



Update

December 20, 2018



Whatever is beautiful. Whatever is meaningful. Whatever bring you happiness.
May it be yours this holiday season and throughout the coming year.

Wishing you peace, love, and joy this Holiday Season and throughout 2019.



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Safety tips for the holidays

As the holiday break approaches and last minute shopping becomes more critical, it's important to keep safety on our minds. Here are a few general tips to keep in mind:

- √ It gets dark early now, and many of us do not get off work until it is already dark outside. Be aware of your surroundings when you leave the security of your school, shopping mall or friend's home. Look around you and pay attention to what is going on. If you are walking alone, be especially vigilant.
- √ Do not walk with Bluetooth devices or headphones on and music turned up so loud that you cannot hear what is going on around you.
- √ Keep your electronics and other valuables secure and out of sight, especially when in public or when traveling on public transportation.
- √ Do not hang your purse, briefcase, or bag from the back of a chair. If you must do this, be sure to cover it with your coat for added protection.
- √ Do not drop off packages or other store bought items in your car if you are still shopping.
- √ When shopping and running errands, park in a well- lit space. Think about the amount of time you will be in that store or mall. If it's likely to be dark when you finish, be sure to park as close to the door as possible.
- √ Packages left on porches or doorsteps are "easy picking" for thieves. It also draws unwanted attention to your home.
- √ Always lock your home's doors and windows, even if you're only gone for a few minutes.
- √ Pay attention to your instincts and surroundings. If you feel uncomfortable in a situation, seek safety. Be vigilant. If you see something, say something.

LWEA office closed

The LWEA office will be closed from December 24 – January 4, to allow the office staff to spend time with their families during the holidays.

We will return on January 7. Please keep in mind that we will not be checking voice mail or e-mail during the break.



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FRIENDS IN NEED



We have several members who are in need of **Shared Leaved**. Please consider donating by filling out a donation form and sending it to HR. Donation forms can be found in your building – check with your office manager. Thank you.

- Robert Hines, teacher at Rush Elementary, has been out since October for medical reasons. He is in need of sick leave to continue his recovery.
- Whitney Blackstone, Interventionist at John Muir Elementary is requesting leave so she can stay home to care for her newborn daughter. She was born with severe hip issues and has been in a full-body brace since 10 days old.
- Lauren Haule, teacher at Redmond HS, is in need of shared leave for her upcoming C-Section in February. This will allow her time to heal and bond with her newborn.

Keep an Eye on your US Mail

You will be receiving a Notice of Nominations and Elections for the LWEA Executive Board and WEA and NEA Rep Assemblies. If you do not receive a letter by January 7, send an email to [Terri Neely](#) with your home address.

Nominations open on Monday, January 7th at 9:00 AM and close on Friday, January 18th at 5:00 PM.



Marketplace

Ads are run in the Update on a first come, first served basis. All ads need to be in written form. Send directly to [Sheila Hagerman](#) in the LWEA office.

All ads are subject to the approval of the LWEA Executive Committee and may be edited for length.



Dec 21

First Day of Winter
Bundle Up

Dec 22 – Jan 6

Winter Break
Relax
Enjoy
Rejuvenate!

Jan 8

Exec Committee Mtg

Jan 9

Reduce Strife Class

Jan 10

PD Planning Mtg

Jan 15

Rep Assembly

Start the New Year off Right - Join Us for

Reducing Strife in Your Life: January 9, 4:30 – 7:00 PM Dinner will be served. Our goal is to have each participant leave with at least one practical tip or technique that will help deal with the stressors of everyday life. Take a few moments for YOU! Register by contacting [Terri Neely](#) at the LWEA office. See [flyer](#)

Wine & Wisdom: Micro-aggressions in Our Schools: January 16, 4:30 PM @ Big Fish Grill Learn about microaggressions in our workplace and how it can affect our students. Meet educators in our district that look like our students in the classroom. RSVP with [Maryziel Galarpe](#), Ethnic Minority Representative. See [flyer](#)

Newbie Nights – Communicating w/out Putting Your Foot in Your Mouth: January 24, 4:30 – 7:00 PM Dinner will be served. Our *third session* will teach you how to quickly resolve conflicts and master those difficult conversations with students, parents, teachers, principals and other school employees. We will look at strategies from a variety of different resources and tools that will help you develop your communication style to help you advocate for your students and yourself. Register by contacting [Terri Neely](#) at the LWEA office. See [flyer](#)

FOR SALE

2 Video Cards: **Gtx 1080** ti Asus ROG strix gaming edition 11gb oc: New/Refurbished \$1200 OBO. **Gtx 970** gigabyte gaming edition 4gb: Used, in great shape \$250. Contact Terri Neely (LWEA Office) 425-443-2619 text or call

Revelry Chiffon Skirt and Sequin Top: Clara Chiffon Skirt Size 12 BerryWine (now called Sangia) and Black Sequin Top Size L. Perfect for holiday party. New \$220 – Yours for \$120 obo <https://shoprevelry.com/all-bridesmaid-dresses> Contact Terri Neely (LWEA) 425-443-2619 text or call

FOR RENT

Room for rent in large home south of downtown Bellevue starting January. \$875 + utilities. Private room & bath. Big fenced-in backyard and deck, lots of storage space, washer/dryer, parking included. Pets considered. Current tenants are two 20-something females. For more information, contact Rachel Christensen (Evergreen MS) raechristensen@hotmail.com

