



Connections



March 30, 2018

LWSD Budget Earns Meritorious Budget Award

LWSD's 2017-18 Budget has earned the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) Meritorious Budget Award (MBA). This award promotes and recognizes excellence in budget presentation in school districts. [Read more about the Meritorious Budget Award here.](#)

Learning-Focused

Lake Washington School District adds one day to make up for snow day

Last day of school is now Thursday, June 21

Lake Washington School District will make up one snow day by extending the school year by one day. The last day of school, a half day, will move from Wednesday, June 20, to Thursday, June 21.

The LWSD calendar has been updated as follows:

- Wednesday June 20 will be a full school day for students (no 1.5 hour early release)
- Thursday, June 21 will be the last day of school. It will be a half (1/2) day for students and a full day for staff. [See the list of half-day dismissal times.](#)

State law requires students to attend school a minimum of 180 days and 1027 hours per year. When school is cancelled due to snow or inclement weather, those days and hours of instruction must be made up.

New printable calendars are available on the district website, here: www.lwsd.org/about-us/district-calendar.

Safety in our schools

Keeping students and staff safe is our top priority. The district and schools plan and practice safety and emergency preparation, response, and recovery. These efforts involve staff, students, and parents, as well as local fire and law enforcement. [Read more about our commitment to safety.](#)

[Board proclamation: Safety in our schools.](#)

Please join us! Community safety forums

In partnership with the cities of Kirkland, Redmond, and Sammamish, Lake Washington School District is hosting Community Safety Forums. Representatives from the cities and the district will

share information on school and community safety efforts, and how the district and cities work together to keep schools and students safe.

Kirkland hosted a forum on March 21 and Sammamish on March 27. The remaining forum in Redmond will take place on **Monday, April 9 from 7-9 p.m. in the Redmond High School Theater.**

2018-19 school year schedule changes video

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. We want to ensure families have ample time to plan for the change. Schedules for our preschool students are still to be determined. Our transportation department is still identifying routes for preschool students and we are collecting feedback from parents and staff. Announcements will be made once preschool schedules are completed.

[Read more about the changes on the district website.](#) A video describing these changes has been created that you can view on [YouTube](#).



The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) in Washington State

In 2015, Congress passed the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the replacement for No Child Left Behind (NCLB). The law works to shine a light on the performance gaps between student groups that persist in our schools. The key change is that the state will be providing more support to struggling schools. In the past, schools that were struggling had limited ways to use their resources for improvement. Now, schools have more flexibility to implement evidence-based strategies designed to help improve performance school wide and to support specific groups of students that need additional assistance to be successful. [Read more about the ESSA.](#)

Safety Spotlight

Social Emotional Learning in LWSD

Social emotional learning (SEL) is the process where students develop the awareness and skills needed to manage emotions, set goals, build relationships, and make responsible decisions. Studies have found that the adoption of SEL supports positive school communities as well as improved academic outcomes.

[Read more about Social Emotional Learning in LWSD.](#)



Building on Success

Groundbreakings at Margaret Mead and Peter Kirk Elementary Schools

Mead and Kirk Elementary schools are gearing up for the construction of their new school buildings this April. Both schools are hosted groundbreakings this week to celebrate the occasion. All the students, staff and several dignitaries participated in the events that were streamed live on Facebook ([Mead Stream](#), [Kirk Stream](#)).

None of this could be possible without the support of our community. Mead and Kirk are being rebuilt and enlarged as part of the voter approved 2016 bond projects. [Read more about the projects made possible by the 2016 bond and our Building on Success program.](#)



Important Reminders & Updates

Spring Break next week

All LWSD schools will be closed next week, April 2-6, for Spring Break. District offices will remain open during the break.

Ready Start Preschool Program accepting applications in March

Lake Washington School District's Ready Start Preschool Program began accepting tuition based applications for the 2017-18 school year beginning March 23. Registration takes place at the Resource Center (16250 NE 74th Street, Redmond). If more children are registered for any one location or session (a.m. or p.m.) than we have availability, a lottery for each Preschool building will be held March 29 to determine the students in those classes. **Parents will be notified of results by the end of April.** Applications will be accepted at the Resource Center on any school day from 9 a.m. to noon and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. *Only children registered on March 23 during the registration hours of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. are eligible to be in the lottery.* [Read more about LWSD Preschool Programs.](#)

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

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 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

Conference of coaching champions – LWSD coaches clean up on top awards

Lake Washington School District (LWSD) coaches are at the top of the ballot in many sports for the winter season. In all, six different coaches are coach of the year in their sport. [Learn more about which KingCo coaches took top honors this season.](#)



Redmond Elementary gymnasium plays host to Family Math Night

Parents and grandparents went back to school to join their kids at Family Math Night. On February 22, Redmond Elementary PTSA organized its annual night for families to play math-related games and grow an interest in math. This year, the PTSA partnered with Redmond Mathnasium to create nine different game stations.

[Read more.](#)

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



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



