



Update - Stay Connected

March 2, 2020

LWSD SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR CHANGES

Due to the canceled days (January 13, 14 and 15) the following changes will be made to the LWSD 2019-20 calendar:

- Tuesday, May 26 is now a full school day. (NOTE: Previously, this was scheduled as a No School: Snow Make-up Day)
- Wednesday, June 17 is now a 1.5-hour early release Wednesday. (NOTE: For certified staff, this will be Individual Planning and Preparation LEAP Day. Previously, this was scheduled to be a half day for the last day of school.)
- Thursday, June 18 is now a regular school day.
- Friday, June 19 is now a Half-Day: Last Day of School

This new calendar means the last day of school will be on June 19, 2020 (and will be a half day). See [LWSD 2019-20 Revised Calendar](#)



You Count. Be Counted.

Counting for the 2020 Census begins this month, and the results will significantly impact our school district and the lives of our students. Educators are an important voice in sharing clear and accurate information about the Census. Did you know this week is Statistics in Schools Week? We've gathered many resources for you to use in your school and your classroom this spring as the Census is taken: <https://www.lakewashingtonea.org/my-profession/2020-census/>.

In late February schools received posters and stickers from OSPI. Talk to your principal about how best to share these materials with students.

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Awareness - Reflection - Action

LWEA Equity Conference 2020

Saturday, March 28

8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

For more info – see [LWEA Equity Conf Flyer](#) **Direct Registration Link:** [LWEA Equity Conf 2020](#) After you “Submit” registration, you will be taken to the WEA page to select courses for each Session and make payment (free to LWEA members). **Registration is FREE to LWEA members by using the Discount Code: Equity414**

Don't miss out. Registration opens to all other WEA Councils TODAY!

Teachers of Students with Vision Impairments

The State of Washington is in great need of new Teachers of Students with Vision Impairments. This is a great program opportunity to become a teacher of students with vision impairments at no cost to you. It is open to all general and special education teachers. Classes are live via the internet and you will be certified in a year's time. If interested or know someone who is: see [WA SFASU Application](#) The application states March 1 deadline this has been extended to April 1.

Reminder: Changes Are Coming to the Update!

Our goal is to move all Update communications to home email and/or text by May 1, 2020.

After May 1, you can find/receive the Update on the LWEA website, on your home email or by text.

- To receive the Update by text, join the text line by texting: **LWEAINFO to 414-11**
- To receive the Update on your home email you MUST complete the google doc form. Even if you receive it on your home email now, you still need to complete the form. All current distribution lists will be deleted. Complete the Home Email google doc now. [Update Email Google Form](#)

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**LWEA -
this is your
union!**

Wine & Wisdom

Identifying Institutional Racism and How to Overcome It

Identifying structural barrier to eradicate institutional racism: How educators and union can collaborate to support students to achieve inclusion, integration, equality, and equity.



When: March 25, 4:30 -6:00 pm

Where: Matt's Rotisserie & Oyster Lounge

More Info: [W&W Flyer](#)

Educators of Color Gathering

Connecting Educators of Color, **Sharing** ideas/struggles and **Empowering** each other to make change.

Guest Speak: Johnny Phu, Director of Student Services See [EoC Flyer](#)

Featuring a Panel of Students of Color

Join us for a light dinner and door prizes

March 26th, 2020 (Yes! There was a date change)

LWEA Office, 4:30-7:00pm **RSVP** as it helps us order food: LWEA-FOC@lwsd.org

Elementary Teachers: Check Your February Pay Stub

You are encouraged to check your February pay stub to ensure you received the conference stipend. If you did not, and this is of concern to you, contact [Terri Neely](#) at the LWEA Office.

Marketplace

Ads are run in the Update on a first come, first served basis. All ads must include a home email and/or phone number. Send directly to [Terri Neely](#) in the LWEA office.

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



March 3

Exec Committee Mtg

March 4 & 5

SpEd for GenEd
&
Autism PD

March 6 & 7

STEM Integration PD

March 8

Daylight Saving Time

March 9

PD Planning Mtg

March 10

Rep Assembly



Newbie Night, March 18 Reflections

For More Info: [Newbie Night Reflects](#)

These evenings are designed for teachers with 6 or few years experience - however, **EVERYONE** is welcome to join. Come share your expertise or gain some - we want to see you here. We will provide you with hospitality, dinner and strategies for future success.

TAX PREPARATION SERVICES: Over 40 years experience preparing taxes by retired LWEA member and building rep specializing in small businesses and educators. Plenty of references upon request. Discounts to LWEA members. Call Hargraves Tax Service 425-836-2625 or email sandyhargraves@hotmail.com

NEA and WEA Member Benefits:

The NEA Retirement Program, part of your WEA and NEA Member Benefits has recently appointed an independent financial advisor as the NEA Retirement Specialist for Lake Washington. Sumner Cortessis is a Financial Advisor with Cetera Investors who has specialized working with educators over the past 4 years. He enjoys providing education and guidance to members about their State Pension or 403(b) options, and developing customized strategies to help members achieve their own financial goals.

If you have questions about any of your financial planning needs, please feel free to contact Sumner at:

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