

Happy Holidays HomeLink Families!

Can you believe we are already in December? The year is flying by! I want to thank you all for continuing to be an amazing part of our parent partnership program. I really feel like we have started getting into a great rhythm and look forward to seeing us continue this momentum as we progress through the school year.

As we move through December, I wanted to highlight some information for you:

As a friendly reminder, we will continue to wear our masks that are tightly woven and flushed to our faces with no gaps. If you have any questions around mask compliance with our district Covid safety plan, please connect with me, or reference the [LSSD Covid Safety Plan](#)

Attendance

Please continue to have your students maintain two-way communication with their teachers when they are not here at school. It is important for us to continue to communicate two-way contact as an ALE program. It is also important for families to connect with HomeLink if their students are sick. We want to continue to provide guidance and support to families around returning to school, quarantine information, and more due to Covid.

Festive Week will take place the week of December 13-17th here at HomeLink. We encourage all of our students to participate!

- Monday: Tie Dye Day
- Tuesday: Pajama Day
- Wednesday: Holiday Sweater Day
- Thursday: Hobby/Sports Day
- Friday: Hat Day

Holiday Activities for our Students:

Looking for parents to support creating holiday activities for our students to engage in while working in the common area. Our Giving Tree and Thanksgiving activities were a huge success and we would love to continue this for the Holiday Season! Please contact me with ideas or ways that you can help!

PAC Meeting January 13th:

Dr. Ken Collins, Superintendent of the Lake Stevens School District, will be joining us during our PAC meeting on January 13th starting at 8:00 AM to speak to our families about the district levies. He will have some great information to share if you are interested in joining us. The meeting will be held via Google Meets: [PAC Meeting](#)

Important facts about the Feb. 8, 2022 Lake Stevens School District replacement levies

Lake Stevens School District will ask voters to consider renewing two levies—an Educational Programs & Operations Levy and a Capital Technology Levy. The current levies, which voters approved in 2018, expire in 2022. The replacement levies will provide funding for schools through 2026. These are not new taxes.

What does the replacement Educational Programs & Operations Levy fund?

The replacement Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O) Levy will continue to fund day-to-day school operations to ensure EVERY student in our district has access to a safe and updated learning environment and continues funding for:

- **Student success**
Making sure our students have enough teachers to keep class sizes low and plan for continued student enrollment growth in our district.
- **Student health and safety**
Providing full-time nurses at each school, student mental health support specialists at our secondary schools, and guidance counselors in all of our schools. Continuing building security upgrades throughout the district.
- **Student programs and opportunities**
Continuing funding for early learning programs, Special Education funding and access to extracurricular activities, athletics, arts and music.

What does the replacement Technology Levy fund?

The replacement Technology Levy will continue to fund technology that supports student learning. Renewal of the Technology Levy continues funding for:

- **Innovative learning**
Ensuring every student and educator has the technology they need to support our culture of excellence.
- **Devices for each student**
Continuing to maintain our investment in technology and our 1:1 program for students.
- **Replacing aging devices**
Replacing aging devices so students and employees have access to the newest technology.
- **Technology support and training**
Making sure our students, staff and families have training on technology, tools, and programs to ensure success for all learners.

Where can I learn more?

More information is available on the district website, www.lkstevens.wednet.edu/levy

Wishing everyone a wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!

Respectfully,

Angela Menon, Director, HomeLink