

# Friends & Neighbors



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SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Sharing news from our schools that every community member should know....

From Superintendent Scott Peacock to you.



## Spotlight on Lakewood High School's Music Class by Mrs. Katy Trapp

It's November 2020 and we are still in Distance Learning 2.0. But in the LHS Music Classroom, we continue making music, laughing, smiling, and learning together every day! The 'how' might look different, but I hope that the 'how' is the only difference.

My goal in distance learning is to keep music class as 'normal' as possible. I start each class by playing music and we end each class with a thank you, 'heart hands', and smiles! As the kids enter the Zoom classroom each day, I have a song playing. The kids all try to guess the artist, the title, and other characteristics of the song. It's fun to see if they recognize music from 1920, 1940, a movie soundtrack, a musical, a classical piece, or whatever genre I play each day. They are getting quite good! Then we move into warm-ups... yes, we still play instruments and sing in class! We work on technique, talk through new content, practice skills to be successful in our learning. The students then use an online platform to practice on their own. The online program allows the students to have music on their computer at home, gives them instant feedback, and then allows them to record their practice so that I can listen and assess their musical learning. Hearing the student's recordings is one of my favorite things!

We are working toward our Virtual Winter Concert right now (which will take place just before Winter Break) and I'm so excited to have our students perform for the community! We had the opportunity to have a double Grammy award-winning jazz musician in a Zoom session with the jazz choir this year and many other exciting things are on the horizon. Wonderful things are happening! So, even though the 'how' is different, LHS music is STILL moving with the same 'why' of learning, loving, inspiring, and encouraging the spirits of the students in the classroom every day!



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## Reopening Lakewood Schools: A Community Priority

We all want Lakewood schools to reopen for in-person learning. Our students need personal contact with friends, teachers, and the school community.

Recently, our district made a concerted effort to return K-2 students to in-person learning in a hybrid model (two days per week in-person and three days of distance learning). We also planned to return athletes to limited in-person activities outdoors. The start date for these priorities was November 16th. An ongoing explosion in case rates, hospitalizations, and other key indicators across the county and community forced us to put those plans on hold until after we return from the holidays. After January 4th, we will review trends and once again work toward phasing our students back to in-person learning.

As I shared previously, we have more than 250 students currently receiving in-person supports. So far, we have found the robust protective measures in place effective at protecting the staff and student in these small group or individualized settings. We have been able to monitor everyone individually.

All of us working in the schools are hopeful that with a community-wide effort that prioritizes returning students to in-person learning, we can take steps to bring the cases and transmission rates down. Collectively observing health and safety precautions will do more than anything to enable schools to open as quickly and safely as possible. Such efforts ensure that our district's equipment and protocols have a reasonable chance to be successful when we add several hundred more students to school.

Our schools and staff have our plans in place. We are ready.

## 600 Computers Coming to Lakewood Schools



The State of Washington recently announced a priority to provide more computer devices to local school districts, using CARES Act funding. Lakewood School District requested and was granted 600 devices, due for delivery by the end of this month. These are Microsoft Windows devices that are compatible with our Chrome-based platform. We will be able to set them all up to access our district-identified learning resources and learning management systems—MS Teams and Seesaw.

We are excited that this grant from the state allows us to be in a position to provide computers to students on a 1:1 basis.

### Sign-up for a Community Conversation

As a reminder, I am continuing to extend invitations for community conversations. This is so important to me and the future of our district.

If you are interested in signing up for and identifying 3-4 other people for a conversation, please call my assistant, Sophia Deogun at 360-652-4500 or email [sdeogun@lwsd.wednet.edu](mailto:sdeogun@lwsd.wednet.edu).

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