

## Thank your office staff for the terrific job they do!

Whenever I visit schools, I'm always impressed by the calmness of the office staff amid the chaos of phones ringing, students asking for assistance, parents making requests, and teachers trying to get help with their classroom needs.

This week we celebrate American Education Week, and Wednesday was National Education Support Professionals' Day. Members of LWEA appreciate everything office professionals in our schools, the Resource Center, and Support Services do to keep our district running smoothly. Today we thank you for:

- Running health rooms and keeping our students safe and secure.
- Making everyone feel welcome.
- Getting substitute teachers set up and ready to go.
- Arranging coverage for classes when there's no substitute teacher.
- Ordering materials and supplies and keeping everything stocked.
- Coordinating volunteers.
- Keeping track of all the bookkeeping and entering data for payroll.
- Answering the phone and dealing with difficult callers with patience and professionalism.
- Keeping track of all kinds of paperwork and forms.
- Sending e-mail reminders about important due dates.
- Answering lots and lots of questions...over and over again.
- Supporting teachers with student discipline.
- Giving a kind smile just when it's needed most.
- Staying after school with students who haven't been picked up by parents.
- Keeping the building on track with the master calendar.
- Calming down upset parents.
- Listening to everyone's complaints.
- Making everyone feel important.
- Handling emergencies with calm and grace.
- Fixing the copier.
- Finding solutions to the hundreds of problems they're confronted with each day.
- Helping identify students in need of services.
- Keeping everything confidential.

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President*

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## Stay healthy this upcoming cold and flu season

As we head into the peak months for cold and flu, Lysol wants to help families stay healthy through the end of the year and beyond! The Healthy Habits Coalition of Lysol, the National Education Association (NEA) and the National Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is arming homes and families across the country with the tools, resources and prevention tips to help keep their families and classrooms healthy and practically germ-free.

### Lysol's Cold and Flu Prevention Checklist

- **Get vaccinated.** Be sure to vaccinate your family early in the season with a seasonal flu shot to better protect them against influenza.
- **Wash up!** The average child touches more than 300 surfaces in just 30 minutes -- which means that germs are easily spread from surface to surface. To prevent the spread of flu, follow CDC guidelines, including actions such as washing your hands often with soap and water.
- **Cover up!** Did you know that students in the U.S. miss nearly 38 million school days each year due to the common cold? Help prevent the spread of flu germs by practicing proper cough and sneeze etiquette.
- **Keep your distance!** The flu virus can travel up to 12 feet through the air at 100 mph. Stay away from people who are visibly ill, and be sure to stay home if you get sick.
- **Disinfect commonly touched surfaces.** Not all cleaning products disinfect – please read labels carefully.

With these tools, the seemingly impossible task of staying happy and healthy throughout flu season is within reach. Visit [Lysol.com/HealthyHabits](http://Lysol.com/HealthyHabits) for more information on the Healthy Habits Program. For more information on CDC's flu prevention recommendations, [click here](#).

November 14-18

American  
Education  
Week

For all that you do  
for the students  
of the LWSD...



## No Update next week

Due to the Thanksgiving break and the short week, we will not be publishing an Update next week.

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## How did American Education Week begin?

Distressed that 25% of the country's World War I draftees were illiterate and 9% were physically unfit, representatives of the NEA and the American Legion met in 1919 to seek ways to generate public support for education.

The conventions of both organizations subsequently adopted resolutions of support for a national effort to raise public awareness of the importance of education. In 1921, the NEA Representative Assembly in Des Moines, Iowa, called for the designation of one week each year to spotlight education.

In its resolution, the NEA called for: "An educational week observed in all communities annually for the purpose of informing the public of the accomplishments and needs of the public schools and to secure the cooperation and support of the public in meeting those needs."

## What's the latest with McCleary?

You are invited to a **McCleary Update: Honoring the Constitutional Rights of our Students** presentation on Wednesday, December 7. You'll get the latest information about McCleary from the Lead Attorney, Tom Ahearne. This meeting is open to members of WEA, PTA, as well as superintendents, and school board members.

The WEA-Cascade UniServ Council is hosting the event. The meeting will be held at the Shoreline Conference Center, located at 18560 First Ave NE in Shoreline, starting at 6 PM. Learn about the latest developments on McCleary before the start of the legislative session that is tasked with coming up with the funding formula as well as funding to pay the cost of basic education in grades K-12.

Please RSVP online at [mcclearyupdate.eventbrite.com](http://mcclearyupdate.eventbrite.com). For questions about event registration contact Beth Rogers at [brogers@washingtonea.org](mailto:brogers@washingtonea.org).



## Recognizing psychologists

School psychologists help students succeed academically, socially, behaviorally, and emotionally. They collaborate with educators, parents, and other professionals to create safe, healthy, and supportive learning environments that strengthen connections between home, school, and the community for all students. This week, November 14-18, is National School Psychology Awareness Week.

We'd like to take this opportunity to recognize the positive work that school psychologists do to promote personal success in the lives of the students they serve.

## FOR SALE

**Graco stroller w/ car seat**, Fastaction Fold Click Connect. Never used, still in box. \$100. Shannon Adams (Audubon) Shannon.e.adams@live.com or 206-947-1892.

**Fiestaware** (periwinkle & light yellow): 5 ea dinner plates, salad plates, soup bowls. 2 chili bowls, 1 oval platter (blue), 1 round platter (yellow), 1 pie plate (yellow) 1 small serving bowl (yellow). Pictures available. \$200 OBO. Todd Gibson (EHS) tgibson76@hotmail.com.

**Dewalt table saw** w/ attachments, rails to extend table, several boxes of partially filled screws of different lengths, blade guard, several splitters, Dubby cutoff fixture, micro gig, 12 new lid supports, quick release framing clamps, two 6' x 8" work tables, 1 cabinet with shelf on wheels. \$1,500.00 for all. Pictures available Sally Kirkman (IMS) 425-747-2370.

## SERVICES

**Questions about your retirement, social security benefits, or state retirement plan?** Utilize a knowledgeable & experienced financial professional to help you better understand your pensions, 403(b)s, 401(k)s, & IRA's. Contact Sean Tennis, Senior Associate with Foresters Financial, 206-204-3066, ext 403, or [sean.tennis@foresters.com](mailto:sean.tennis@foresters.com). (Brigitte Tennis, Stella Schola).

**Tutoring:** Individual & small group math tutoring, grades 3-8. Scott Rulon (former LWSD teacher) 509-528-4311 or [scott.rulon@gmail.com](mailto:scott.rulon@gmail.com).

**Kitchens or bathrooms need a facelift** with the holidays just around the corner? Cabinets looking dull, faded or damaged? Let us restore them to like-new condition. FREE estimates, excellent references. 22 yrs experience. Most kitchens under \$895. Call John at Cabinet & Wood Restoration NW at (425) 466-3553 (Suzi Desimone Retired).

## WANTED

**Roommate wanted:** 3rd person to share 1,600 sq ft, 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Other roommate seldom home. Quiet house w/ great view, close to EHS. \$550/month w/ full use of kitchen & laundry. Pam Brown (RC) 425-941-2424.

**Roommate wanted:** Kirkland house with furnished 101 ft<sup>2</sup> room in a 3 bedroom, 1 bath house. Dishwasher, W/D, large yard, storage available in garage. 5 minute walk to bus stop. \$800/month, utilities & wireless included, 3 month lease then option for 6 months. Contact Brian Orr at 206-715-8572. (Kathleen McConaha, Retired).

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**Check out the [LWEA Facebook](#) page—  
we've always got something new to see!**

## Marketplace

Ads are run in the Update on a first come, first served basis. All ads need to be in written form. Send directly to Sheila Hagerman at [shhagerman@lwsd.org](mailto:shhagerman@lwsd.org).

Ads are subject to approval of the LWEA Executive Committee and may be edited for length.

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LWEA Website

[Lakewashingtonea.org](http://Lakewashingtonea.org)

[Facebook](#)

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## Calendar

**Nov. 18**

Substitute Appreciation Day  
Thank you for all you do!

**Nov. 19**

ELL State Standards  
8:30 AM—2 PM

**Nov. 23**

Dismissal 3 hours early

**Nov. 24-25**

Thanksgiving Break

**Nov. 29**

Is your Family Growing?  
(4:30-7 PM)

**Dec. 2-3**

Retirement Class