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LWEA Executive Committee Election: Call for Nominations

Nominations for the positions of Lake Washington Education Association Executive Committee will be open April 15 thru April 24. **LWEA members will receive a Notice of Nominations and Elections to their home emails today.** If you did not receive this email, notify [Diana Wagner](#) with your correct home email.

Nominations will be taken for the following positions:

- Elementary Primary Rep (K-2)
- Elementary Intermediate Rep (3-5)
- Middle School Rep (6-8)
- High School Rep (9-12)
- Special Services Rep (Safety Net Teacher, SLP, OT/PT, Vision, Psychologist, Special Ed, Preschool Special Ed, and ML Teachers)
- Specialist Rep (Counselor, Librarian, Professional Development, Elementary Music, Elementary Physical Education, and Educational Specialist)
- Ethnic Minority Rep (BIPOC Educators)

All nominations must be made by a member of the Lake Washington Education Association in good standing. Self-nomination is allowed. To be eligible for any position the nominee must be a member in good standing. Nominations must be submitted to [Terri Neely](#) by 5:00 p.m. on April 24.

No nominations will be accepted prior to April 15.

The election for Executive Committee positions will be held electronically beginning May 13. **All ballots will be sent only to the home email of members.** Always keep LWEA updated with your current home email address.

Email [Diana Wagner](#) to update your home email address with LWEA.

LWEA Officers and Executive Committee

President:

[Howard Mawhinney](#)

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Vice President:

[Katie Badger](#)

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Primary Rep:

[Patti Cook](#)

Rush / 425-936-2690

Intermediate Rep:

[Rojine Rudio](#)

Red EI / 425-936-2660

Middle School Rep:

[Martha Daman](#)

RSAR/ 425-936-1544

High School Rep:

[ShineMay Woodcock](#)

JHS / 425-936-1600

Specialists Rep:

[Nikole Lalas](#)

RHS / 425-936-1800

Special Services Rep:

[Karyn Taggart](#)

KaMS/ 425-936-2400

Ethnic Minority Rep:

[Michael Finley](#)

RHS/ 425-936-1800



Seattle Pride is Coming Up!



Are you a member of the LGBTQIA+ Community? Are you an ally to the LGBTQIA+ Community?

We would love to have you join us to march in Seattle's Pride Parade with WEA! Save the date for Sunday, June 30th, 2024.

[Join the SAGA mailing list to be sent information about events for members of our community and allies!](#)



JOIN US FOR AN LWEA WEA-PAC

TRIVIA NIGHT

DATE
Friday April 26, 2024

TIME
5:00 - 7:00 PM

LOCATION
Postdoc Brewing Company
17625 NE 65th St #100, Redmond, WA

*Trivia starts @ 5:30
*Food Truck - Alebriges Tacos
*Meet Senator Manka Dhingra and hear about her campaign for Attorney General!



April is OT Month

April is National Occupational Therapy Month — a time to celebrate the OT profession and all the ways occupational therapists, occupational therapist assistants, and OT and OTA students help improve lives across the country. Please thank your school's Occupational Therapist, or OT, when you see them this April!



Educator Appreciation Tomorrow!



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!**

You don't need to wait to join WEA-Retired

WEA-Retired membership is for all WEA members - whether they are retired, close to retiring or not considering retirement for many years!



www.WashingtonEA.org/retired

WEA members and WEA-Retired members share decades of experience in our schools to help improve public education in Washington. Together, we support public education and the enhancement of the quality of life for WEA's active and retired members. WEA-Retired membership is for a lifetime in a powerful, active retiree organization that understands the value of public education and unions because of its affiliation with WEA.

JOIN DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL AT A SPECIAL RATE!

<https://www.washingtonea.org/educators/retired/>

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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.



APR 6-14

Spring Break!



APR 11-14

WEA RA - Spokane

APR 23

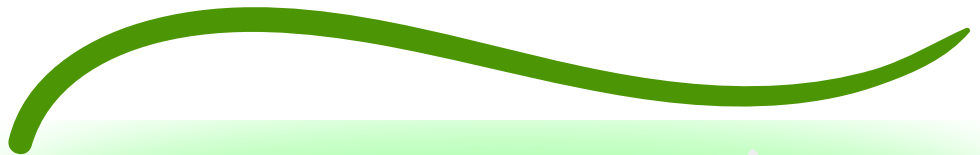
Rep Assembly



NEA Member Benefits

- **April NEA Discount Tickets:** Members get up to 40% off tickets to theme parks, attractions, concerts, sports, live theater. Planning a trip to Disney? Going to the movies this weekend? Check it out!
- **May Mental Health Program:** Rethink how you manage your mental health. Get evidence-backed tools for stress, anxiety, depression, or whatever you're going through. One year of no-cost access for NEA Members only.

More info on NEA MB programs available on the website!



Friends In Need



Annea Lence-Brown, science teacher at Lake Washington High School, is requesting shared leave donations for a degenerative autoimmune disease. She will be taking a short-term leave for treatment and will also require additional days to continue medical care. Any help would be deeply appreciated.

Kristen Shimabukuro, Mead Elementary, is in need of shared leave as she is regaining her mental health and working on skills that will benefit her wellbeing and for serving as a teacher.

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