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### Have a great summer!

### Congratulations, graduates!

It is graduation season in LWSD. Watch our [website](#) and [Facebook page](#) for photos and videos from each graduation ceremony in the coming weeks, and congratulations to all our class of 2018 graduates!

### Superintendent Search Update

The Lake Washington School District Board of Directors is working with Ray and Associates, a Superintendent Search firm, to hire the next LWSD Superintendent. Visit the Superintendent Search page of the LWSD website for more information.

**Save the date!** The community is invited to a Town Hall event with the final 2-3 candidates on Thursday, June 28. The Town Hall is scheduled from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Lake Washington School District Resource Center (16250 NE 74th Street, Redmond, WA 98052). This event will also be broadcast live from the [LWSD website](#). Community members will have an opportunity to submit feedback on the candidates that evening.

### See you at Derby Days!

Lake Washington School District will be hosting a booth at Redmond Derby Days on Saturday, July 14. Stop by and see our vision for building on success. Bring your kids to help us build a school out of LEGOs. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Learning-Focused

### Tell your new neighbors - Summer registration available at LWSD Resource Center

If you need to register your student for the 2018-19 school year while your school office is closed for the summer, we can help. Summer registration is available at the district's Resource Center from July 16 – August 10 during the following hours:

- **July 16 – 27**
  - Monday/Wednesday/Friday: 7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
  - Tuesday/Thursday: 12:30 - 4 p.m.
- **July 30 – August 10**
  - Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Resource Center is located at 16250 NE 74th Street, Redmond, in Redmond Town Center.

### 2018-19 School Start Times reminder and update

Thank you to everyone who has reached out to the district with questions or feedback about the changes to start and end times for 2018-19. As a reminder, school start and end times will be changing in the 2018-19 school year as a seven-period day is implemented for high school students. We acknowledge any change has an impact to families' current schedules. Many families have

connected with the District through our Let's Talk tool to share their questions and concerns about the change to school start/end times for 2018-19. One of the main concerns we have heard is the need for before/after school care for elementary students. As a result, Lake Washington School District staff are working to add more space to its current Extended Day programs. There is a need to hire additional staff to accommodate more students in these programs. More information about this program expansion will be shared with families directly through the schools.

Parents of incoming preschool students were notified earlier this week that preschool start times will remain the same for the 2018-19 school year. Here are the start and end times:

	Preschool	Head Start
<b>AM</b>	10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
<b>PM</b>	1:30 – 4:30 p.m.	12:30 – 4 p.m.

A sub-group of the College and Career Readiness Task Force, called the School Start Time Advisory, is continuing work in 2018-19 to study the impacts of potentially changing high school start times to later in future years. The Advisory includes staff and parents from elementary, middle and high school levels. They will make a recommendation for any potential further changes to school start and end times. Further changes in the 2019-20 school year may or may not occur, depending on their recommendation. There will continue to be ample opportunity for families to provide input throughout the process. Any changes to the high school start and end times result in adjustments to middle and elementary start and end times due to our tiered transportation system. Information about the work of the School Start Time Advisory can be found at on the [School Start Time Advisory](#) web page.

### **Reminder: Check Family Access before it closes for the summer!**

Make sure to check your student's grades and other information before June 30. Access to grades, attendance, schedule and academic history will not be accessible during the summer. Due to required summer maintenance work, Skyward Family Access will not be available after June 30. (For Summer School students, grades and attendance information in Skyward Family Access and access to PowerSchool Learning will generally be available through August 5.) PowerSchool Learning will be unavailable for all students and parents from August 6 through September 3.

### **Reminder: Lake Washington School District partners with King County Metro to offer free ORCA cards to eligible students**

LWSD is partnering with King County Metro to offer free unlimited ORCA passes to eligible high school students to help them get around during the summer. Representatives Vandana Slatter (Bellevue) and Mia Gregerson (SeaTac) secured funding through Transportation Budget Proviso – SSB 5096 to run the program as a pilot in LWSD and Highline Public Schools during the summer of 2018. The ORCA unlimited passes will work from May 14, 2018 to September 7, 2018. Only students who qualify for free and reduced price lunch are eligible for the program. Applications are available [online](#) or in each high school office.

### **Reminder: Results from Smarter Balanced Assessments available online June 22**

Each spring, Washington public school students in grades 3-8 and high school are tested in English language arts (ELA) and math, with exams called Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA). Students in grades 5, 8, and high school are also tested in science, with an exam called the Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS). This testing meets state and federal requirements.

In the past, the District received hard copy, final score reports from OSPI, which arrived in late August or early September. Individual scores for the SBA exams administered this past spring for ELA and math, are being delivered electronically from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). OSPI now allows the District to share these score reports electronically in PDF format. Downloadable score reports will be added in Family Access on June 22. This secure reporting option allows parents/guardians access to results much earlier than in previous years.

Only SBA ELA and math scores will be available in June. Science scores will not be available until the fall after OSPI releases those scores.

#### **Directions to access the reports:**

- To access Lake Washington School District's Skyward portal, click on the [Family Access](#) link on the district website.
- Log in to Skyward Family Access with your username and password.\*
- Click on the Reports Cards- Portfolio tab.

\*Parents who have forgotten their login or password can use the "Forgot your Login/Password?" link on the Skyward Family Access login page.

More information about state testing can be found [here](#).

### **Reminder: 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!



## **Safety Update**

### **Entry access control systems**

Starting in the 2018-19 school year, schools will have entry access control systems to help ensure the schools know who is in the building. These systems allow us to lock all doors of a school building and have a camera and doorbell system for visitors to gain access to the building. Peter Kirk Elementary and Horace Mann Elementary have been piloting these systems since the beginning of June. More details on these systems will be available in the fall. Plans for implementation are being developed for elementary, middle and high school.



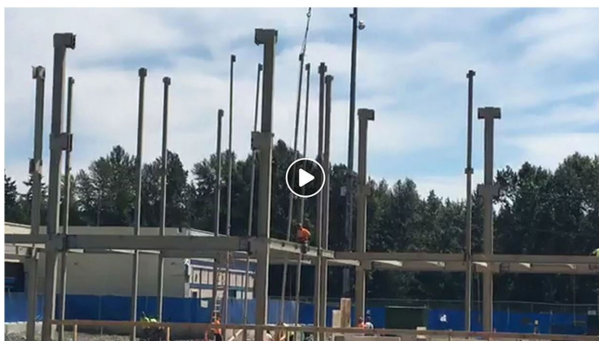
## **Building on Success**

### **Columns of steel rise at Juanita High School**

Steel has arrived. June 18 marked a milestone for construction at Juanita High School, as crews began to assemble the first steel beams. Part of the assembly was recorded live on Facebook.

[Watch the broadcast.](#)

The first phase of the new building will open in fall 2019. The rest of the school will open in fall 2020. Juanita High School is one of eight projects approved by voters in the 2016 bond.



Juanita High School project page: <https://www.lwsd.org/programs-and-services/school-construction/major-construction/juanita-high-school>.

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## Important Reminders & Updates

### Transportation update

Lake Washington School District's Transportation Department safely transports over 9,000 students per day to and from school. Due to the current bus driver shortage, there are many days when routes have to be modified and office staff must drive in order to get all students to schools. On these days communication to and from the transportation office is challenging. The department is in the process of implementing a solution to improve communication of changes in bus routes and late buses. This solution includes upgrading our GPS equipment and software. When completed, this system will allow route changes and directions to be communicated to buses through the GPS equipment. It will also allow us to communicate route changes more quickly to parents through text messages and email. We expect this new system to be in place for the beginning of the 2018-19 school year. This new software will then allow us to begin a pilot in late fall for a parent app that will allow parents to see where their student's bus is and show the expected arrival time.

We also wanted to let you know that the bus driver shortage continues. Our Transportation department, along with our Human Resource department have been actively recruiting in order to fill positions. Fourteen bus drivers have completed training this year, which is the highest number ever. Even with that, we also have had seven bus drivers resign during the year. To start school this fall, we still need more bus drivers to fill the open bus routes required for our students. We will continue to recruit and train new drivers. However, if we are unable to fill all the needed positions over the summer, transportation will continue to have challenges getting students to school. If you or someone that you know would be interested in a fulfilling job as a bus driver, [visit our website for more information](#).

### MySchoolBucks convenience fee change

MySchoolBucks, the system that families use to add or check lunch account balances is increasing its online convenience fee from \$1.95 per transaction to \$2.49 per transaction. This includes any AutoPay automatic payments you may have set up. This change will be effective July 16, 2018. This is the first time in 16 years MySchoolBucks increased the convenience fee and is due to the rising costs of processing transactions. As a reminder, you can also add money to your lunch account by sending a check to LWSN Nutrition Services. Visit the [Breakfast and Lunch Menus page](#) of the LWSN website for more information.

### New LWSN Online Calendar

LWSN will begin using a new online calendar as of July 1, 2018. We will no longer use the Tandem Online Calendar after that date. The district website contains a [master calendar](#) of all school and district events. You may filter this master calendar to view events related to one or multiple schools. You can also print the calendar, set up an iCal feed, or create an account and receive alerts about school and district events. [View instructions for using the new calendar here](#). After July 1, all school websites will contain a calendar of events specifically related to that school.

### LWSN will implement new volunteer system in 2018-19

This summer, Lake Washington School District's volunteer application system will be transferred from its current system to a volunteer system developed by Raptor Technologies, Inc. Raptor is used across the nation in many school districts and is considered the industry leader.

Information for all current volunteers will be transferred into the new volunteer system.

The volunteer application system will have a blackout window for a period of time over the summer while the system is updated to Raptor. More information about the Raptor volunteer system will be available prior to the start of the 2018-19 school year.

### Coming this August - Change your contact/emergency information online!

Are you tired of filling out your contact information on the emergency form every year? Wouldn't it be nice to just review the information and submit changes online, at your convenience? This August, you will get your chance to do just that. You will be able to log in to Skyward Family Access and verify your contact/emergency information, make any needed changes, then click submit and be done. More information on the **Online Student Information Verification** process will be available on the LWSD website in July. The online student information verification process will be open August 15 to September 17, 2018.

### View the 2018-19 school year calendar; Kindergarten start date

The 2018-19 LWSD school calendar is available on the [district website](#). A reminder that the first day of kindergarten will be Friday, September 7. It was originally scheduled to begin on Monday, September 10, 2018. [Here is a direct link to the PDF of the calendar from the site](#).

### 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.](#)



## 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.

### Custodians needed

LWSD is looking to fill multiple custodial positions throughout our district. Custodians need to have a high school diploma or equivalent, complete a physical and pass a criminal background check. Job descriptions are available on the [district website](#), under "Employment" then "Classified Employees." Pass along to anyone looking for an important and fulfilling position with LWSD.

### 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.



## Student & Staff Success

### EMS teams rank high at national science Olympiad

Students from Evergreen Middle School (EMS) medaled in four different events at the Science Olympiad National Tournament. The event took place on May 20 at Colorado State University in

Fort Collins, Colo. EMS as a school finished in 20th place out of 60 teams in the middle school division. [Read more.](#)



### Dragons, fairies, friends, aliens and adventures – anything’s possible when young authors write

This spring, Benjamin Rush Elementary School students participated in the school’s 12th annual Young Author’s program. Throughout the spring, students worked to write and illustrate a book on the topic of their choice. The stories could be fiction or non-fiction. When each book was finished, teachers helped students turn their story into a hardcover book. [Read more.](#)



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