



## THANK YOU VOTERS!



The elementary planning team recently toured Riverview Elementary School in Snohomish School District to explore design options, classroom configuration, flexible learning spaces and furniture and finishes. The tour was led by Tammy Jones, Riverview's principal, who highlighted unique elements of her school and answered questions.

### School construction bond successful, work underway for new schools

Lake Stevens School District's construction bond was officially certified by the Snohomish County Elections Department at the end of February, and passed with a 62.26 percent yes vote.

"We are extremely grateful for the support our community continually shows us," said Dr. Amy Beth Cook, Superintendent of Lake Stevens School District. "I'd like to extend my sincere appreciation to the thousands of voters who supported us and the numerous volunteers who waved signs, wrote letters, made phone calls and shared information. We have a great deal of work ahead of us to complete these projects. We will continue to engage our community in order to honor the trust and support that has been shown."

#### P-5 Campus

- We are working with federal agencies and the City of Lake Stevens to obtain permits to begin site work. We anticipate site work will begin early this summer. The new schools will be located on district-owned land off of Lake Drive and Soper Hill Road.
- Design of the schools is underway and is in the process of value engineering—an analysis of the project for the purpose of achieving the essential functions at the lowest total cost. This is done by a team of architectural professionals who are not involved in the design.
- An elementary planning team, which consists of two kindergarten teachers, two primary teachers, three intermediate teachers, one PE specialist, one music specialist and one counselor, was selected for the new school. This team will collaborate with educators, architects and administration to help shape the vision of the new school. Beyond the commitment of planning, the team will become part of the faculty of the new school. They will also help select the principal.



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The new elementary school will help to reduce overcrowding in all of the district's elementary schools. To accomplish that, elementary boundaries need to be adjusted to maintain a balanced

enrollment in each school. In fall of 2016, a boundary committee will be formed to begin this process. The committee will be made up of staff, parents and community members. Information about the committee and the process will be widely shared.

"Boundary revisions are a lengthy and emotional process," said Cook. "We will devote plenty of time to this process to ensure that it is equitable for all of our students."

The new boundaries will go into effect once the new elementary school opens.

#### Lake Stevens High School

The architectural selection process for Lake Stevens High School will begin shortly. Once the architect is selected, planning and design for the high school will begin. High school administrators and staff have already provided initial feedback to assist with planning and design. Staff and students will provide additional feedback to create educational specifications and assist with the design process.

#### Safety and Security

Standards-based security requirements for each school and site are being created. Once complete, schools and sites will be surveyed to determine the scope of work and implementation schedule.

#### Infrastructure Replacements

Annual Building Condition Reports for each school and site are being updated to gauge needs and determine scheduling of work.

#### Stay up-to-date on these projects!

Visit the district website, [www.lkstevens.wednet.edu/bond](http://www.lkstevens.wednet.edu/bond) for updates, and to sign up for our monthly e-News.



#### Spring Break is April 4-8

Schools will be closed Monday, April 4 to Friday, April 8 for Spring Break. The district office will be open to the public from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### Schedule change for April 1

Cavelero Mid High School and Lake Stevens High School will be on normal schedules March 28 to 31. On Friday, April 1, Cav and LSHS students will be released 2.5 hours early.



## Students use robots to invade planet Mars

Have you ever been to the planet Mars? Fifth-graders in Heidi Finley's class at Skyline Elementary School are one step closer after completing a recent project that combined science, technology, art, digital production and lots of problem-solving and teamwork.

Students built Mars rovers and used robotic balls to make their creations traverse Mars' terrain—all without ever leaving their classroom.

To start, Finley asked students to research and design their vehicles. They sketched designs on paper and carefully considered each addition and component of their rover. Next, students collected materials from around their homes and classrooms and built their rovers in small teams. Each rover's base was a Sphero Ball—a robotic ball that can be programmed and controlled by mobile devices. Students used their Chromebooks to program the balls to move forwards and backwards and from side to side.

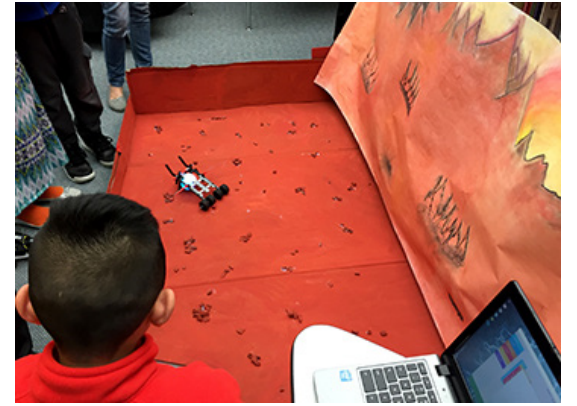
The next step was to bring their rovers to Mars. Students built and designed the landscape of Mars—complete with red rocks and cavernous valleys. They tested their rovers in the landscape and improved their designs using trial and error.

After completing their rovers, students recorded and edited persuasive commercials to sell their product. At the completion of the project, students showed off their designs to the Board of Directors during the meeting held at Skyline.

"My goal for this project was for my students to initially fail," said Finley. "This failure forced them to throw out their first idea and go back to the drawing board. As a result the collaboration that occurred after the initial failure far exceeded my expectations. For me, the process is more important than the product. I am amazed at the solutions my students dream up when they are free to dream."



Using ordinary objects and programmable robotic balls, students in Heidi Finley's class at Skyline Elementary School created and marketed Mars rovers and then presented their creations to the Board of Directors.



## Are you using Family Access?

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Parents/guardians are encouraged to stay updated on their student's academic progress using Family Access in Skyward. In Family Access, parents/guardians can view their child's grades, assignments, attendance history and test scores. Families can also view a calendar with important school dates and information, and customize the types of emails they receive by creating subscriptions.

To get started, visit the district website and click on the Skyward logo in the blue horizontal menu bar.

Your login name may contain spaces if your last name is less than five letters long. Your login name contains the first five letters of your last name, with the first three letters of your first name and then three numbers.

If you don't know your login or password, use the "Forgot Login/Password?" link to have the system email your account information. If your email address is not found by the system, please contact your child's school to have it updated.

You can also download a free Skyward App for your smartphone or tablet through iTunes, Google Play or the Amazon Appstore.



Lake Stevens High School DECA students will represent their school and community at the International Career Development Conference in Nashville, Tenn. this spring. Here, students are creating the DECA diamond logo with their hands.

## Business students earn top honors at competition

Earlier this year, more than 100 business and marketing students from Lake Stevens High School competed at the annual Area Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) competition at Monroe High School vying for placement at the State and International Career Development Conferences. Forty-six students advanced to the State DECA competition in Bellevue in early March. Three students will represent Lake Stevens at the national competition.

Congratulations to Braden Ash, John Cramer, Jr. and Britney Watson who will fly to Nashville, Tenn. to compete internationally at the end of April.

All of Lake Stevens' DECA students spent several months preparing written projects and/or practicing business role plays based on the business topic they chose. These competitions test each student's business intellect along with their ability to communicate and present their ideas to business and community members in a professional manner.

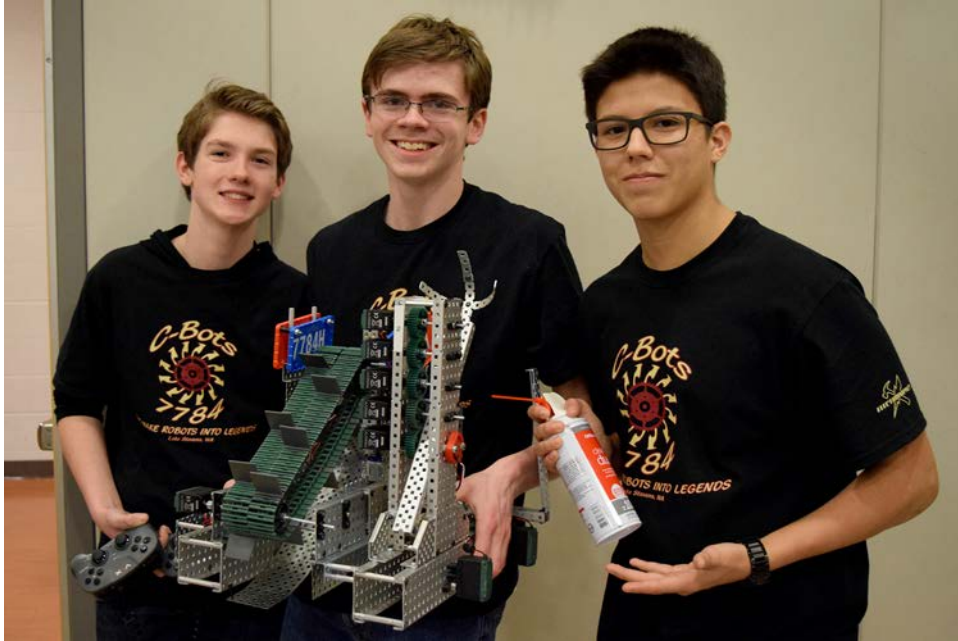
DECA's activities assist in the development of academically responsible, experienced leaders. Complete information about DECA and what it does for schools, students and communities can be found at [www.deca.org](http://www.deca.org).

## Thank you, volunteers!

April 11 to 15 is National Volunteer Week. This year, we have more than 2,000 volunteers who have contributed more than 17,000 hours to support the success and well-being of our students. Thank you for your time, skills, knowledge, energy and commitment to the children of Lake Stevens.



## Robotics teams win big at state tournament, ready for world championship



Cavelero's Sigma Prime team competed in the recent state tournament. Several LSHS and Cavalero teams earned awards for their performance.



Lake Stevens High School's Team Trifecta won the Design Award and qualified for the World Championship Tournament in Louisville, Ky.

More than 200 high school students from all over Washington state descended upon Cavalero Mid High School on March 5 for the All Washington High School VEX Robotics Championship. Their mission? To qualify for the World Championship Tournament in Louisville, Ky. Fifty-seven teams from 21 different clubs or schools came together for a non-stop, action-packed day of competition where they battled against each other with robots created from the VEX Robotics Design System. Participants played the game Nothing but Net, developed by VEX Robotics, Inc. and the Robotics Education & Competition (REC) Foundation.

Several Lake Stevens teams took top honors, including:

- V-Bots: Before the state competition had even started the V-Bots had already qualified for worlds.
- The 5 Guys: Lake Stevens High School juniors Skyler Bagher, Jordan Conner, Andrew Deebach, Aiden Pyle and Ryan Sobosky won the Vex online challenge and received an invitation to the VEX Worlds tournament. They took first place in an online design challenge. Out of more than 150 different entries they

produced the highest quality website that promotes their clubs, the C-Bots and V-Bots. The 5 Guys will be on the stage during the final presentations at the Worlds competition to accept this prestigious national award.

- Triopps: During the state competition teammates Andrew Eichenberg, Natasha Wilson and Luigi Vallani's innovative expanding robot earned them the Create Award.
- Trifecta: The Worlds qualifying Design Award went to Trifecta, composed of Abby Hanson, Jonah Hanson, Alexis Hepburn, and Eli McCoy. They will attend worlds for their third time.
- Also competing in state were the C-Bots 7784K Tack's Mechanix and 7784H Sigma Prime.

Thank you to Microsoft, Electro Impact, NW Tech Inc., Boeing, Perteet, HDR Engineering and Evergreen Design and to the numerous volunteers who made this event possible.



### Golden Viking card offers free admission for senior citizens

If you aren't a Golden Viking you are missing out! The Golden Viking program is a partnership opportunity for senior citizens living in Lake Stevens School District's boundaries to participate in high school activities and athletic events at no charge.

The Golden Viking card admits one senior citizen (65 years of age and older) to regular season high school sporting events and other events where admission is charged.

Golden Viking applications are available on our website, at all schools and at the Educational Service Center, 12309 22nd St. NE, or by calling 425-335-1500.

You are invited to join in the amazing experiences that young people bring to our community through education and activity!

## Welcome to Kindergarten!

### It's time to register for kindergarten

Registration for kindergarten for the 2016-17 school year started in mid-March. To register your child, visit your local elementary school to obtain an enrollment packet. To determine which school your child should attend, visit the eLink page on the district website under the "Busing" icon in the blue, horizontal navigation bar.

In order to attend kindergarten in the September of 2016, a child must be five-years-old by Aug. 31, 2016. When registering your child, please bring the following required documents:

- Completed Registration Packet
- Birth Certificate
- Proof of Immunization
- Proof of Residence (copies of lease or rental agreement, PUD bill or cable bill)

Starting in the 2016-17 school year, full day kindergarten will be funded by the state in all school districts in Washington. Lake Stevens School District will only offer full day kindergarten classes.

For additional information, visit the kindergarten webpage, or call the district office at 425-335-1500.





## Spring Community Education classes begin April 11

Looking for spring and summer activities for you or your children? Interested in learning a new skill or hobby? If so, stay tuned for information about the spring and summer session of Lake Stevens School District's Community Education program, which begins Monday, April 11.

A program flyer will be mailed to all Lake Stevens residents in late March. This information is also available on the district website under the "Community" tab and at the Educational Service Center, 12309 22nd St NE.

For more information about the Community Education program, call 425-335-1668.

## Come visit the pool—Lessons, open-swims, aerobics and more!

April 11 - June 12 • 425-335-1526 • For more information visit [www.lkstevens.wednet.edu/pool](http://www.lkstevens.wednet.edu/pool)

### Spring 2016 Swimming Lessons

**Monday/Wednesday**  
5 & 5:30 p.m.

Session #1 - April 11-May 4  
Eight 25 minute classes \$40  
Pre-registration: 3/21  
Open Registration: 3/23 @ 5 p.m.

Session #2 - May 9-June 1  
No class 5/30  
Seven 25 minute classes \$35  
Pre-registration: 5/2  
Open Registration: 5/4 @ 5 p.m.

**Tuesday/Thursday**  
6, 6:30, & 7 p.m.

Session #1 - April 12-May 5  
Eight 25 minute classes \$40  
Pre-registration: 3/22  
Open Registration: 3/23 @ 5 p.m.

Session #2 - May 10-June 2  
Eight 25 minute classes \$40  
Pre-registration: 5/3  
Open Registration: 5/4 @ 5 p.m.

**Saturday**

10, 10:30, 11, 11:30 a.m. & 12 p.m.

Session #1 - April 16-May 7  
Four 25 minute classes \$20  
Pre-registration: 3/19  
Open Registration: 3/23 @ 5 p.m.

Session #2 - May 14-June 11  
No class 5/28  
Four 25 minute classes \$20  
Pre-registration: 4/30  
Open Registration: 5/4 @ 5 p.m.

Swimming lesson registration is done on a first-come-first-served basis. All registration must be done in person at the pool. Payment is due at the time of registration. Payment must be in the form of cash or check. If a class is canceled by the pool, a credit for that day will be issued and may be redeemed at any time. All credits are kept on file at the pool and may be used at any time for any program. Refunds will be issued on request and will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The pool is unable to reschedule any missed group lessons and does not offer make-up days for missed lessons. Credits will not be given for missed classes. A private swimming lesson may be rescheduled with at least three days notice, unless approved by a supervisor.

**Pool will be closed  
Monday, May 30 in  
observance of  
Memorial Day.**



## High school service club mentors elementary students

Megan Holman, a member of Lake Stevens High School's Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, is leading this year's Big Viking Little Viking program that trains responsible and caring high school students to mentor local elementary students.

This school year 45 Big Vikings helped more than 100 Little Vikings!

Big Vikings receive training from elementary counselors and a Family and Consumer Sciences instructor—learning valuable tips for working one-on-one with students and basic school rules.

Paige Wagner, a Big Viking, works on a literacy activity with a kindergarten student.

## Dear Community Members,

Thank you for your generous support of our school construction bond, which passed with a 62.26 percent yes vote! I am honored by your trust and continued support of our school district, and am extremely excited about these projects and what they mean for our students.

I especially want to thank the community members, parents, students and staff volunteers who worked tirelessly to share information about the bond projects.

Updates about the construction projects will be shared in this publication, on the district website and on our social media pages. Please refer to the front page of this publication to learn about what's happening now.

Your school board and I are keeping a close eye on this year's legislative session. At the end of January, we attended the annual Legislative Conference, hosted by the Washington State School Director's Association, where we received updates from Gov. Inslee's office, Superintendent Dorn and state budget analysts. We have also been in contact with our local legislators to urge them to continue to support K-12 education through full funding, and to explain how proposed legislation would impact our district and students.

Later this spring, students will once again take the Smarter Balanced Assessment to gauge their progress and plan how to support their continued learning as they advance towards being career and college ready upon graduation. Students in grades three through eight and in grade 11 will take the Smarter Balanced Assessment in English/Language Arts (reading and writing) and in math. Additionally, students in grades five and eight will continue to take the Measurements of Student Progress (MSP) in science. High school students also take End of Course Exams in math and biology. These assessments are one important tool to measure academic success. However, we know that student achievement means

much more than the score on a state assessment. As a district we are committed to continuing to provide high quality instruction that meets the needs of all students.

Spring is an exciting time in our schools filled with many events and activities. If you haven't visited lately, I invite you to attend an upcoming vocal or instrumental concert, the high school play or a school board meeting. Our Community Education Program also has numerous spring and summer classes and camps for both students and adults. There are many ways to get involved.

This coming fall, all six of our elementary schools—and all elementary schools in the state—will offer state-funded full-day kindergarten. We will no longer offer half-day kindergarten in our schools. We will use the Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (WaKIDS)—a transition process that helps to ensure a successful start to the K-12 experience and connect the key adults in a child's life. In early March, our elementary schools hosted a Kindergarten Parent Information Night. Kindergarten enrollment for the 2016-17 school year is open. To learn more, visit our district website or call your local elementary school. We look forward to welcoming the class of 2029!

As always, I welcome and encourage any questions you have about our schools.

Warm Regards,

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