

# Friends & Neighbors Newsletter



Sixth graders in Ron Detrick's Design Tech class test their wind turbine in the STEM Lab at Lakewood Middle School. The school is hosting an Open House for its STEM Lab on Thursday, March 31 from 5-7 p.m.

## Save the Date: Open house for STEM Lab at LMS is March 31

In Design Tech recently, a sixth grader designed her own game and printed the game pieces using 3D printers. Two other students used the laser printer to cut blades for a wind turbine from thin pieces of wood. They designed the blades using a computer program called Tinkercad.

Next door, in eighth grade robotics, students programmed Lego Mindstorms robots to measure distances. Students attached sensors to the robots and recorded the estimate at various distances.

See student projects like these for yourself on Thursday, March 31 from 5-7 p.m. Lakewood Middle School will host an open house for its STEM Lab,



Teacher Amie Browder works with students in her eighth grade robotics class at LMS.

which students began using last spring. In alignment with current Department of Health requirements, masks are required at indoor events. Please check our website closer to the event for changes and details.

## Board of Directors redistricting

### Request for public comment

Every 10 years, following the U.S. Census, Lakewood School District is required to redraw the boundaries of its Board of Directors' districts if there are significant population shifts. *Please note: Redistricting of School Board director boundaries does NOT affect student school attendance boundaries.*

The Board of Directors will meet to present proposed revisions for Director boundaries on Wednesday, March 2 at 6 p.m. via in-person at Lakewood High School Library or on Zoom. The Zoom link can be found at [www.lwsd.wednet.edu/redistricting](http://www.lwsd.wednet.edu/redistricting).

To attend in-person and/or comment during the meeting, please register on the website by 3 p.m. on March 2. Written comments may also be submitted via the website Feb. 24-Mar. 5. Draft Maps may be viewed on the website or the Administration Office: 17110 16th Drive NE, Marysville, WA 98271. If you have questions, email us, [info@lwsd.wednet.edu](mailto:info@lwsd.wednet.edu), or call (360) 652-4500.



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# Two new LHS classes for 2022-23 school year

## Advanced Animal Biology, Advanced Drama approved

Students will have two new advanced options after completing Animal Biology or Drama at Lakewood High School beginning next year. The Board of Directors approved the classes during its regular meeting on Feb. 2.

Animal Biology teacher Stacy Lischke sees a community need for more veterinarians and other animal specialists. Students in the class help foster kittens for NOAH (Northwest Organization for Animal Help) while learning biology. Students recently learned how to use Punnett Squares to determine the genetic traits of puppies.

In the Advanced Animal Biology course, Lischke plans to provide experiences with emotional support dogs in training, as well as experiences with large animals. The students will learn how to check temperature, pulse and respiration of the animals.



Students in Abby Cave's Plays and Productions class practice an improvisation game called "The Big Picture" in the LHS theater to help them think on their feet.



Animal Biology students and FFA club members help care for foster kittens from the NOAH animal shelter.

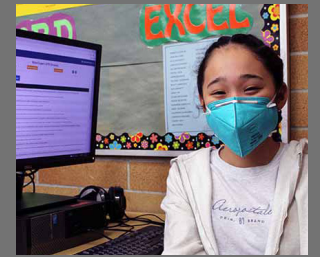
She plans to partner with local veterinary clinics for student internships. The class will also offer industry certification for

students who want to become veterinary assistants.

Another new class, Advanced Drama, will allow students to study, write and perform plays and study more complex material. It will also provide an avenue for 11th and 12th graders to fulfill an English requirement.

Teacher Abby Cave said students often repeat the Plays and Productions class because of their interest in theater. The class is studying the play *Cyrano de Bergerac*, was written in 1897 by Edmond Rostand. They also do improv games on Friday to practice speaking on their feet.

## STUDENT QUALIFIES FOR MICROSOFT OFFICE CHAMPIONSHIP



Congratulations to Madyson Jopling, an eighth grader at Lakewood Middle School, who has qualified for the 2022 Microsoft Office Specialist U.S. National Championship! She will compete at the national competition in Dallas, Texas June 20-22. She is currently preparing for the competition as a TA in Megan Moan's Office Tech class while taking the Word Expert Course.

All students take Office Tech as eighth graders, where they learn touch typing, Word, PowerPoint and Excel. Madyson said the class has helped her improve the quality of her assignments in other classes. She qualified to compete in both Word and Excel, but she had to choose one event. She's looking forward to competing in Microsoft Word at the competition.

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BEGINS WEDNESDAY,  
MARCH 9, 2022

Cougar Creek Elementary, English Crossing Elementary and Lakewood Elementary



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