



Connections



October 10, 2017

Learning-Focused

Elementary conferences on October 16, 17 and 19

The first set of [elementary conferences](#) is scheduled for October 16, 17 and 19 in the afternoon. (These dates will be [half-days for elementary students](#).) The conferences will give parents/guardians, students and teachers an opportunity to talk about the goals students have set for themselves.

Building on Success

LWSD held its grand opening celebration and ribbon-cutting for Explorer Community School on Wednesday, October 4. Principal Karen Barker and LWSD Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce cut the ceremonial ribbon. Students performed for guests and Principal Barker recognized the teachers for their work in opening the new building. You can watch the Grand Opening Ceremony on the [LWSD Facebook page](#).

Check out more bond project updates on the [Building on Success webpage](#), or sign up for future updates.



Important Reminders & Updates

Welcome Event for New and International Families

LWSD and the LWPTSA Council are hosting two Welcome Events for New and International Families. These events will be held at the LWSD Resource Center on Monday, October 23 from 6:30-9 p.m. and Saturday, October 28 from 9:30 a.m.—Noon. These events will feature guidance for new and international families, including:

- Understanding the school system
- Resources/support from the district
- Sports and activities in our area
- America 101 for international families

- Find out about the Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) and how to get involved
- Relocation tips for those who are new to the area
- Supporting your child through Transition - talk by Sheri Gazitt and Jennifer Kennett

[Families can register here.](#)

11th Annual Eastside Native American Education Program (ENAEP) Veterans' Pow Wow – October 14

The 11th annual Eastside Native American Education Program's Veterans' Honor Pow Wow will be held on Saturday, October 14. The Veterans dinner begins at 3 p.m. Grand Entry will start at 6 p.m. The event will be held at Juanita High School (10601 NE 132nd Street, Kirkland, WA 98034). For additional information, contact [Mary Wilber](#) at 425-936-1402. Admission is free.

Reminder: LEAP Day – October 20 (No School)

October 20 is a Learning Enhancement and Academic Planning (LEAP) Day. That means no school for students so that teachers and staff members can focus on professional development.

National School Bus Safety Week – October 16-20

National School Bus Safety Week is a public education program to address the importance of school bus safety. School districts throughout the country observe School Bus Safety Week the third week in October each year. This year's theme is #StopOnRed! Remember to stop for buses when the red lights blink and the Stop sign is out.

Wear orange on October 25 to show we're together against bullying

Unity Day is Wednesday, October 25

Make it ORANGE and make it end! What are your true colors when it comes to bullying? If you care about safe and supportive schools and communities make your color ORANGE on Unity Day. That's the day everyone can come together – in schools, communities, and online – and send one large ORANGE message of support, hope and unity. Show that we are together against bullying and united for kindness, acceptance and inclusion. [Read more.](#)

Meet the Central Leadership Team

The district's Central Leadership Team (CLT) is committed to providing high quality programs and services to students, staff, schools and families. To learn more about our district leaders, [see the full CLT organizational chart.](#)

October is Cyber Security Awareness Month

Cyber Safety event for families – October 17 from 7-8 p.m.

Lake Washington School District will host Stefanie Thomas, an internet safety specialist on Tuesday, October 17 from 7-8 p.m. in the Lake Washington High School theater. Thomas has worked with law enforcement for the past eight years regarding the exploitation of children online. She uses this

experience to educate parents and children about internet safety and has reached over 30,000 people in the greater Seattle area. This event is for parents and community members, and is an adults-only event.

The session includes the following topics:

- Cyberbullying
- Social networking/online gaming
- Online posting
- Sexting
- The reality of tweens/teens as targets
- Cell phone & internet safety tips

Reminder: Highly Capable Programs/Quest Applications Due Friday, October 27

Applications for Highly Capable Programs/Quest are [now available on the district website](#). All applications are due on Friday, October 27 at 4 p.m. If a family is unable to access the internet-based application or needs an application in a language other than English, please contact the Accelerated Programs Office at 425-936-1238. More information on these programs can be found on the [Accelerated Programs section of the district website](#).

Reminder: Great Washington ShakeOut Coming Soon!

Lake Washington School District will participate in the [Great Washington ShakeOut](#) on October 19 at 10:19 a.m. This is a state-wide earthquake drill. Students will be asked to “drop, cover and hold,” then will practice evacuating the building in a safe and orderly manner.



Work With Us

Looking for a new job? We're hiring!

LWSD needs bus drivers and substitute custodians. Job descriptions are available on the [district website](#), under “Employment” then “Classified Positions.” Bus drivers earn \$24.80 per hour. [Learn more about why driving a bus for LWSD is a great job](#). Substitute custodians earn \$16.78 per hour. 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



Families take to the sidewalk for Walk to School Day

Several schools in Lake Washington School District participated in Walk to School Day with activities throughout the week.

On Tuesday, the Rose Hill Elementary PTSA greeted students and families who walked and biked to school. Walk to School Day participants enjoyed hot cocoa and doughnuts outside the school's main entrance. A raccoon, the school's mascot, and Ped the Safety Bee mascot high-fived walkers and bikers and took photos. Students also created a walking map by placing a pushpin at the location of where their morning walks began.



[Read more.](#)

Redmond Middle School named PTA School of Excellence

Redmond Middle School has been named a National PTA "School of Excellence." PTSA and ASB members made the announcement during the school's Curriculum Night in September to a round of applause from parents.

The national recognition program supports and celebrates partnerships between schools and families. It enriches the educational experience for all students with resources that help engage families in school decision-making.

Redmond Middle School will display the banner for the two years of its recognition.



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

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

