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November 23, 2022

***Have a Wonderful  
Thanksgiving***



## **Are You a BIPOC Paraeducator Interested in Becoming a Teacher?**

Schools with dual language programs need teachers who are either bi/multilingual and/or are English speakers interested in teaching with someone who is bi/multilingual. Western Washington University's Woodring College of Education offers two programs focused on multilingual education. Successful completion of either program also leads to a recommendation for a state resident teaching certificate. Endorsement options are available for Elementary Education K-8, English Language Learners P-12 and Bilingual Education P-12. Classes are held during evening hours, Saturdays and summers at the Puget Sound Educational Service District in Renton.

Student candidates are paraeducators who work in a school district in South King County. Financial aid, scholarships and conditional loan opportunities are available. WEA and WWU is hosting [an online info session](#) on Nov. 29 from 5-6 p.m. [RSVP now](#) and see you on Nov. 29.

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## Help Find the Next "ESA of the Year"



Do you know an outstanding Education Staff Associate (ESA) employee? These are school psychologists, school counselors, school social workers, school nurses, speech and language pathologists and audiologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, behavior analysts and orientation and mobility specialists.

It has been a hard year for all educators, but our ESA peers have carried exceptional loads above and beyond the demands of what they always have done. Give our ESA peers some love, especially now, and recognize their impact on our students.

**Completed nomination packets are due no later than 5 p.m. Friday, Dec.16. [Apply here.](#)**

The WEA ESA of the Year recipient will be announced in a surprise ceremony, followed by a formal recognition at the 2023 WEA Representative Assembly, which will be held in person in Spokane in April 2023.



## NOMINATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY!

**LWEA is taking delegate nominations for the following Rep Assemblies (RAs):**

- **34 Delegates for WEA RA (Thurs, April 13 – Sat, April 15 in Spokane, WA. This takes place during our Spring Break week.)**
- **12 Delegates for NEA RA (Saturday, July 1 – Thurs, July 6 in Orlando, FL)**

**Make LWEA voices heard.**

Nominations should be sent to the LWEA office, care of [Terri Neely](#).



## Attention Building Reps: LWEA is offering Rep Refresh

**Why:** An opportunity for building reps to get together to discuss role/responsibilities as a building rep.

**Who:** We suggest at least one representative per building attend.

**When:** Thursday, December 1, 4:30 – 6:00pm (food will be served starting 4:30 and the workshop starts at 5:00)

**Where:** LWEA Union Office in Redmond

### Topics of discussion

- What is a union vs. non-union issue
- How to gather information
- How to have those “difficult” discussions with your administrator
- Labor management meeting models
- How to use staff engagement funds

RSVP – Terri Neely at [terrineely@lwsd.org](mailto:terrineely@lwsd.org)

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## WEA Human and Civil Rights Leadership Conference



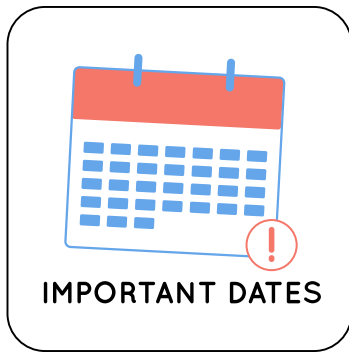
The 2023 WEA Human and Civil Rights Leadership Conference will be held the evening of Friday, Jan. 20 and Saturday, January 21, 2023. The annual conference is a collaborative effort to help member educators with issues of cross-cultural competency, social justice and educational equity within the institutions that serve our students. The virtual conference will begin on the evening of Jan. 20 with discussion and continue all day Jan. 21 with full-day sessions. Agenda and additional details coming soon.

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IMPORTANT DATES

# WEAR RED FOR ED ON 11/30

Show your LWEA pride, strength, and solidarity by wearing RED FOR ED on November 30th!

LWEA and LWSD bargaining teams are meeting for the first time on 11/30. Show your pride!!

## 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.



### NOV 23-25

Thanksgiving Break  
23rd Half Day  
24th & 25th No School

### NOV 25

Native American  
Heritage Day

### DEC 6

Exec Committee Mtg

### DEC 13

Rep Assembly



## Giving Tuesday, November 29

As the season of giving hits full stride, join Giving Tuesday, a global giving day (Nov. 29 this year), and help the **WEA Children's Fund** so it can support more public school students in Washington. The WEA Children's Fund reimburses WEA members who purchase basic supplies for students in need. Members are allowed to purchase up to \$100 for a student who is in need of clothing, school supplies, or other things we often take for granted. (Prior approval is required for reimbursement.) [Chip in and help us do good.](#)