



KINSHIP CAREGIVER NEWSLETTER

January/
February
2018

Lummi Employment and Training Center

January and February School Calendar in Whatcom County

Lummi Nation School

Jan. 1 & 2- Winter Break
Jan. 15- MLK Jr. No School
Jan. 19- Student Half Day
Jan. 22- Treaty Day No School
Feb. 2- Semester Workday
Feb. 16- Student Half Day
Feb. 19- Presidents Day No School

Bellingham Public Schools

Jan. 1- Winter Break
Jan. 4- Elementary Early Dismissal
Jan. 11- Elementary & Middle Schools Early Dismissal
Jan. 15- MLK Jr. No School
Jan. 18-Elementary Early Dismissal
Jan. 24- Teacher workday
Jan. 25-Elementary Early Dismissal
Feb. 1- Elementary Early Dismissal
Feb. 8- Elementary & Middle Schools Early Dismissal
Feb. 9- Teacher Workday
Feb. 15-Elementary Early Dismissal
Feb. 19- Presidents Day No School
Feb. 22-Elementary Early Dismissal

Ferndale School District

Jan. 1 & 2- Winter Break
Jan. 10- K-12 Early Dismissal
Jan. 15- MLK Jr. No School
Jan. 19- K-5 Early Dismissal
Jan. 29- Semester Workday
Feb. 16 & 19- Presidents Day Weekend No School
Feb. 28- K-12 Early Dismissal



Nooksack Valley School District

Jan. 1- Winter Break
Jan. 10-Early Dismissal/Late arrival
Jan. 15- MLK Jr. No School
Jan. 24-Early Dismissal/Late arrival
Jan. 26- Teacher Workday
Feb. 7- Early Dismissal/Late arrival
Feb. 16- No School
Feb. 19- Presidents Day No School
Feb. 21-Early Dismissal/Late arrival

Lynden School District

Jan.1- New Years Day No School
Jan. 3- One Hour Late Arrival
Jan. 10- One Hour Late Arrival
Jan. 15- MLK Jr. No School
Jan. 17- One Hour Late Arrival
Jan. 24- Professional Learning Time No School
Jan. 31- One Hour Late Arrival
Feb. 7- One Hour Late Arrival
Feb. 14- One Hour Late Arrival
Feb. 19- Presidents Day No School
Feb. 21- One Hour Late Arrival
Feb. 28- Waiver Day No School

Blaine School District

Jan. 1- Winter Break
Jan. 8- Late Start Day
Jan. 15- MLK Jr. No School
Jan. 29- Teacher Workday
Feb. 5- Late Start Day
Feb.16- Mid-Winter Break
Jan. 19- Presidents Day Weekend No School
Feb. 26- Late Start Day



Free Entry to the Seattle Aquarium for Kinship Caregivers and Foster Parents

Interested in taking the kiddos in your care to the Seattle Aquarium? The Lummi Kinship Navigator has 2 year passes for two adults and 5 youth (who are under the full time, on-going custody and care of the caregiver). The pass is for entry to the Seattle Aquarium during regular hours of operation. You will need to present a valid, legal form of ID and the Kinship

Navigator card. If you are interested in receiving this pass stop by the Lummi Employment & Training Center. Ask for Chastity Jeffries, Lummi Kinship Navigator or Topsy Kinley, ETC Program Manager, if Chastity is not available. Unable to come into our office? Please call 360-312-2086 to set up a home visit with Chastity Jeffries.

The Seattle Aquarium is located on the scenic downtown Seattle waterfront at 1483 Alaskan Way, Pier 59. Open daily 9:30 am- 5:00 pm. Last entry is at 5:00 pm; exhibits close at 6:00 pm. For more information, visit www.SeattleAquarium.org.



Free-Access Pass to Pacific Science Center for Youth and Foster Parents or Kinship Caregivers

Seattle Pacific Science Center inspires a lifelong interest in science, math, and technology by engaging diverse communities through interactive and innovative exhibits and programs. They have announced their Youth Access Membership. If you are a foster parent, relative caregiver, tribal caregiver

or kinship caregiver you will want to learn more about this amazing resource for children, youth and caregivers throughout Washington.

Please stop by the LETC office if you are interested in learning more information about your eligibility for this amazing offer

and how to sign up for it. This comes with more than just the entry.

Youth ages 14 and up will be able to sign up for their own membership, but we encourage their caregivers to come in with them to get the information.

Teen Nights

Ages 12-19
Every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month
4:00 PM- 7:00 PM
Youth Social Services Building
Dinner and snacks provided
For more information contact Joanna Lane at: (360) 384-7152 or JoannaL@lummi-nsn.gov

January 5
January 19
February 2
February 16

Strengthening Families Program

Starting
January 9th
5:00 PM to 7:30 PM
Every Tuesday
Dinner Provided
Youth Wellness Center Cafeteria



The Strengthening Families Program is an 11 week program. The classes consist of parenting skills, children's life skills, and family skills training.

- 1/9 Week 1– Intro Lesson; Happy Family– Healthy Brain Connection
- 1/16 Week 2– Notice and Compliment the Good Daily
- 1/23 Week 3– Great Communication Skills and Fun Family Meetings
- 1/30 Week 4– Rules, Rewards, and Responsibilities
- 2/6 Week 5– Limits and Consequences Encourage Good Behavior
- 2/13 Week 6– Problem Solving & Win-Win Negotiation
- 2/20 Week 7– Good Stress and Anger Management Skills
- 2/27 Week 8– Goals and Contracts to Change Good Behavior
- 3/6 Week 9– Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs Hijack the Brain
- 3/13 Week 10– Choosing Good Friends and Monitoring Kids Actives
- 3/20 Week 11– Values, Traditions, and Community Services

Lummi Youth Social Services Prevention Program

For registration contact:
Arissia Ward at 360-312-2092 or at ArissiaW@Lummi-nsn.gov

“Please join the Prevention staff for our family friendly classes!

We meet weekly to share a meal, break into three groups (parents, teens, and children) to learn new techniques for family skill building, and child care is provided for children 5 years and under.

At the end of the course we host a family fun night! We hope to see many new and old faces! All are welcome!” - Arissia Ward, Lummi Youth Social Services Facebook page



LGBTQ Youth Group

January 24th 2018

4:00 – 6:00 PM

Lummi Youth Social Services

For more information
Contact Joanna Lane at:
JoannaL@Lummi-nsn.gov
(360) 384-7152



LIKE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!
TYPE IN: @ETCVR

We will post any news that our office has. Share any news from other agencies and programs that clients may want to know about. Anything that is specifically for Kinship Families will start off in our post with "KINSHIP FAMILIES."

Lummi JOM

JOM?
The Tassel
Is
worth
the
Hassle

Lummi Johnson-O'Malley
would like to take the time to wish you a Happy New Year!

We would also like to remind you that we do offer transportations for Ferndale & Lummi Students who have missed their bus only if there is no other transportation available.

Between 8AM-10AM

All this upon availability of JOM Van

Please call my cell number (360) 389-8994 for transportation in the morning I normally leave directly from LIBC to do transports so this number is the best number to reach me. I do get a lot of facebook message so that works too.

Have a wonderful day! ☺

Family Connections



Come and join us at the next family connections!!

February 10, 2018

10 am– 2 pm

Arts and Crafts, Food and entertainment!!!

15th Annual Voices of Children Contest 2018

The Family Education & Support Services, Washington State Department of Social & Health Services, Area Agency on Aging and TwinStar Credit Union are having their 15th annual Voices of Children Contest for 2018.

This is our chance to let our youth get their voices heard about their experiences of living with a relative in a positive way.

What is the Contest?

Voices of Children Raised by Grandparents and Other Relatives is a contest for children in Washington State who are being raised, now or in the past, by a relative other than their parents. The contest honors both the children and the more than 45, 000 grandparents and other relatives in Washington State who are raising them.

How do you enter the contest?

-Write a poem or short essay, or draw a picture that describes how living with a relative (such as a grandparent, aunt or uncle) has made a positive difference in your life.

-Mail entries to: Voices of Children Contest, 1202 Black Lake Blvd. #B, Olympia, WA 98502.

-All entries must be submitted or postmarked by April 2, 2018.

What are the rules?

-All participating children must live in **Washington State** and be **5-19 years old**

-Entries will be judged in three age categories: ages 5-7, ages 8-12, ages 13-19

-Poems should be 21 lines or less

-Essays should be 200 words or less

-Make your art as **big and bold** as possible and add a statement that explains your drawing

-Artwork must be submitted on the entry form

-Do not include any names within artwork

-Artwork must be flat and within the box on entry form

-Entry must be original, in English, and **unpublished**

Winners will be notified in early May and all decisions of the final judges are final

-Award ceremony for winners will be held at the Governor's Mansion in Olympia

-We reserve the right of first publication and use of writings and drawings

-All entries may be published in a 2018 book called Voices of Children-Raised by Grandparents and Other Relatives

What are the prizes?

The top two entries in each age category will receive: **\$100.00 from TwinStar Credit Union**

For more information and/or to pick up your entry form please stop by the Lummi Employment & Training Center (2665 Kwina Road, Bellingham, WA 98226). If you cannot stop by please feel free to contact Chastity Jeffries, Lummi Kinship Navigator, at (360) 312-2086 or email chastityj@lummi-nsn.gov. We are more than happy to mail off your entries as well once your child's entry is complete.



LUMMI EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING CENTER

Soaring to new heights



Lummi Employment and Training Center
Attn: Chastity Jeffries
2665 Kwina Road
Bellingham, WA 98226

Phone: 360-312-2072
Fax: 360-380-6973
E-mail: chastityj@lummi-nsn.gov

JANUARY



February

