



# Connections



April 27, 2018

## Skyward Family Access is back up and running!

Thank you for your patience during the Skyward Family Access outage. The systems have now been restored and are operating normally. The Washington School Information Processing Cooperative (WSIPC), the organization that hosts the Skyward student database for many school districts statewide, suffered a major system outage that impacted the availability of Skyward. WSIPC reported the outage was caused by a third-party upgrade to the firmware on switches which control the communication to/from Skyward and they have now been replaced.

Please allow our staff a few days to update grades, attendance and other information. For secondary families, you should be able to see third quarter grades as of Saturday morning.

## We value your input – Engage with us in the LWSD superintendent search process

**Community Engagement:** Over the next few weeks, there will be opportunities for staff, students, parents and community members to have input into the important Lake Washington School District (LWSD) superintendent search process. At the beginning of the process, input gathered through surveys (see below), focus groups, and community meetings will be used to help define the position profile and desired selection criteria for an ideal candidate. It will also inform the board of the issues and overall climate of the school district. Ultimately, the School Board makes the final decision on hiring the next superintendent of LWSD.

**Surveys:** Two surveys will help us gather input from our community. The “30 Qualities of a Superintendent Survey” asks you to share what leadership qualities, expertise and experiences matter most to you in a superintendent. The “District Review Survey” asks you to talk about the strengths and challenges Lake Washington School District currently faces.

To participate, **please click on the survey links below in your desired language:**

### 30 Qualities of a Superintendent Survey:

[English](#) | [Arabic](#) | [Chinese](#) | [Japanese](#) | [Korean](#) | [Portuguese](#) | [Russian](#) | [Spanish](#)

### District Review Survey:

[English](#) | [Arabic](#) | [Chinese](#) | [Japanese](#) | [Korean](#) | [Portuguese](#) | [Russian](#) | [Spanish](#)

*Surveys will close on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 8 a.m.*

**MEETINGS:** Four public meetings are scheduled to gather input from parents and community members.

- Tuesday, May 1 from 6-7 p.m. in the Lake Washington High School Commons (12033 NE 80th Street, Kirkland, WA 98033)

- Wednesday, May 2 from 5-6 p.m. at Lake Washington School District Resource Center (16250 NE 74th Street, Redmond, WA 98074)
- Thursday, May 3 from 10-11 a.m. at Redmond Public Library (15990 NE 85th Street, Redmond, WA 98052)
- Thursday, May 3 from 6-7 p.m. at Sammamish Public Library (825 228th Avenue SE, Sammamish, WA 98075)

For more information, [visit the Superintendent Search page of the LWSD website.](#)

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## Learning-Focused

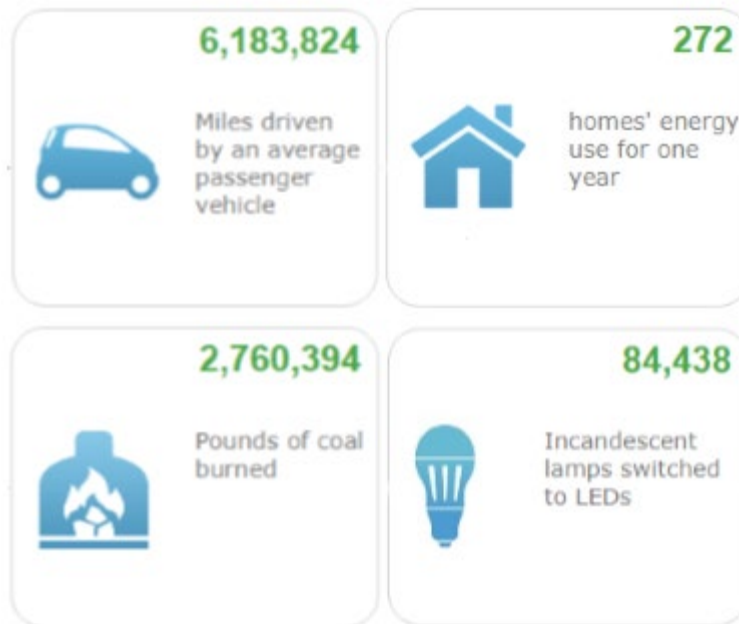
### **Core Academic Summer Program registration is now open!**

Core Academic Summer Program registration is now open! LWSD is pleased to announce the expansion of summer programs to include both core academic and enrichment/acceleration options. There are a number of new courses offered at all grade levels for summer 2018. Core Academic Summer School will run from July 6-August 2, 2018. Elementary programs will be located at Ben Rush Elementary School and middle and high school programs will be located at Lake Washington High School. Transportation and need-based scholarships are available. Visit [www.lwsd.org/students-families/summer-school](http://www.lwsd.org/students-families/summer-school)

To view the catalog and register for classes. Schools will also have paper copies of catalogs and registration materials available. Register early as courses will fill quickly!

### **LWSD continues to cut down on carbon**

Lake Washington is a recognized leader in sustainability practices and education. Schools around the district encourage students to actively participate in sustainable practices throughout the year. Over 24 schools in the district have achieved – or are working toward – King County Green Schools recognition. The district has avoided 2,523 tons of carbon since 2006. That is the equivalent of:



[Learn more about LWSU green schools and practices.](#)

### We Value Your Feedback: Take our Parent Survey

Lake Washington School District uses an annual strategic planning process to ensure its resources and efforts are used effectively toward reaching the district mission, vision and strategic goals. Each year, the district seeks input from parents to inform the planning process. We value our partnership with parents in ensuring our district, schools and students are successful. Your feedback and input is important. We invite and encourage you to participate in the annual survey. To see how input from last year's parent survey was used, visit the Communications section of the LWSU website: <https://www.lwsd.org/programs-and-services/communications/parent-voice-influences-district-planning>. This year's survey will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes to complete, depending on whether your children are in elementary, middle, and/or high school.

To participate, you may: [Click on this link](#) or Copy-paste the entire following link between quote marks (NOT including the quote marks) in a web browser  
 " <https://survey.k12insight.com/r/T18gH1> "

**Please respond by April 30.**

### Lake Washington School District Offers Parent Information/Input Sessions on Sexual Health Curriculum

Lake Washington School District (LWSU) will offer a final parent information and input sessions where community members can view the proposed materials being considered for sexual health education and give input.

The final Information night will be held on **Thursday, May 3 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Resource Center** (16250 NE 74th St, Redmond 98052)

[Read more about the Sexual Health Curriculum Parent Information/Input Sessions here.](#)

### Five LWSU students receive National Merit Corporate-Sponsored Scholarships

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced Wednesday that five Lake

Washington School District seniors will receive National Merit Corporate-Sponsored Scholarships:

- **Shawdi Mehrvarzan, Juanita H.S.** - National Merit Boeing Scholarship
- **Neha S. Nagvekar, Nikola Tesla STEM H.S.** - National Merit Citizen Watch Scholarship
- **Abel H. Birchfield, Eastlake H.S.** - National Merit Nvidia Corporation Scholarship
- **Lucy A. Jiang, Redmond H.S.** - National Merit Liberty Mutual Scholarship
- **Anna Wang, Redmond H.S.** - National Merit Jack Henry & Associates, Inc. Scholarship

[Read more about these National Merit scholars.](#)

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## Safety Spotlight

### Safety webpage updated

Check out the [Safety webpage](#) on the LWSD website. It has been updated to include more information about the district's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP), a summary of the Community Safety Forums, and more. We'll continue to update this webpage with additional information throughout the spring and summer.

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## Building on Success

### Concrete for foundation footings poured at Juanita High School

As students returned from spring break, construction on their new Juanita High School was moving forward. The first concrete pour on April 10 set the footings for the school's foundation. With parking reduced due to construction, more students have been carpooling and riding the bus. JHS staff and Kirkland Police also helped families navigate revised drop-off and parking routines. Construction workers and staff expressed appreciation for the positive attitudes of parents, students and the community.



Juanita High School is one of eight projects approved by voters as part of the 2016 bond measure.

[Learn more.](#)

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## Important Reminders & Updates

### Reminder: Tell your neighbors and friends: Kindergarten Registration for 2018-19

If you live in Lake Washington School District (LWSD) and your child will be 5 years old on or before August 31, 2018, it is time to register him or her for kindergarten. Registration takes place at your neighborhood school 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.

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

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## Work With Us

### 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 LWSD? 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.

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## Student & Staff Success

### Eight Juanita H.S. students receive top scores on prestigious Cambridge examinations

Eight students at Juanita High School (JHS) are recognized as 'Top in Country' for their scores on the Cambridge International examinations. Another 40 JHS students will receive 'Outstanding Learner and Scholar' awards for their test performance. [Read more about the Cambridge awards program.](#)



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International Examinations

Cambridge International School

### Keep on advancing – Evergreen Middle School science team going to Colorado for nationals

A team of 19 hardworking students took on the state's best in this year's Science Olympiad. It paid off for the group from Evergreen Middle School (EMS) as they are on their way to nationals. The EMS Green Team came in first place at the competition hosted by

Eastern Washington University in Cheney on April 14. The Olympiad consists of 24 different challenging events. Battery Buggy, Crime Busters and Hovercraft are the names of a few of the events. They will now compete at the national competition at Colorado State University May 17-19. [Read more.](#)



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

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Quick Links: [LWSD Website](#) | [Upcoming Events](#) | [Peachjar Community eFlyers](#)

