

Friends & Neighbors Newsletter

Schools celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.

Speakers encourage students to bring light

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. wanted everyone to experience a sense of belonging. During virtual assemblies, speakers shared inspirational messages that encouraged students at Lakewood Middle School and Lakewood High School to use their talents to bring in others.

James Layman, from Association for Washington Student Leaders, challenged middle school students to be a light for others. He quoted from King, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that." He encouraged students to: Listen. Listen more. Listen stronger.

In a video from educator Erin Jones, students at LHS



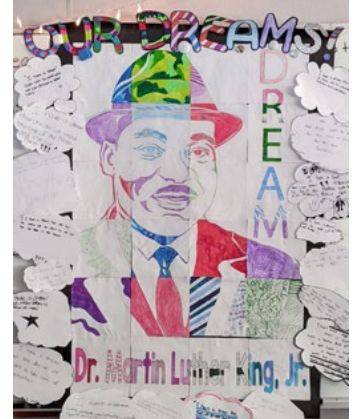
Lakewood High School's student leadership organized an "I Have a Dream" space on the library window for students to write their dreams for themselves and for their community.

considered the life and legacy of King through the lens of love, courage and sacrifice.

Jones encouraged students to think about the people on the margins of their communities. "Who doesn't have access to food? Who practices a

different religion? Who doesn't speak English?" She asked students to have the courage to call each other "into a better version of ourselves.... Make your community the best place it can be."

Teachers at LHS took time



Fifth graders at Lakewood Elementary created a collaborative piece of art while learning about King in January.

during their Friday early release to discuss belonging with Dr. Jennifer Wiley, founder of Developing Democracy Leadership and Organizational Development Consultants. After the full-group meeting, teachers discussed in small groups how to create a sense of belonging in classrooms.

JAKOBUS SETH, FOOTBALL STANDOUT, SIGNS WITH WSU



Jakobus Seth is officially headed to Washington State University. The LHS senior was awarded a Pac-12 scholarship to play football for the Cougs. He signed his National Letter of Intent on December 15 and was joined by his family and Head Coach Dan Teeter. He thanked the many people along the way who believed in him and helped him believe in himself – his family, coaches, teammates and community.

Schedule a Community Conversation on Zoom

Are you interested in a Community Conversation with 3-4 other people of your choice? Superintendent Scott Peacock would like to chat with you. Email Renee Harnden-Moore at RHarnden@lwsd.wednet.edu, or call 360-652-4500, to schedule.



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Capital Projects Update: STEM lab, addition at Support Services

District qualified for state dollars by finishing bond project

When Lakewood Middle School students returned to in-person learning last year, they came back to a new STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) lab.

To make space for the new classroom and our growing student population, the district is relocating some support staff to the Support Services Center, where buses and the Transportation Department are located.

Construction on a 2,100-square-foot addition at the Support Services Center began in May 2021 and is expected to be complete in late spring.

Both projects were funded by state School Construction Assistance Program funds.



Students in Amie Browder's eighth grade Robotics class program their Lego Mindstorms robots to measure distances using sensors attached to the robots. The STEM lab at Lakewood Middle School has 3D printers, laser printers, two classrooms, and wood-working equipment.

The district became eligible for \$12 million of construction assistance from the state after completing the Lakewood High School construction bond project.

As well as spaces for employees, the addition includes a shop so maintenance can do projects, such as welding, on site.

Lakewood School District has also applied for a conditional use permit to explore the feasibility of building a central administration building with remaining state funds. This would increase energy efficiency and communication among employees.

Currently, employees are spread out among four small



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buildings without any group meeting rooms for staff or community use. Three of the buildings were built for other purposes before the property belonged to the school district a century ago in the 1920s. They have a history of leaks and flooding. The fourth building is a leased portable.

The permitting process is expected to take about 12 months, after which time the board will decide whether to move forward with additional planning.

TECHNOLOGY SPOTLIGHT



What do you get when you add whiteboard capabilities to a flat-panel screen? A powerful teaching tool for teachers and students. Lisa Childress, above, uses a Boxlight interactive panel to show students how to solve a math problem during Algebra 2 at Lakewood High School. Interactive Boxlight panels for every classroom were funded by the Technology and Facilities Improvements Levy in 2016. The levy is up for renewal this April to provide funding from 2023-2026.

Are you 60+? Join the Classic Cougar Club

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

The Classic Cougar membership card entitles senior citizens in our community, 60 years and older, to be admitted to most "home" athletic and scholastic events. The card cannot be used for athletic playoff games or state-sponsored athletic events.

To receive a Classic Cougar Club card, stop by the district office or complete the application on our website:

www.lwsd.wednet.edu/community

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