



Update - Stay Connected

February 10, 2021

Enjoy Your Mid-Winter Break

You have earned it!

Relax

Enjoy

Refresh

Unplug

Things to do when you're Stuck at Home – Time Out.com

Solve your way out of an online escape room

Take a literary tour of the world

Take an Instagram baking class

Join a virtual choir

Host virtual murder mystery

Bring an Aquarium into your home

Learn Japanese for free

Gasp at the gravity-defying feats of Cirque du Soleil

Cook Something New

Tour Japan's most spectacular Cherry Blossom displays

Tour the USA's greatest National Parks

Play Pictionary with a robot

Learn to play guitar

Catch up on Your Sleep!!

Work Email and the Use of Personal Devices for Work



What you should know:

- Anything that creates a “record” related to teaching is subject to a public records request. This includes your work email and the use of a personal device in relation to teaching.
- If you don’t want the District or the general public to read something, keep it off your work email.
- If you use a **personal device** for **public work** then it could be subject to disclosure and public records requests. To make your life easier, find a way to archive the work-related “records” (files, documents, pictures) that you create on your personal device so that you can easily locate and turn them over if asked by the District.

Professional Funds 2020-21

Most of your Professional Fund questions can be answered by reading your Professional Fund form and reviewing the district [PF Q&A LWSD](#). Only after reviewing, if you still have questions, please send to askprofessionalfund@lwsd.org. Eligibility questions should go to Tyler Harris. If you want to take less than your eligible amount, you will need to email Tyler Harris.

Guidelines:

- Deadline to submit Professional Funds receipts is June 1, 2021. Don’t wait – begin gathering your documentation for submission.
- Accumulate receipts up to allowable amount and submit any time prior to the deadline.
- Purchases must be made between June 1, 2020 and May 31, 2021.
- Purchases must be on a separate itemized receipt and cannot contain other personal items.
- All materials purchased will remain the property of the District.

Allowable Expenses:

- Home internet, you can claim \$50/month. It does not matter if bundled amount is more or less.
- Cell phone data, you can claim \$41.67/month. It does not matter if bundles amount is more or less.
- Union dues, simply complete the LWEA Dues Receipt. [LWEA Dues Receipt](#)



Newbie Nights – Join Us

Change is happening, again?!

How do I continue to change and stay healthy?

Circles of Control, Influence & Concern

For more information and to register, see [Circles of Control, Influence & Control](#)

You don’t need to be a new teacher to join – everyone is welcome 😊

LWEA Office is relocating. We will move into our Redmond location later this year.

425-822-3388



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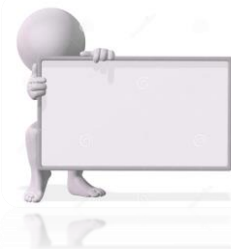
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this is your union!**



Color your World with Words

As a result of a new business item at last year's WEA Rep Assembly, your Association is publishing a quarterly list of books by authors of color for educators so they can help students see themselves in the pages of a book. [Check out and download our winter book list.](#)

Professional Learning Series

Do you enjoy working with adults and sharing information and strategies they can use with their students? Do you have an area of expertise that could benefit your colleagues? If so, submitting a Professional Learning Series course proposal might be a great next step!

Classes offered through the Professional Learning Series provide opt-in professional learning to LWSD certificated staff on a variety of education topics to support quality instruction and student success. Most Professional Learning Series classes are originally proposed and taught by certificated staff.

If you have an interest in pursuing this leadership opportunity, contact Professional Learning to request the Professional Learning Series Proposal Form. Proposals are reviewed monthly and if yours is approved, you'll be on your way to sharing your knowledge with other staff in the district!

- Request Proposal form: proflearn@lwsd.org
- Contact: Brenda Quayle (bquayle@lwsd.org)

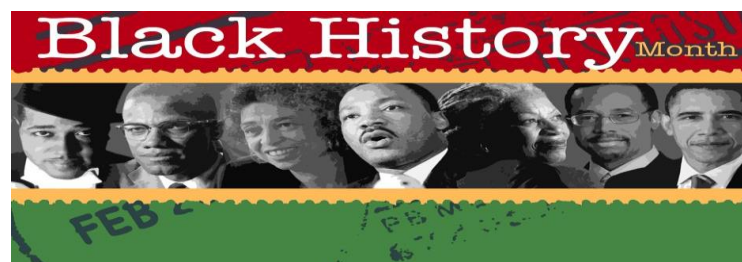
Non-profit, STEM-IB Summer Program Teacher Position

I oversee the non-profit STEM programming of the National Inventors Hall of Fame that is led by local educators for Washington state. We are seeking a new site leader for our Sammamish area [Camp Invention](#) program and several teachers recommended the LWEA publication to see if you'd be open to putting a blurb in there for us.

With Summer Recovery learning being at the forefront focus right now, we are thrilled to have a strong solution as our summer program is inquiry-based and fosters collaboration and innovation mindset through cross-cutting content that aligns to Common Core, NGSS and CASEL standards. See attached for additional information.

The National Inventors Hall of Fame is seeking a teacher for the Sammamish area one-week blended summer, IB/PBL STEM, non-profit program to serve as the site leader. For additional information on the program see: <https://www.invent.org/programs/camp-invention>. To learn more about the site director role and compensation, contact Annette Phillips at aphillips@invent.org.

Celebrate and Honor



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.



Feb 11-15
Mid-Winter Break

Feb 12
Chinese New Year

Feb 14
Valentine's Day

Feb 15
Presidents Day

Feb 18
K-1 Return to In-Person



A Friend in Need



Christine Winterbrook - K5HC Team Member in Accelerated Programs – Supports Rosa Parks Elementary and Sandburg/Discovery Elementary School Highly Capable Students. Christine is currently undergoing chemotherapy and recovering from radiation therapy for Stage IV non-small cell lung cancer with the EGFR mutation which is a non-smoker's form of lung cancer. In November, she was found to have a metastatic tumor in her spine and underwent 10 cycles of radiation during winter break. The radiation caused increased inflammation that resulted in a blood clot near her spine. Shortly after radiation ended, it was discovered that a tumor in her lung had active cancer and she has now started 4 rounds (12 weeks) of chemotherapy.

Please consider donating **Shared Leave** by filling out a donation form and sending it to HR. Check with your office manager to obtain a form. Thank you.

WEA Human and Civil Rights Award

Do you know of anyone or a group of individuals making a difference in the world? If yes, nominate them for a WEA Human and Civil Rights Award.

The WEA Human and Civil Rights Committee is accepting nominations for individuals or groups who are involved in exceptional work in the areas of community service, cultural awareness, international peace and understanding, and student involvement in Washington state. Anyone from the community can nominate a person or group for the awards.

[Nominations can be submitted online](#). All nominations are due by 4 p.m. Friday, March 5.

Winners will be presented with a special Human and Civil Rights Award, a \$250 check and local and state recognition.

Questions? Contact [Yvonne O'Neill](#).

RETIREMENT



Pre-Retirement Seminar

Taking charge of your future.

March 13, 2021 Via: Zoom

8:00 AM (Estimated 3-4hours)

Members who plan on retiring in 2021 will be given priority. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

Direct questions and return [Pre-Retirement Seminar](#) form to [Diana Wagner](#).