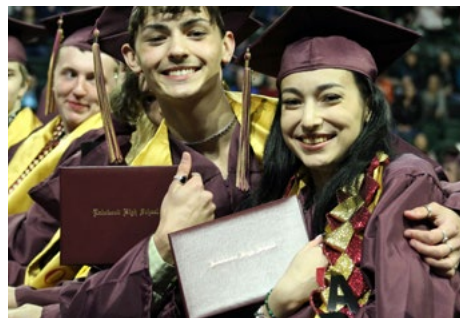


Friends & Neighbors Newsletter

Congratulations, graduates!



"Daring to be different is daring to dream." Mr. Jeremiah Wohlgemuth, faculty speaker, encouraged Lakewood High School graduates to dream again during a joyful Graduation Ceremony on June 9 at Angel of the Winds Arena in Everett. Seniors from the choir sang the "Star Spangled Banner." Valedictorians Katelynn Carlson and Kiana Oos addressed graduates and reflected on the challenges and triumphs of the last four years. Retiring teacher Mr. Chris Walster created a slideshow with each graduate and their baby or toddler photo. The senior class officers – Jakobus Seth, Kayden Kummer, Katelynn Carlson and Jasmine Graham – announced the Presentation of the Class of 2022. Class speaker William "Punchy" O'Hara told graduates, "We've done it! We've learned so much over these last 13 years, but maybe the most important thing is kindness, and treating others with respect. Woohoo!" More photos: <https://bit.ly/3QcWkZV>



IN THE NEWS: GIRLS GOLF PLACES 3RD AT STATE



Cougar Girls Golf claimed the highest finish ever for a Lakewood golf team, taking 3rd place at the Washington State Championships. Read more in the North County Outlook: <https://bit.ly/3QcWkZV>

SOFTBALL EARNS TRIP TO STATE SEMIFINALS



After winning their first two games in the state 2A softball tournament, Lakewood was in the semifinals. Read more: <https://bit.ly/3HbTOPS>

FIELD ATHLETES COMPETE AT STATE

Two track and field athletes competed at state: Senior Jayden "J.R." Riley in discus and senior Jacob Knoth in javelin. Read more: <https://bit.ly/3ztXP0b>



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Dana Krueger sworn in as Board Director

Superintendent Scott Peacock administered the oath of office to the newest School Board Director, Dana Krueger, at the Board's Apr. 20 meeting.



The Board appointed Krueger as Director of District #3 after she applied for the position

in March following Director Jahna Smith's resignation. Her term lasts through 2023.

Krueger and her husband, Keith, have lived in the Lakewood School District for 22 years, where they have enjoyed volunteering to support youth activities.

She has three children who have attended, or are currently attending, Lakewood schools.

"I am looking forward to serving the Lakewood community in this role. I believe all kids deserve a safe, inclusive, and high-quality educational experience."

AGRISCIENCE AND STEM FAIR AT LHS



When given the flexibility to pursue their passions in the name of science, students at LHS came up with a variety of projects for the Agriscience and STEM Fair on May 25. Students have been participating in Supervised Agricultural Experiences. For example, caring for animals, creating a cookbook, or restoring a mini bike. Students in Science 11 also participated in an Engineering Design Challenge. One student designed and built a prototype small-animal hay feeder, inspired by his chinchillas.

FFA TRAVELS TO STATE CONVENTION

Lakewood FFA is on the map! The LHS FFA Club re-chartered with National FFA in 2019. In May, the club traveled to the State Convention for the first time since its re-charter.



Members had a chance to test their agricultural knowledge and attend leadership workshops. They also toured Lamb Weston potato processing and Agri-Beef in Connell.



The Washington Association of School Administrators recognized LINC NW with a Community Leadership Award on May 26. From left: Erin Maas and Ryan Brown accepted the award. LHS teacher Stacy Lischke received an award for Leadership in Student Achievement. Superintendent Scott Peacock was recognized for 20 years of service as a WASA member.

A Message from Superintendent Scott Peacock

As we celebrate a year filled with student achievements, we can also look back upon this year as one that raised challenges. Our students had to learn how to live in community once again.

We have created a more robust toolbox to help all students navigate this world. With full-time counselors enhancing our expanded support staff at every school next year, staff are prepared to activate supports. Our free Summer Academy will also help students learn "through adventure, community and fun."

We continue to focus on belonging. Our equity team spent this year learning and thinking about how our community can build bridges. We are identifying opportunities to come together, for students to have a greater voice, for staff and parent partnerships.

There is still work to be done. Thank you for your partnership and support. I look forward to growing with all of you in the coming year.

Read the full message:
<https://bit.ly/3MAcyJS>

Lushootseed storytime brings Salish culture to class

During assemblies in June, students at all three elementary schools had a chance to hear stories in both English and the Lushootseed language.

Lois Landgrebe and John Waters from the Tulalip Tribe's Lushootseed Language Department played a drum song that is traditionally played during the tribe's Salmon Ceremony.



Students also heard the story of Mink and Tetyka, who went swimming to feed on salmon, but got into some trouble along the way.



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