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May 4, 2022

Spring/Summer Certification Training And Clock Hour Opportunities

WEA offers trainings to help you navigate your next steps with your certification. All trainings are online, open only to WEA members and provide free clock hours. There are five different certification training programs:

- **Certification 101**
 - Free, 2-hour trainings to help educators understand the latest state certification requirements for teachers, CTE teachers and Educational Staff Associates (ESAs)
- **Professional Growth Plan (PGP Support)**
 - Free, 2-3 hour trainings to support certificated educators to create PGPs for certificate renewal and salary advancement purposes
- **National Board Information Sessions**
 - Free, 2 hour training options to support certificated educators considering National Board Certification process through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
- **National Board Certification Jump Start**
 - \$75 registration fee, with scholarship options available; Multiple 3-hour modules over the course of one or two weeks
 - Focus on the four required assessment components; relevant for new candidates beginning the NB Certification process
- **National Board Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Jump Start & Support**
 - Multiple events, \$20/event fee
 - Focus on the new MOC process for renewing one's NB certificate

All trainings are led by WEA's amazing Certification Cadre and NB trainers. Trainers are all practicing educators and will support you through a variety of online instructional approaches. You can learn more about course content, training dates and register here: [Certification | Washington Education Association \(washingtonea.org\)](https://www.washingtoneducation.org/certification)

Puget Sound Educational Service District (psed): to find out more about Professional Learning, Events, Clock Hours, Registration and to view their catalog, go here: [Professional Learning/Clock Hours - Puget Sound Educational Service District 121 \(psed.org\)](https://www.psed.org/professional-learning/clock-hours)

LWSD Summer Book Study: (see page 2)

TRAINING



LWSD Summer Book Study:

Groups of three to nine staff members can earn clock hours and pay for meeting four times this summer to discuss one of four books. All four titles connect directly to the district's strategic plan objectives to support Equity, Inclusion, SEL, and Effective Instruction and two of the four titles are a great fit for classified staff. Texts will be provided!

- Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connection and the Language of Human Experience
- Belonging Through a Culture of Dignity: The Keys to Successful Equity Implementation
- Reclaiming Personalized Learning: A Pedagogy for Restoring Equity and Humanity in Our Classrooms
- UDL Now!

*New this year! Classified staff may choose any one of the four titles. *Atlas of the Heart and Belonging Through a Culture of Dignity* are broadly applicable; *Reclaiming Personalized Learning and UDL Now!* are classroom specific.

Anyone who wishes to participate must form or join a group, identify someone willing to serve as a group leader and register individually on Cornerstone. Cornerstone registration is open! Check out this flyer for further details and email proflearn@lwsd.org if you have questions!

Learn more about clock hours, materials, and meeting details here: [Summer Book Study 2022](#)

Retiring or leaving the district at the end of the school year?

The district is holding informational meetings where payroll staff will answer question on topics such as sick leave cash out, VEBA, Cobra, medical and optional benefits.

- Thursday May 5, 2022, 4:00-5:00PM
- Tuesday May 17, 2022, 4:00-5:00PM

Please register for a session by emailing Linda Hannah at lhannah@lwsd.org to reserve your space and to receive a retirement packet.

Social Security Webinar sponsored by The Partners Group: **TODAY, May 4**

Social Security 101 webinar is hosted by Kirk Larson, public affairs specialist for the Social Security Administration. See [SS Flyer](#) or click [here](#) to register for the webinar

NOTE: To understand your own personal benefits, please open an online account before signing on to the webinar. The Social Security presentation will start with a review of the online statement. Please print and have your Benefit Statement with you for the webinar. You can view your work history and obtain estimates of your future benefits. Even if you are unable to attend, opening an account is the best option to understand your future benefits. Go to <https://www.ssa.gov/myaccount/> and create an account.

Department of Retirement seminars

Need to know more about retirement? DRS is offering several Webinars through June on a variety of topics

- Applying for retirement
- Budget and debt management
- Purchasing an annuity or service credit
- Plan basics for TRS and SERS
- Estimate your benefits
- DCP withdrawals

Click [here](#) to sign up for a DRS Webinar

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Educators of Color— Last Gathering of the Year

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

Where: New LWEA Office—8575 164th Ave NE Suite 100, Redmond, WA 98052

When: May 25, 2022, 4:30-6:00pm

Dinner will be provided! Please **RSVP by May 13th** at LWEA-EOC@lwsd.org so we have a proper headcount!

Lots of love to our members!

~The EoC Planning Team

WEA Educators of Color Conference is on May 7

This year's conference will offer training and keynotes focused on sharing ways for educators of color to remember self care and to find joy and exhilaration from the education and inspiration of our youth. Keynote speakers Anita Garcia Morales, co-founder and lead facilitator of Racing to Equity, will speak on healing and liberation and creating space for growth and abundance, and Christian Paige, a local leader, advocate and artist, will share his vision of inspiring people to see themselves as agents of change.

The conference will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. [Registration is required for this online conference.](#)

Affinity group breakouts with facilitators and facilitated questions follow in the afternoon. We look forward to building community and healing together.

Honoring Retirees

Are you planning to retire this year? Later this year, LWSD will recognize our retirees in a slideshow that will be showcased on our district website and our social media pages. Please contact Collin Sullivan at csullivan@lwsd.org or 425-936-1300 if you are planning to retire so we can be sure to include you in this year's presentation.

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.



May 5

Cinco de Mayo

May 8

Mother's Day

May 10

Rep Assembly

May 11

School Nurse Day

May 27

LEAP Day

May 30

Memorial Day

May 31

Snow Make Up Day



NEA Member Benefits & California Casualty

We so appreciate what our members do serving children every day in Washington. Thank you from NEA and the California Casualty Team!



For a special message click here: <https://youtu.be/ugFkVsQ9QNM>

Seeking Roommate(s) to Renew Lease of Beautiful Redmond House:

I, female age-30 teacher, am seeking a like-minded roommate(s) to renew the lease on the 3Bed/2Bath+den house I currently rent in Redmond. Rent is \$3600 divided amongst roommates. I have a cat, so no other pets please. Flexible move-in date. Please contact me, Hattie Midboe, at hmidboe@gmail.com if interested to see if we'd be a good fit!



Did you know? The origins of Mother's Day as celebrated in the United States date back to the 19th century. In the years before the Civil War, Ann Reeves Jarvis of West Virginia helped start "Mothers' Day Work Clubs" to teach local women how to properly care for their children.

These clubs later became a unifying force in a region of the country still divided over the Civil War. In 1868 Jarvis organized "Mothers' Friendship Day," at which mothers gathered with former Union and Confederate soldiers to promote reconciliation.