

# Friends & Neighbors



LAKESWOOD  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

From Superintendent Scott Peacock to you.



## Voices of Lakewood

As trying as this time may be, it is a period in our lives that we will always remember. That our children will remember.

What will you hang on to after this ends? Small (or large) gestures of kindness from a neighbor? The pain of losing a family member or friend? New traditions with your family over dinner, games, or schoolwork? Ensuring there is food on the table?

To capture our varied experiences during the Covid-19 outbreak, Lakewood School District is introducing "Voices of Lakewood: During the Pandemic". Our purpose is to create a virtual time-capsule that our entire community can pass along to our current Kindergartners as they eventually come of age and graduate 12 years from now.

Here's how it will work:

- Identify a memory—a lesson, challenge, joy or experience—that you would like to share with our Kindergartners when they graduate in 2032
- You can capture your message in writing, through a photo, and/or a short audio or video clip
- Written submissions should be 100 words or less (either poetry or prose)
- Video or audio submissions should be less than two minutes. Video submissions should be in mp4 format. Audio submissions should be in mp3 format.

Upload your submission by visiting our website at [www.lwsd.wednet.edu](http://www.lwsd.wednet.edu). We will also ask you to provide your name, role/relationship to our district or students, your phone number and email. This way we can reach out to you if we have any questions or problems. Please know that creating and uploading the files will be up to you. We don't have tech support to provide assistance. Thank you for your support

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## SCHOOL FUNDING PRIMER

### Budget Planning Underway

Lakewood administration and staff are in the midst of budget planning for the 2020-21 school year. Our district faces multiple challenges as we prioritize the services and supports that will shape learning this coming school year.

The fact that local levy funding for our schools has not been approved by Lakewood voters for the 2021 calendar year has required us to wrestle with a funding gap of about \$3.25 million from previous years. Combined with anticipated reductions in state funding over the next three years, we are evaluating all programs and staffing decisions for potential cuts.

In light of the many changes we've seen in the last two months, the Lakewood School Board is also re-evaluating what levy funding measures will be on the ballot this fall. More information will be coming.

Given the almost unimaginable challenges that we are all experiencing, our community's children continue to inspire, impress and uplift all of us. Their promise and energy help to keep our heads high and our eyes focused on a future that will bring us all together in learning once again. Thanks so much to parents, friends, and neighbors for your support, kindness, and daily acts of generosity.



## English Crossing Recognized for Learning Improvement

English Crossing Elementary School has been recognized by the Washington State Board of Education during Washington School Recognition Week (April 27-May 1) for the growth of students identifying as Hispanic and students who qualify for the free and reduced price lunch program during the 2018-19 school year. English Crossing's performance in this area was in the top 10% of the state. Congratulations to the ECE school community!

## Lakewood Staff Supports the Marysville Community Food Bank

The Lakewood School District staff (classified, certificated, and administrative) recognize that with Governor Inslee's "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order many of our families are in need of support.

Since March 31st, staff members have contributed more than \$ 3,000 to the Marysville Community Food Bank. Our staff has also contributed food and volunteer support. We are all stronger when we look out for one another.



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