

Special Services Department

Newsletter for Parents & Families

(Special Education, Health and 504 Services)



August 31, 2016 - Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year!

Welcome, Debbie Wagner, Associate Director of Special Services - Lake Washington Learning Community

Debbie Wagner has joined our Special Services Administrative Team as the Associate Director of Special Services for the Lake Washington Learning Community. Debbie comes to us from the Highline School District, where she served as Assistant Director of Special Education for the past two years. Prior to her service in Highline, Debbie served as a Program Specialist in the Kent School District for nine years. Debbie has extensive experience and knowledge of behavior and autism services, and early childhood education. Debbie will be providing Special Services support for schools in the Lake Washington Learning Community, including Preschool Programs, Health Services, and 504 Services. Please welcome Debbie! She can be reached via email at: dewagner@lwsd.org

Important Health Information Reminders

Before school starts on September 6th, don't forget:

- Families must show **proof of immunization** or certification of exemption for each child to attend school. **Students cannot start school without the required documentation.** [Read more.](#)
- If your child has a **life-threatening health condition**, you must supply the required emergency medication, health care provider orders, an individual health plan, and any necessary supplies **on, or before, the first day of school.** Until those items are in place, your child will not be able to attend school. [Read more.](#)

Special Services Program Review Update

Upcoming Special Services' presentation at the School Board Study Session and School Board general meeting:

- **September 19** - School Board Study Session, Topic: Special Service Program Review Update

- **September 19** - School Board Meeting, Topic: Preschool & Special Education Program Update

Resources for Parents of Students with Disabilities

The Lake Washington PTSA (LWPTSA) Council Special Needs Group/Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) and the Special Services Department have updated the Special Needs Resource Flier, available [here](#). You can also pick up a hard copy at your child's school, from your child's 504 or Special Education case manager at your annual review meeting and/or the September 20 LWPTSA Council Special Needs Group (PAC) meeting.

October is National Disabilities Awareness Month

The Special Services Department will send information to all of our schools regarding National Disabilities Awareness month in October. Help increase awareness of children and adults with disabilities by volunteering to assist your school with this awareness month. You can also check with your school's Special Needs Group liaison, or the [LWPTSA Communications Chair](#), to learn what you can do to be more involved.

LWPTSA Council Special Needs Group/Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Everyone is welcome to attend LWPTSA Council Special Needs Group meetings. This group provides parents with an opportunity to network with other parents. They also provide speakers who are experts in their field. If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to receive email reminders of meetings, please contact the [LWPTSA Communications Chair](#). You will also receive periodic "Information for You" emails about local Special Needs Events.

LWPTSA Council Special Needs Group Meeting:

- Date: September 20, 2016
- Time: 7 p.m.
- Location: LWSD Resource Center (16250 NE 74th Street, Redmond, WA 98052)
- Speaker: Paul Vine, Director of Special Education, will give an overview of the LWSD Special Education Department, including an introduction of the administrative team that supported all the schools.

Mark your calendar for upcoming LWPTSA Council Special Needs Group Meetings:

- October 18, 2016, 7 p.m., Resource Center
- November 15, 2016, 7 p.m. Resource Center
- January 17, 2017, 7 p.m., Resource Center
- February 21, 2017, 7 p.m., Resource Center

- March 21, 2017, 7 p.m., Resource Center
- April 25, 2017, 7 p.m., Resource Center
- May 16, 2017, 7 p.m., Resource Center

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Civil Rights Coordinator:	Title IX Coordinator:	Section 504/ADA Coordinator:
Director of Human Resources 16250 NE 74th Street Redmond, WA 98052 (425) 936-1266 civilrights@lwsd.org	Director of Student Services 16250 NE 74th Street Redmond, WA 98052 (425) 936-1289 titleix@lwsd.org	Director of Special Services 16250 NE 74th Street Redmond, WA 98052 (425) 936-1407 section504@lwsd.org

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