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School

Thank you Beautification Day Volunteers!

A huge thanks to all of our volunteers, especially the approximately 100 students who did an amazing job working our school gardens. Weeds were pulled, plants were trimmed, dead plants were removed and a HUGE pile of mulch was spread. This collaboration between the ASB & PTSA is a great example of the power of teamwork and Kang spirit.



Tere Kaulfus LWHS PTSA President

From The Counseling Center

PSAT Results

On October 10, all sophomores and many juniors took the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Typically, College Board sends the results in early January, but students may be able to view their results as early as December. Students are encouraged to log on to the website given to review test questions and even try some challenge questions. Students can also go to their Math and English teachers with PSAT questions and/or read their interpretation booklets for additional explanation on the variables that can affect scores. This is the first pre-college type of test for most of our sophomores and our goal is to have students look at their results with those variables in mind. They may be disappointed in their results, but they can take consolation in the fact that much learning can take place between now and the spring of their junior year when they will be taking the SAT I or the ACT. And, if their scores are high now, it can be a good boost in their self-confidence.

Senior Update

On October 10 while the freshmen, sophomores, and juniors were listening to speakers or taking the PSAT or the ASVAB, seniors were managing their own busy schedules. Seniors chose from ten different workshops, in addition to the mandatory job/Volunteering opportunities fair in the gym. Because they chose the workshops that were important to them, students should have been able to have their individual questions answered and have a plan moving forward. If seniors still have questions or wish to further discuss their post high school options, please encourage them to meet with their counselor.

Freshman Presentation

During RooTime on October 25, all freshmen will attend a presentation in the gym.

Marilyn Hargraves

LWHS Attendance Specialist

Pre-Arranged Absence Form

If your student will be absent for any reason other than being sick, they must complete the <u>pre-arranged absence form</u> at least one week in advance. For absences of 1-4 days, only page 1 is required. Absences of 5 or more days also require the student to complete page 2, get teacher and parent signatures. Form must be turned into attendance office to ensure absences are excused.



Absence Form

Suzie Connor LWHS Attendance Specialist

All Grades

Reflections: Heroes Around Me

This an opportunity for your LWHS student to use their creative talents to honor a hero or heroes that have had an impact on them or other individuals.

Reflections is an arts competition offered through the LWHS PTSA. Students enter a piece of art that goes through a judging process at the high school level with the potential to advance to the Council, State and National level.

Click the button on the right for information about the program, including the entry form. Then create your piece of art! Submit your entry along with a completed entry form to the main office by **Wednesday October 31 at 2pm**.

Pam Hay LWHS PTSA Reflections Chair



Reflections Information

Seniors

LWHS Class of 2019 Senior Party

Your Senior is invited to a safe and fun-filled post-graduation all-night party sponsored by the LWHS PTSA.

When: Monday, June 17, 2019 - after Graduation which is at 5pm at Hec Edmundsen Pavillion at UW.

Where: It's a secret! There will be lots of great activities,

entertainment and food.

Start: 9:00pm (check-in begins) at LWHS **End**: 5:30am on Tuesday, June 18, at LWHS

See information page for details of how to sign up.

Save with Early Purchase! The earlier you purchase tickets, the less you'll pay. Tickets are non-refundable.

• \$165 from now to 12/31/18



Information Page

- \$180 1/1/19 through 4/30/19
- \$200 after 5/1/19

Contact us regarding scholarship information.

Would you like to volunteer? To have a safe and wellorganized event, Volunteers are needed to chaperone the night of the Party. Please contact us if you are interested.

<u>Debi Blaskovich</u> and <u>Mindy Lincicome</u> LWHS PTSA Senior Party Chairs

So many application deadlines coming up!

Early Action, Early Decision and don't forget UW's deadline on 11/15!

College Application Workshop provides trained volunteers to assist with essay and personal statement editing every Wednesday during ROO and after school (12:55) in the College and Career Center. Encourage your student to join us for editing support and a snack!

And, don't forget, we offer college admission interview practice, every Wednesday after school at 12:55.

Many colleges offer an interview -- on campus, over skype, or in person with an admission representative or an alumni. Doing the interview gives colleges another opportunity to learn about your student. Interview prep is provided by an experienced volunteer who has performed college interviews for a highly selective university. She'll share her expertise and help your student feel confident in their interview skills.

Judy Shedd College Application Workshop Chair



More Information

En Español

PTSA

What is PTA/PTSA all about, and why should you join?

Thank you so much, parents and staff, for your continued support of the Lake Washington High School PTSA. Your membership truly makes a difference in the lives of our students and all kids throughout our state thanks to the extraordinary work of the Washington State PTA which advocates every day for our kids. See how you can help our PTSA impact students right here at LWHS by viewing the video!



Join LWHS PTSA

Thank you!

A huge "thank you!" to everyone involved in creating the video linked above, including Connor Brents, Lauren Popelka, and Rachel East. We need to highlight the work of a particular senior at LWHS, Scout Mc Mullin, for her outstanding creativity and technical skills in creating the PTSA video linked above. She has been doing video production for Kang News for 3 years and we expect has a fantastic career in film awaiting her. If you have a need for freelance video work, feel free to contact her.



DID YOU KNOW...

- ... a PTSA Membership is valid for one year? If you haven't done so already, please JOIN for the first time or RENEW your membership today! <u>Join here!</u>
- ... "Pass-the-Pouch" donations fund activities, equipment and supplies that make a real difference for students and teachers at LWHS? Please donate and help us reach our goal of \$23,000! We're about 80% of the way there and need your support! Donate here!
- ... once we reach our annual membership & fundraising goals, the Kang Crier will have additional space for OTHER more interesting articles? By joining PTSA & donating, you are teaming up with other dedicated parents in support of our LWHS community. Visit our website!

We'd love to have you on our team!

Tere Kaulfus LWHS PTSA President

Hello from your Advocacy lead

I am excited to join the PTSA board as an Advocacy lead. I will provide relevant information about legislation. On October 4th, at the LWPTSA Council meeting, Initiative 1639, which will be on the November ballot, was "endorsed & supported" by the council members by unanimous vote.

Shub Kanetkar LWHS PTSA Advocacy Chair



Info on Initiative 1639

Social and Emotional Learning Brown Bag

LWPTSA Council is hosting a Brown Bag with Matt Gillingham, Director of Student Services to discuss Social and Emotional Learning. Bring your lunch and learn how SEL impacts student learning and student personal lives. Please join us! When: 12 - 1PM, Thursday, October 18 Where: Sammamish Room at LWSD Resource Center



District Special Needs Group Meeting

What: Special Needs Group's October meeting

When: Tuesday, October 16 - Coffee at 6:30 p.m.,

Meeting begins at 7 p.m.

Where: LWSD Resource Center in Redmond Town

Center

Childcare: Complimentary child care is available for

meeting attendees. (RSVP requested)

Dr. Shannon Hitch, Director of Special Services, LWSD will be speaking. Please come meet your Associate Director, and hear our new Director, Dr. Shannon Hitch, speak about the Special Services department. This is a great opportunity to meet the district support people in your area, and to meet other parents. We look forward to seeing you there.

More Information

Jennifer MacLachlan & Crystal Floyd
LWPTSA School Liaison & Coordinator

New and International Families Welcome Events

LWPTSA Council and the LWSD are pleased to offer Welcome Events for New and International Families! Parents will hear how to navigate the school system and PTSA will share information about the role of PTSA and how to get involved in schools. Breakout sessions included on the following topics: America 101, Managing Stress Around Relocation and Events and Activities in the Pacific Northwest.



am - Noon

(identical information presented on both dates)

WHERE: LWSD Resource Center

PLEASE RSVP: Register at http://www.lwptsa.net



Download Flyer

flyer en español

Coffee Invitation to LWHS Parents of Special Needs Students!

When: October 23rd, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Where: LWHS in Room 162 Snacks and beverages provided.

All Parents Welcome! Hosted by: LWHS PTSA

Contacts: Lisa Earl and Gwen Alharbi, Special Needs

Chairs, LWHS PTSA

Irene Neumann, Chair, Family and Community

Engagement (FACE), LWHS PTSA



Orchestra Concert - Wed Oct 17 @7pm

No School: LEAP Day - Fri Oct 19

Wear Orange: Unity Day (National Bullying Prevention) - Wed Oct 24

Play: The Diary of Anne Frank - Fri Oct 26, Sat Oct 27 @7pm

Band Concert - Mon Oct 29 @7pm

Choir Concert - Tue Oct 30 @7pm

Last Day of First Quarter - Tue Nov 6

No School: Veterans Day - Mon Nov 12

Poetry Slam - Tue Nov 20 @6:30pm

Half Day - Wed Nov 21

High School Winter Sports Begin Mon Nov 12

High School Winter Sports begin on Monday November 12th. Registration for winter sports is available now via Parent Access. Step by step instructions are available on the LWHS Athletics webpage https://lwhs.lwsd.org/athletics. Athletic Eligibility Clearance Cards ("Yellow Cards") are available in the Athletic Office Monday October 29th — Thursday November 8th between 7:30 and 3:00pm. Please note that the Athletic Office will be closed Friday November 9th, due to the Fall Sport State Championships. All school offices will be closed Monday November 12th in observance of Veteran's Day. Since students are not allowed to tryout or practice without a Yellow Card, please ensure that you and your student have completed all registration steps and obtained the Yellow Card before November 9th.

Heard about that GALAPAGOS trip for spring Break 2019?

There's STILL ROOM!!! We're taking a cruise to see all the islands have to offer. If you would like to join us for this once in a lifetime experience, check out our website. Questions?



Mr. Palmer, Mrs. Wilson, Ms. Zydel

<u>Website</u> <u>Facebook</u> <u>Join/Donate</u> <u>Amazon</u> <u>FredMeyer</u>

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