

Friends & Neighbors Newsletter

Superintendent's Message: We are thankful for you!

As we embark on the final week of November, there is much to be grateful for in Lakewood School District. As a district, we are truly fortunate to have passionate and dedicated staff and students who demonstrate their care and commitment to learning each and every day.



Dr. Erin Murphy,
Superintendent

In addition, we are grateful for

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APPLY FOR FREE PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Is your child starting kindergarten next year? Help them be kindergarten-ready by applying for Transitional Kindergarten. This state-funded program allows incoming kindergartners to attend free, full-day Transitional Kindergarten and is open to students who live in Lakewood School District. Learn more on our website.



New 8th grade elective builds on STEM skills

Students are learning how to think critically and solve problems like an engineer at Lakewood Middle School.

Applied STEM is a new elective class this year for eighth graders.

All sixth graders take Design Tech in the STEM Lab to learn the basics of using the laser cutter and 3D printer. This newest class builds on those skills to give students more hands-on experience with the technology tools

and software.

For one project, students designed a working miniature traffic light. The project involves designing a 3D model with design software.

Once the design is complete, students use a laser cutter to cut pieces to assemble. Then they wire the components and program the Arduino to control the lights.

See one class project:
<https://bit.ly/3R2QAEQ>

TWO LEVIES FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, AND SAFETY

At its Nov. 1 meeting, the Board approved two levy resolutions for the February 2024 ballot: one for a replacement Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O) and another for Capital Improvements and Safety.

In the coming months, the district will work to create regular communication regarding both levies, including detailed informational sheets for each, a frequently asked questions (FAQ) web page, and the opportunity for families and community members to attend events to learn more.

You can also scan the QR code or visit: www.lwsd.wednet.edu/levies.



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Dr. Murphy: School celebrations honor local veterans

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the partnerships that we forge with our families to support high levels of learning and growth. We recently completed student conferences across the district. These meetings allowed for detailed discussions about how we can work collaboratively with our families to help each student progress on their educational journey. We are now in the second quarter of the school year, and I truly believe there is much to celebrate in Lakewood, both in relation to learning occurring in our classrooms and the increased student attendance rates we are seeing in schools. We are off to a great start. By working together, we will continue to excel as the year unfolds.

Strong connections and support help set the Lakewood community apart. Recently, members of all the elementary school PTAs worked to bring back our Halloween Hi-Jinx celebration. Through their diligent efforts and planning, along with a generous grant from the Stillaguamish tribe, they created a community event where everyone could



Each school's Veterans Day assembly varied, but paying tribute to our veterans with student musical performances was a key element and allows for us to give thanks to our veterans for their sacrifices and service to our country. Top photo: Lakewood Middle School symphonic band plays the "Star Spangled Banner." Left: Cougar Creek Elementary students perform "Sing America Sing." Right: Swingbeat jazz choir performed two songs. Listen at <https://bit.ly/3FZ3KMP>.

come together.

Traditions and recognition are also key staples within our schools. Each November, we are honored to have the opportunity to recognize our veterans. On Nov. 8 and 9, we had the chance to come together as a community as each school hosted a Veterans Day recognition assembly, and members of our community

attended and were honored.

One additional tradition of note is our district Holiday Helpers program. Each year, the district works closely with families experiencing financial hardship (we are focused this year on supporting our families experiencing homelessness) to determine key needs. Holiday Helper ornaments or tags are made available

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at each school for students, families, and staff to adopt. This program has been a part of our community for years. It originated at Lakewood High School and provides an opportunity for our community to come together and support one another.

Lakewood is an amazing district and our family is truly grateful to be a part of this community; I am honored to serve as your superintendent and to work with you to ensure success for each of our students. As we embark on this holiday season, I wish you and your family all the best in the coming months.

All my best,

X-COUNTRY SENDS RUNNER TO STATE

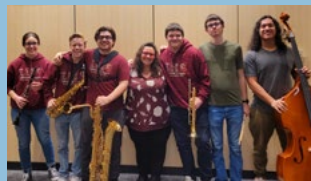
Lakewood High School senior Avery Kleinsasser competed at the WIAA State Cross Country Championships, placing 38 out of 152 runners.



Avery qualified for the championships with a time that was #10 in Lakewood history. LHS has represented at the state meet for 39 of the past 40 years.

6 HEADED TO NW HONOR BAND

Congratulations to our six LHS seniors who

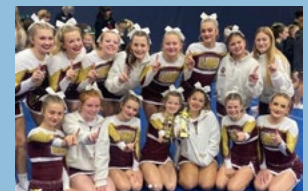


have been accepted into the 2024 NW Honor Band: Emily Thomas on clarinet, Cameron Kinsland on alto sax, Isaias Fuentes-Palominos on bari

sax, Wyatt Labrecque on trumpet, Jeriah Gibb on percussion, and Leo Sandoval on double bass. This is the school's largest representation yet!

CHEER QUALIFIES FOR STATE

LHS Cheer qualified for the state competition, which will take place Feb. 2-3.



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