last seven years. It is likely that very few schools will be on the list of open schools. Learn more on the [In-District Variance webpage](#).

High School PE credit option deadlines coming up

To earn a high school diploma, students must earn two health and fitness credits. There may be special circumstances where a student may have an alternative option to meet this requirement. These alternative options are available beginning in the student's 11th grade school year.

One option, the Fitness Knowledge Assessment, will be given on March 8. Students must register by February 28. For information on this option and how to sign up, go to [the district website](#). Students who want to use a different option, the Fitness Plan, will need to submit their plan by February 28. [The Fitness Plan directions are available on the district website](#).

Voter Registration Deadline: January 15

The deadline to register to vote for the February 13 election is Monday, January 15. The deadline for in-person registration is February 5. Visit the [Secretary of State website](#) for more information on how to register.

Choice school applications open; middle school and high school options booklets available

Choice school applications are now available online for the 2018-19 school year. **The deadline to apply is 4 p.m. January 19, 2018**, for any school that relies on a lottery to determine enrollment.

Parents of students in grades five or eight should have received the [Middle School Options booklet](#) or [High School Options booklet](#). They outline the opportunities in these respective levels, including information about neighborhood schools and choice schools. The booklets are also available on the [district website](#). Videos about each choice school are posted on the [district website](#) and [YouTube](#)

[channel.](#)



Work With Us

Want a new job for the new year? We're hiring!

LWSD needs bus drivers, para educators and instructional assistants. Job descriptions are available on the [district website](#), under "Employment" then "Classified Employees." Bus drivers earn \$24.80 per hour. [Learn more about why driving a bus for LWSD is a great job.](#) Please share this information with your friends and neighbors.

Sodexo/Nutrition Services is Hiring

Are you looking for a way to get involved in Lake Washington School District? Would you like a part-time job that gives you the flexibility to be with your kids before and after school? Shifts that range from two hours to eight hours are available, helping serve students breakfast and lunch. Starting pay depends on experience. If interested, contact Nutrition Services at 425-936-1385.



Student & Staff Success

Lake Washington earns place on prestigious Advanced Placement (AP) District Honor Roll

More students taking and succeeding in AP courses

For the fourth year in a row, the College Board named Lake Washington School District (LWSD) to its Annual AP District Honor Roll. LWSD is one of only 431 public school districts in the nation and one of eight in Washington to be honored. [Read more about the AP District Honor Roll.](#)



LWHS student's community service recognized at Kirkland Chamber lunch



Lake Washington High School (LWHS) senior Sajeenaa Jebanathan is the recipient of the Lee Johnson Student Community Service Award. The Johnson family and LWSD CTE Specialist, Katie Searle, presented the award during the Greater Kirkland Chamber of Commerce annual awards luncheon on Dec. 14. [Read more about the Lee Johnson Student Community Service Award.](#)

[Read more student and staff success stories here.](#)

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