

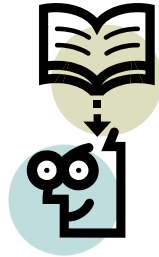


SKYLINE elementary school

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Dear Parents:



Next week will be time for the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL). **Third through fifth grade students will be taking the WASL from April 14th—23rd** with make up exams during the first week in May. The WASL tests students on skills they will need for their lifetime: reading, writing, mathematics, problem solving, written communication, and logical reasoning.

On testing days, just like any day, **helping your child come to school prepared** helps them to do their best and lessens the amount of stress they may experience during testing. Getting up early enough, not having to rush, and having a pleasant morning experience prior to school also helps them settle in to the testing as soon as they get to school. At Skyline, we adjust schedules to provide optimal conditions for those students who are participating in the WASL. We truly want our students to do the best they are able to do.

If you would like **more information about the WASL**, check on-line at www.k12.wa.us/assessment/WASL/FAQ.aspx where you'll find sample test questions, information on graduation requirements and frequently asked questions.

WASL Testing Schedule

Tues. 4/14	Wed. 4/15	Thu. 4/16
3rd grade		3rd grade
4th grade	4th grade	4th grade
5th grade	5th grade	5th grade

Tues. 4/21	Wed. 4/22	Thu. 4/23
3rd grade		3rd grade
4th grade	4th grade	4th grade
5th grade	5th grade	5th grade

Normal testing time 8:45—11:15; Wednesdays may be longer Make up tests will be scheduled both these weeks as well as April 27th—May 1st.

Thanks for all you do to help make this experience a good one for our students.

Mr. B.

Thank You!

Did you know that **94% of all Skyline parents attended their child's conference** last month! Thank you for making the time for this important part of your child's education! We have an important two and a half months left of school. It is vital for your child's success that we continue to be in close **communication** about his/her learning and progress. Please continue to call, e-mail or come in if you ever have a question. We are on the same team!



Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars!

- 4/9 **Late Start Day! School begins at 10:45 AM**
No AM Kindergarten
- 4/13 **2nd Grade Field Trip to Play 9:30 AM**
- 4/14 - 4/23 **WASL Testing grades 3, 4, and 5**
- 4/17 **PTA Family Bingo Night 6:30 PM**
Doors open at 6:00 PM
- 4/21 **Volunteer Celebration LSHS PAC 7:00 PM**
- 4/23 **Auction Fundraiser for Mr. Hodge**
Cavelero Mid-High Commons 6:30 PM
- 4/24 **12:25 Release Day—No PM Kindergarten**
- 5/5 **3rd Grade Concert @ LSHS PAC 7:00 PM**
- 5/7 **Late Start Day! School begins at 10:45 AM**
No AM Kindergarten
- 5/15 **Jungle Book Performances! 1:55 PM & 6:00 PM**
- 5/20 **3rd Grade Field Trip to Tillicum Village**
- 5/22 **PTA Family Dance Night LSMS Cafeteria 6:30 PM**
- 5/25 **Memorial Day—No School (No Hay Escuela)**

Calendar continued on back!

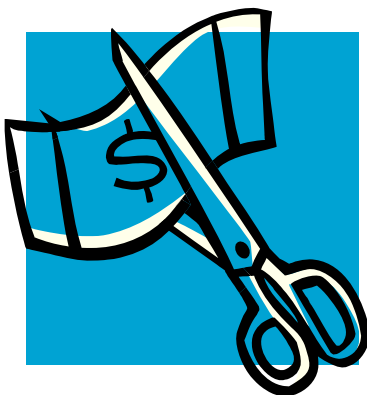
Budget Survey Online!

Please share your thoughts with the School Board

A budget survey will be posted to the district's webpage at <http://www.lkstevens.wednet.edu/> from April 3 through April 27. The school board and superintendent would appreciate your comments.

The survey includes 16 categories and programs that may be considered for reductions and asks for your comments regarding each. Your comments will help guide the district as future decisions are made.

The district's website also includes a budget link on the front page that includes a variety of budget related documents, including a budget Question and Answer forum. You are encouraged to submit your questions about the district's budget at this site and questions and answers will continue to be posted.



Like school districts all across Washington State, the Lake Stevens School District is preparing for significant budget cuts in order to develop a balanced budget for the 2009-2010 school year. Based on the Governor's December budget, which projected a state wide deficit of \$5.2 billion dollars, the district estimated a minimum \$2.1 million dollar loss in revenue. That figure is expected to rise significantly based on the recent state budget forecast that predicts a state deficit of over \$9 billion dollars.

In addition to expected state funding cuts to education, the district is projecting a declining student enrollment of 118 students for next year. The state funding formula is based on the number of students enrolled in the school district, thus next year the district will receive less funding based on enrollment as well.



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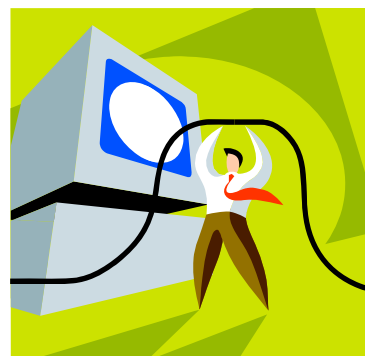
Calendar continued:

- 5/26 AM Kindergarten Field Trip to Kayak Point Beach
AM Kinder attends all day, NO PM Kindergarten
4th Grade Field Trip to Sno. Arts Council 10:15
- 5/27 PM Kindergarten Field Trip to Kayak Point Beach
PM Kinder attends all day, NO AM Kindergarten
- 6/4 Late Start Day! School begins at 10:45 AM
No AM Kindergarten
- 6/5 PTA Ice Cream Social and Touch a Truck 6:30 PM
- 6/9 Birch Bay Waterslides for Conflict Managers and Safety Patrol 8:45 AM

Community Invited

INTERACTIVE SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY FORUM

Wednesday, April 29, 6:30 pm,
ESC - "Envisioning the Future"



What's a new modern classroom look like in today's world of teaching? Is it a classroom with immediate access to information from around the world, a classroom with space for both desks and computers, a classroom with equipment that allows teachers to project student work onto a screen for all to learn from? Is it a classroom with interactive technology where all students are engaged in the classroom discussion?

The Lake Stevens Technology Team wants your thoughts as plans are developed for the future direction of technology in its classrooms. Come see how interactive white boards are used to improve teaching, learn how immediate response technology involves all children in class discussions. See how student learning improves with the use of document cameras.

Please join the team on Wednesday, April 29, 6:30 pm, at the Educational Service Center for a look at where the district is with technology. Help develop the district's vision for where it needs to go with integrated classroom technology for its students and teachers, and let's together plan how to accomplish our goals. All community members are invited to Lake Stevens School District's Community Technology Forum on Wednesday, April 29, 6:30 pm, in board room A of the Educational Service Center located at 12309 22nd Street NE in Lake Stevens (across from North Lake Middle School).

For more information call 425-335-1500.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration for the 2009-2010 school year has begun. In order to attend kindergarten in the fall of 2009, a child must be five years old by August 31, 2009. Registration packets may be picked up during school hours or are available on-line at <http://www.lkstevens.wednet.edu/kindergarten/> When registering you will also need your child's: birth certificate, proof of immunization, and social security number (optional).

- 6/10 First Grade Field Trip to Zoo 9:20 AM
- 6/12 5th Grade Promotion 1:30 PM—Gym
- 6/16 5th Grade Field Trip to Comcast Ice Arena 9:00 AM
- 6/17 Last Day of School!
Report Cards go home
Field Day! K, 1st & 2nd 9:00 AM
Awards Assembly for 3rd, 4th, & 5th 9:00 AM
Field Day! K, 1st & 2nd, 4th & 5th 10:15 AM
Picnic Lunch 1st & 2nd 11:00 AM
Picnic Lunch 3rd & 4th 11:30 AM
Picnic Lunch 5th 12:00 PM
12:25 Dismissal
AM Kindergarten attends until 12:25
No PM Kindergarten