



Connections



June 11, 2018

A Message from Dr. Traci Pierce, Superintendent

Congratulations Graduates!

As superintendent, each June I have the honor and privilege of sharing a few words with all Lake Washington School District graduating seniors in the form of a letter to graduates. This year is especially meaningful to me as I prepare for my own transition to a new role and forge a new pathway on my own career journey. To all parents who have students graduating this year, thank you for your partnership and support of our schools in serving students and in helping students reach our vision of Every Student Future Ready. [My letter to the graduating Class of 2018 is available here.](#)



Thank you for another great school year! I look forward to 2018-19 and to continuing to serve Lake Washington students and families in my new role.

Graduation photos and videos

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.

*Please note: This time has been updated since our last edition of *Connections*.

Learning-Focused

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](#).

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.

Two LWSD students receive National Merit College-Sponsored Scholarships 3,500 distinguished students recognized nationwide

[The National Merit Scholarship Corporation \(NMSC\)](#) has announced that two Lake Washington School District (LWSD) students will receive National Merit College-Sponsored Scholarships:

- Jeffrey Cheng, Nikola Tesla STEM High School – National Merit Vanderbilt University Scholarship
- Maggie Van Nortwick, Eastlake High School – National Merit Northeastern University Scholarship

[Read more about the National Merit College-Sponsored Scholarships.](#)

LWSD recognizes Innovation Programs at June 4 School Board Meeting

Through a partnership with the Lake Washington Schools Foundation (LWSF), Lake Washington School District has established a District Innovation Program. This program makes grant money available to schools to implement innovative ideas. At the June 4 School Board meeting, the nine programs that received 2017-18 Innovation Program funding were recognized:



- Creating Innovators – Carl Sandburg Elementary and Discovery Community School

- Urban Gardening – Lake Washington High School
- Family Engagement to Support Math Education – Ben Rush Elementary School
- Elementary Computer Science Leadership Program – Lakeview Elementary School, Rose Hill Elementary School and Ben Rush Elementary School
- Elementary STEM Symposium – Ben Franklin Elementary School, Lakeview Elementary School, and Rose Hill Elementary School
- Attacking the Gap at Thoreau – a Multi-Faceted Approach – Henry David Thoreau Elementary School
- Einstein Passionate about Learning (PAL) Time – Albert Einstein Elementary School
- Comunidad Matematica/Math Community – Redmond Elementary School and Redmond Middle School
- Outdoor Education Classroom – Norman Rockwell Elementary School

[Watch this video for more information about these different Innovation Programs](#), or visit the [LWSD Innovation webpage](#).

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: 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 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!



Building on Success

Staff get close-up view of new Clara Barton Elementary School

Teachers and staff absorbed every detail during a walk-through tour of the new Clara Barton Elementary School in North Redmond on May 9. One teacher brought her own tape measure so she would have precise classroom measurements.



Staff asked questions along the way: How would each space be used? How would the furniture be set up?

The school's storm water treatment system has treated 4.3 million gallons of water since it was built last summer. More than 65 inches of rain has fallen at the site! But on this day, the sun made its way through the clouds.

Planning Principal Karen Barker used the event as a team-building opportunity. Many staff members wore Clara Barton Elementary t-shirts and met at a nearby park for an early dinner.



Clara Barton Elementary is one of eight projects funded by the 2016 bond to reduce overcrowding. It will provide space for 690 elementary students. The first day of school is September 4.

Clara Barton Elementary project page: <https://www.lwsd.org/programs-and-services/school-construction/major-construction/barton-elementary-school>.

Important Reminders & Updates

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.

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

LWSD schools collect \$41,500 in KITE STEM Challenge

The Kirkland Interactive Technology Experience brought in big bucks for Lake Washington schools. Redmond High School received a check for \$10,000 as the big winner. [Read more about the KITE STEM Challenge.](#)



Rockwell Elementary teacher wins Outstanding Young Educator Award

From speaking zero English to winning the 2018 Outstanding Young Educator Award. This is what Julian Cortes, Norman Rockwell Elementary School, has achieved so far in his life. [Read more about Julian Cortes.](#)



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

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

