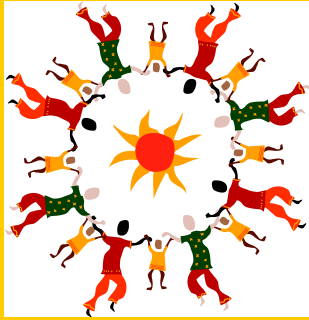


LINKS

Looking Into the Needs of Kids and Schools



Thank you LINKS Supporters!

LINKS enthusiastically thanks the following organizations who have supported our program through the Lake Washington Schools Foundation:

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District Update from Superintendent, Dr. Chip Kimball

Thank you for volunteering your time to help students in Lake Washington School District. Our district's mission is that each student will graduate prepared to lead a rewarding, responsible life as a contributing member of our community and greater society. You are making a difference in reaching that goal.

Academic mentors and tutors not only help students learn, they model effective skills and traits like problem solving and perseverance. As a LINKS volunteer, you can help a student discover the satisfaction and pride in learning. You can foster an interest in life-long learning that will serve students as they prepare to lead a rewarding, responsible life.

As a community volunteer, your presence also shows students that they are valued, not just by their family or school but by our community. Your connection to a student can increase their self-esteem and their connection to school.

For those of you who are returning volunteer, I'm so glad you have decided to continue your valuable service. For those of you who are new, welcome and thank you! I hope that all of you have a rewarding school year.

Summer Literacy Camp at A.G. Bell Elementary



Turn the page to learn more...

Principal Curtis Anderson shares the success of Bell's Literacy Camp

The A.G. Bell Summer Literacy Camp is a school-based summer literacy program that addresses the needs of struggling kindergarten and first grade readers. In our four week intensive camp, specific gaps in student abilities are identified and remediated through strategic instruction. LINKS volunteers enable us to double our efforts by providing their time to working with individual and small groups of students allowing the classroom teachers to focus on other students. In addition, LINKS connected us with a local area business who provided volunteers, age-appropriate books for our students and even coordinated a celebration lunch for students and families! We are thankful for the support LINKS provides to the students of A.G. Bell.

*Special thanks to the **Lake Washington Schools Foundation** for funding the Summer Literacy Camp and to **AXA Advisors** for volunteering their time to make learning fun for the students at Bell!*



Mentor's Corner

What are the qualities of an effective mentor? Here's our top 10 List!

Be a friend

Have realistic goals and expectations

Have fun together

Give your mentee voice and choice in deciding on activities

Be positive

Let your mentee have much of the control over what the two of you talk about and how you talk about it

Listen

Respect the trust your mentee places in you

Remember that your relationship is with the youth, not the youth's parent

Remember that *you* are responsible for building the relationship

LINKS Volunteer Training **October 27th at 7:00p.m.**

**Lake Washington School District Resource Center
at Redmond Town Center
16250 N.E. 74th Street Redmond, WA 98052**

Guest Speaker: Ken Wong

Ken Wong is currently the Teen Programs Director for the City of Redmond. He has been in the 'youth' profession for over 20 years on the Eastside as an educator, consultant, counselor, community leader and an intervention specialist. Community education and parent support is where his work has brought him and where he sees the most need.

Ken's heart and passion is working with youth and brings caring and compassion to a challenging group. He brings with him tremendous knowledge and great stories, but most of all Ken is a life long learner who gains knowledge every time he presents.

Ken has a Master's Degree in Social Work and is a registered counselor.

Presentation Topics:

Mentoring through the
influential years

Connecting with students

Challenges kids face in today's society

Student learning styles





'No School Days'

November 11th
November 26th-27th
December 21st-31st
January 1st
January 18th
February 11th-12th
February 15th

Check a local news channel for school closures due to snow.



It is one of the most beautiful compensations of life, that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself.

~Ralph Waldo Emerson

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District Resources

The LWSO website offers:

- Information regarding the HINI guidelines for our schools
- Postings on school closures
 - School calendar
 - District map
- Links to individual school website
- LINKS Program information

Attention LINKS Volunteers!

It is very important that you sign into the **GREEN LINKS BINDER** each time you visit a school.



This information helps to track the number of volunteer hours you generously share and we want every one of your hours to count!

THANK YOU!

Teachers share the success of LINKS Volunteers

"My student now arrives early to school and completes most homework. He is now motivated to do school work where he didn't care before."

"LINKS has provided us with volunteers that we have partnered with students in our Lunch Buddy program. It is wonderful to be able to "connect" adults and children for our lunch buddy program....we all benefit!"

"The student's self confidence has improved."

"I have seen a great increase in confidence and a more positive attitude toward reading and writing from Carl's students. They all see themselves as good readers and writers."

"A beautiful friendship has developed."

