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## *Political Scene Update*

*Remember, the work of educators is political because our work is defined by laws and OSPI guidance.*

**The legislative session ends today.** This was a short legislative session, which means that only supplemental changes were made to the 2023-2025 two-year budget. Next year during the long legislative session a new two-year budget will be passed.

### What did we win this year?

**WEA members won more funding for our key priorities.** Many WEA members reached out to their elected leaders and shared their stories. The result of that advocacy is more funding in the supplemental budget for special education and ESP staffing. [Read more here.](#)

### Is that good?

**It's a good start!** Our students desperately need more supports at school. We will need to keep asking for more staffing in our schools and for full funding of special education.

### Are we done?

**Sadly, no. Public education is not yet fully funded in Washington.** Please continue to [speak with your elected leaders](#) and share your stories with them. They need to hear from front-line educators about the needs of students and staff in schools today.

#### **Do you know?**

Our legislature alternates each year between long (100 day) session and short (60 day) sessions. In the long session, they pass a two-year budget. In the short years, they only pass supplemental changes to the budget. Think of supplemental changes as "fixes" to their two-year budget. In both sessions, they can both amend existing legislation and pass new legislation.

# WEA Workshops

## March 14th Thursday Life Stage Investing

Learning how to invest vs save money will have a significant impact on your financial future. Join us to explore the concept of long-term investing while addressing retirement income sources, gaps, and the potential impact of healthcare in retirement. We realize that for many of you, retirement seems a long way away, but the sooner you learn about the basic concepts of financial security the better off you will be in making decisions between now and then. And, what you learn here is not just applicable to retirement planning but to all your savings and investing goals between now and then as well.

**Direct Registration Link:** <http://forms.washingtonea.org/forms/pdregistration?cevid=7780>

## April 23rd Tuesday Taking Care of Aging Parents

This seminar explores several aspects of caring for aging parents and identifies issues that can impact their well-being as well as your own. One of the hardest topics almost all of us will face at some time in our lives. Like many of our financial workshops, the sooner you begin the process and the more often you talk about it and plan for it, before you need to, the better it will go. Please note, this is a very personal and not-so-fun topic, but the workshop is very engaging and thought provoking and you will leave feeling empowered. Please join us and plan to share experiences you may have had already or ask questions of others who have already been through this stage of life.

**Direct Registration Link:** <http://forms.washingtonea.org/forms/pdregistration?cevid=7781>

## MONEY MINUTE



## Pre-Retirement Seminar

LWEA will be offering a Pre-Retirement Seminar on Friday, April 19 and Saturday, April 20. Both sessions will be held at the LWEA Office. The sessions will go into depth on Social Security, Health plans and Retirement plans. Priority is given to those who will be retiring this year. For more information and to register, see:

[Pre-Retirement Seminar April 19-20, 2024](#)



## SUE SENO

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of Susanna (Sue) Seno who subbed for many years throughout the Lake Washington School District before making Rush her permanent home. She was the most unique person with a big heart and her friends at Rush have the funniest "Sue" stories. We would always say, "only Sue can get away with that..."

Her family was her greatest joy, especially her granddaughters. Sue touched many lives at Rush and stayed connected with quite a few of her former students and their families. She loved company, always visiting and entertaining her family and friends. Sue will truly be missed...

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## *Cheers!* Educator Appreciation Today!



**EDUCATORS:** You invest so much of yourselves into our children and communities and we would love to return the favor. Please allow us to show our appreciation for all that you do. Escape the classroom routine and join us **on the first Thursday of every month** for an evening at Woodinville's Wine Alley!

Unwind and indulge in a sensory adventure with locally crafted wines, as you mingle with fellow educators in a relaxed and charming atmosphere. Each of the 6 tasting rooms will be offering 2-for-1 wine tastings as well as discounts on glass pours and bottle purchases, so be sure to bring some of your friends and co-workers along!

**It's a night of appreciation, laughter, and, of course, exceptional wines.  
We look forward to raising a glass with you!**

# Inspire Future Innovators



Calling all educators! We are looking for Instructors to help inspire future innovators this summer at Camp Invention®. We are partnering with the National Inventors Hall of Fame® to provide this nationally acclaimed, weeklong STEM enrichment program for children entering grades K-6!

## As a Camp Invention Director, you will:

- Receive a stipend and build leadership resume!
- Receive two free registrations at Camp Invention
- Gain transferable teaching strategies you can use to bring fun and engagement back to the classroom
- Empower children to build confidence and develop friendships and creativity
- Easily create a unique and innovative learning experience using the step-by-step curriculum and materials provided

For more information see:

[Camp Invention](#)

## 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.



### MAR 8

No School: LEAP Day

### MAR 10

Daylight Savings



### MAR 17

St. Patty's Day

### MAR 19

Rep Assembly Mtg

## Friends In Need



**Laura Crocenzi**, Para at Kamiakin MS, is in need of sick leave hours. She has been tending to her husbands health issues and is in need of a few more days as he undergoes further tests and procedures. She would be so grateful for any hours you are able to contribute.

Please consider a [Shared Leave Donation](#) by filling out the donation form and sending it to [leaves@lwsd.org](mailto:leaves@lwsd.org) Thank you



## FOR RENT:

Male physician (41 yrs old) seeking housemate, M or F. House is 3-bedroom, furnished, on large corner lot on cul-de-sac in Finn Hill area of Kirkland. Bedroom is 101 sq ft. Includes washer/dryer, dishwasher, storage in garage. 5 minute walk to bus stop. Available now. Initial 3 month lease then option for longer; \$900/month plus half utilities & wifi (~\$125/mo). Contact Brian at 206-715-8572. (Kathleen McConaha, Retired)