

Friends & Neighbors Newsletter

Happy Homecoming!

Schools celebrate with spirit days and a parade



Lakewood School District celebrated Homecoming Week, September 26-30. All five of our schools participated in Spirit Days throughout the week. A highlight of the week came on Friday during the annual Homecoming Parade, led by the Cougar Marching Band. High school students gave high-fives to younger students along the parade route.



Parade with Kujo the Cougar



Twin Day at English Crossing



High-fives during the parade

More supports available for students this year

It has been an amazing experience to see our students' faces and to feel their joy as we returned to school this fall. Starting with the first day, as we greeted them at the door, through Homecoming, when each student celebrated being a Cougar during the parade, a sense of community has defined each school day.



Scott Peacock,
Superintendent

Our administrative team and staff spent time before the opening of school focused on building and deepening our work around belonging. We want

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During Earth and Space Science at Lakewood Summer Academy, students made solar ovens. They tested them by baking s'mores using energy from the sun. Teacher Tiffany DeWitt asked students to brainstorm why the location or materials of one oven might affect the temperature compared to another oven. This year's summer program was not your traditional summer school. Teachers were encouraged to incorporate their interests into their teaching with classes such as "Learning with Nature" and "Poetry in Art."

IN THE NEWS: 'BROCCOLI IN THE BROWNIES:' NEW TAKES ON SUMMER SCHOOL BOOST ATTENDANCE

"Summer school attendance in Lakewood grew almost 64% this year over last — but not for the reasons you might expect."



The Herald featured Lakewood Summer Academy on its front page over the summer. The program was funded with federal ESSER funds. Read more: <https://bit.ly/3T06E8m>



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Adults have found ways to cope with strong emotions, but children are still learning what works for them. Lakewood Elementary School has a Calming Corner in every classroom this year to help with this important skill. Principal Kristin Cortés said students can go to the spaces when they feel their emotions are running high and they need a chance to reset their bodies and minds for learning.

Superintendent Scott Peacock

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each student to have a voice and are organizing the first Cougar Cabinet, comprised of students in grades 4-12.

We are also using federal COVID relief funds to enrich our systems of support. For the first time, all of our elementary schools have full-time counselors. A psychologist and a behavior specialist have joined our district team to support all schools. All families in our community now have access to Care Solace to quickly and confidentially access mental health or substance use supports. This has already been a tremendous resource.

As always, I am so proud of our students and community. We continue to lean into the future with innovative programs that seek to serve our professional staff, our incredible students and supportive families.

We look forward to seeing you this year at an athletic game, a drama production, a concert, or another community event!

2 NEW CLASSROOMS OPENING SOON



On September 17, a double-wide portable classroom was installed at Lakewood Elementary. The two additional classrooms will help create enough space at the school to consolidate the district's preschool services into one location and help address a shortage in classroom space. Funding for the portable came from developer impact fees and non-bond capital funds. Watch the installation: <https://bit.ly/3yzt9cz>



Lakewood receives grant for Transitional Kindergarten

A state grant will allow students who start kindergarten in September 2023 to apply for Lakewood's free full-day Transitional Kindergarten program, which begins January 31.

This new program will

give students, who would otherwise not attend pre-kindergarten classes, an opportunity to receive a strong educational foundation for kindergarten.

More information and application materials will be available in November.



NOV. 5

JOB FAIR

NOV. 5 | LAKEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL | 9AM TO NOON





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Are you 60+? Join the Classic Cougar Club

The Classic Cougar membership card entitles residents who



live in our district, 60 years and older, to be admitted to most "home" athletic and scholastic events offered by the Lakewood School District.

Lifetime membership in the Classic Cougar Club is offered in appreciation for the support that senior citizens provide to Lakewood schools.

The card cannot be used for athletic playoff games or state-sponsored athletic events. To receive a Classic Cougar Club card, complete the application on our website and mail it in. Or, stop by the district office to complete an application: 17110 16th Dr. N.E., Marysville, WA 98271. <https://bit.ly/3rCsYJx>

ARTS CALENDAR

November 10-11 and 18: LHS Fall Musical
7 p.m.

November 12 and 19: LHS Fall Musical
6 p.m.

December 9:
"The Coats" Concert
7 p.m. at LHS

December 13:
LHS Winter Concert
7 p.m.

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