

# KINSHIP CAREGIVER NEWSLETTER

September 2017

## LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

### Lummi Nation School:

Sep. 5 First Day of School  
Sep. 15 Student Half Day  
Sep. 29 Student Half Day  
Oct. 13 Student Half Day  
Oct. 27 Student Half Day

### Nooksack Valley School

#### District:

First Day was Aug. 30  
Sep. 4 No School/ Holiday  
Sep. 20 Early Dismissal  
Oct. 4 Early Dismissal  
Oct. 18 Early Dismissal  
Oct. 31 Early Dismissal  
Middle School Conferences

### Blaine School District:

First Day was Aug. 30  
Sep. 4 No School/ Holiday  
Sep. 18 Late Start  
– Begins 10:20  
Oct. 9 Late Start  
– Begins 10:20  
Oct. 30 Late Start  
– Begins 10:20

### Bellingham Public Schools:

First Day was Aug. 23  
Sep. 4 No School/ Holiday  
Sep. 7 Elementary Early Dismissal  
Sep. 14 Middle & Elementary Early Dismissal  
Sep. 15 No School/ Teacher Work Day  
Sep. 21 Elementary Early Dismissal  
Sep. 28 Elementary Early Dismissal  
Oct. 5 Elementary Early Dismissal  
Oct. 12 Elementary Early Dismissal  
Oct. 19 Middle & Elementary Early Dismissal  
Oct. 20 No School/ Teacher Work Day  
Oct. 26 Elementary Early Dismissal

### Ferndale School

#### District:

Sep. 6 First Day of School  
Sep. 20 K-12 Early Dismissal  
Oct. 11 K-12 Early Dismissal  
Oct. 27 K-5 Early Dismissal  
Elementary Conference Prep

### Lynden School District:

First Day was Aug. 31  
Sep. 4 No School/ Holiday  
Sep. 6 All Schools 1 Hour Late  
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Sep. 6 All Schools 1 Hour Late  
Sep. 13 All Schools 1 Hour Late  
Sep. 20 All Schools 1 Hour Late  
Sep. 27 All Schools 1 Hour Late  
Oct. 4 No School  
– Waiver Day  
Oct. 11 All Schools 1 Hour Late  
Oct. 12 6-8 Grades Early  
Release LMS  
Conferences  
Oct. 13 6-8 Grades Early  
Release LMS  
Conferences  
Oct. 18 All Schools 1 Hour Late  
Oct. 25 All Schools 1 Hour Late



# LOCAL RESOURCES



Serving our community since 1997



Blue Skies for Children is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization located in Whatcom County that grants Little Wishes for homeless, low-income, and foster youth, ages 6-18.



**Mission:**  
To raise hope and self-esteem by sponsoring enrichment programs and other essentials for homeless, low-income and foster children.




Blue Skies for Children  
2505 Cedarwood Ave, Suite #5  
Bellingham, WA 98225  
Phone: 360.756.6710 - Fax: 360.756.6732  
www.blueskiesforchildren.org

**Little Wishes Enrichment Program**

The last thing a child should have to worry about is fitting in, having friends, or experiencing success. Through our Little Wishes program, youth are given the opportunity to be a part of the enrichment activities in which their peers are involved.

Blue Skies Little Wishes Enrichment Program includes support for, but is not limited to, martial arts, dance or ballet, music lessons, art, swimming, ice skating, gymnastics, horseback riding lessons, as well as team sports such as basketball, fast pitch, volleyball, soccer, ice hockey, football, wrestling and so many other activities.

**One-Time Little Wishes Program**

One-Time Little Wishes are as unique as the child. Little Wish requests are commonly received for summer camp, a bicycle & helmet, a computer, special needs equipment, tutoring, sports uniform, equipment, cleats, sports fees, school trip fees, or an ASB Card.

**Instrument Loaner Program**

Blue Skies offers an instrument loaner program so that youth can participate in their school band or orchestra without the monthly rental cost of an instrument.

**Shoe Give-Away**

Each year Blue Skies for Children partners with our community to give our kids brand new shoes.

**Winter Warm-Up Program**

Each Fall, Blue Skies provides warm coats, hats, gloves, scarves and blankets for children in need.

**You Can Help!**

**Sponsor-A-Child**

You can help a local child by sponsoring their enrichment activity for one month, one year or longer! You decide.

For just \$50 per month, you can help increase the hope and self-esteem of a child right here in Whatcom County. You will receive a quarterly update on how the child you are supporting is progressing in their activity.

**Anything you can contribute will be greatly appreciated!**



Note: Blue Skies for Children does NOT provide housing, food, toys or electronics (other than computers and special needs equipment)

*If you know a relative or friend that is taking care of a relative child (grandchild, niece, nephew, cousin or younger sibling) please refer them to Chastity Jeffries, Kinship Navigator. I would like to see if the program could assist them in finding resources to make it easier for them to keep the child in their home, if the parents are unable to care for the children.*

# Johnson O'Malley Program

(360) 384-7170

**Physical Address:**

2608 A Kwina Road  
Bellingham, WA 98226

**Mailing Address:**

2665 Kwina Road  
Bellingham, WA 98226

Doris Jefferson, JOM Director

Dorisj@lummi-nsn.gov

Alexandria Mackel, Parent  
Coordinator

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alexandriam@lummi-nsn.gov

Daphne Howard, Tutor Coordinator

daphneh@lummi-nsn.gov

Candy Jefferson, Office Assistant

candyj@lummi-nsn.gov

Services provided:

- School supplies
- Co-sponsors many family holiday programs
- Organize workshops for parents and students
- Possible assistance with transportation to and from school
- Possibly assist with: Traffic Safety Class Fee, Class Fee, Running Start Fee & books, Graduation Costs

Tutoring Program:

Monday-Thursday  
3:00 PM-5:30 PM

Tuesday & Thursday are available for K-2 grade students

Monday-Thursday will be available for 3-12 grade students

## Back to School Clothes Application

Don't forget to pick up the back to school clothing cards for your kiddos if you turned in the paperwork by August 11, 2017. If you turned it in between August 12, 2017 and August 25, 2017, your card(s) will be available as early as September 8, 2017.

If you haven't turned it in yet, you have until September 29, 2017 to turn in a completed application. You should be able to expect it to be available on October 13, 2017.

You will need to turn in the application to Lummi Youth Social Services. The cards are under their Prevention Program. You may also email it to LYSS@lummi-nsn.gov.

**Application Submission Methods:**

1. **In Person**- Lummi Youth Social Services, 2530 Kwina Road Bellingham WA 98226
2. **Mail**- Lummi Prevention Program (Back to School Program) 2665 Kwina Road Bellingham WA, 98226.
3. **Email**- LYSS@lummi-nsn.gov
4. **If you have any questions please call 360-312-2092.**

**Distribution Deadlines:**

Application Due Date:	Distribution Date:
August 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	August 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2017
August 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	September 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2017
September 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	October 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2017

After the initial distribution, applications will be accepted until the FINAL application submission deadline of September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017. After which, the FINAL gift card distribution will be available October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017. If you cannot pick up the gift card by the deadline, LIBC must receive a request for it to be mailed to you by October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Documentation of Enrollment and Custody of the above named child may be required with this application. If a card is obtained illegally the card will be reported stolen to Lummi Law & Order and/or other Law Enforcement agencies and criminal charges may be initiated against persons who illegally claimed cards for children who are not legally in their custody. Please pay attention to the optional pick up person, this will be strictly adhered to. If a family member is not listed in the optional pick up the card will not be released to them.

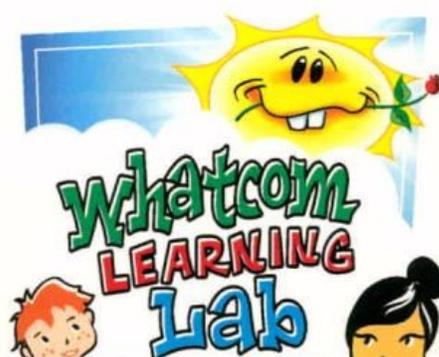
**Declaration of Eligibility & Permission to Release information**

By signing I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare that I am the legal guardian who has custody of the Lummi Enrolled child identified in this application. I understand that LIBC will not be liable for lost, stolen or missed gift cards. I further declare that I as the custodial parent/guardian assume full responsibility for the gift card and agree to use the card for the sole intended purpose of school clothes and supplies for the child named in this application.

By signing I, \_\_\_\_\_, give permission to my child's above named school to release enrollment information, student grades and attendance records.

Print First/Middle/Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Legal Guardian Parent/Legal Guardian

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**Whatcom LEARNING Lab**

If you are 5 to 95 and want reading help please contact us!

We are a nonprofit community resource helping children and adults learn to read for an affordable fee. We offer one-to-one tutoring from trained volunteers in one hour sessions twice a week after school.

**Volunteer Tutors Wanted**  
Become a volunteer reading tutor and change a life.

*"Never underestimate your ability to make someone else's life better."*  
—Greg Louganis, Olympic Diving Champion

**DYSLEXIA** We specialize in helping reading challenged learners. Our main reading program is designed for individuals with dyslexia. ESL students are also welcome. Evaluation for dyslexia available at additional cost.

**Bellingham St. Paul's Episcopal Church**  
2117 Walnut St. Near intersection of Holly and Broadway  
Mon. & Wed. (3 - 5PM)  
Contact Linda Gorsuch, Director  
360-371-3978  
whatcomlearninglab@comcast.net  
**WhatcomLearningLab.org**



# KINSHIP FAMILY DAY CAMP

The Kinship Navigator program was able to get a grant to offer some respite for our families we work with. We utilized the grant by offering a free day camp during the week of August 14 -17, 2017 for youth in grades Kindergarten to tenth in the 2017-2018 school year. During this week our participating youth had the opportunity to hear some stories, learn the flood song, weaving and got time to get out to explore the beach.

This was our first time with this type of activity for the Kinship Navigator program. We would like to find ways to provide some sort of service

like this in the future so all ages of children participating in our program can be included. If you have any suggestions please feel free to contact Chastity Jeffries by email or phone to pass on some ideas for the future.

For those families that were able to participate in this day camp, I would like to get your feedback about your thoughts of the day camp. I will be sending you a feedback survey. It would be greatly appreciated if you could please fill it out and return it to our office.



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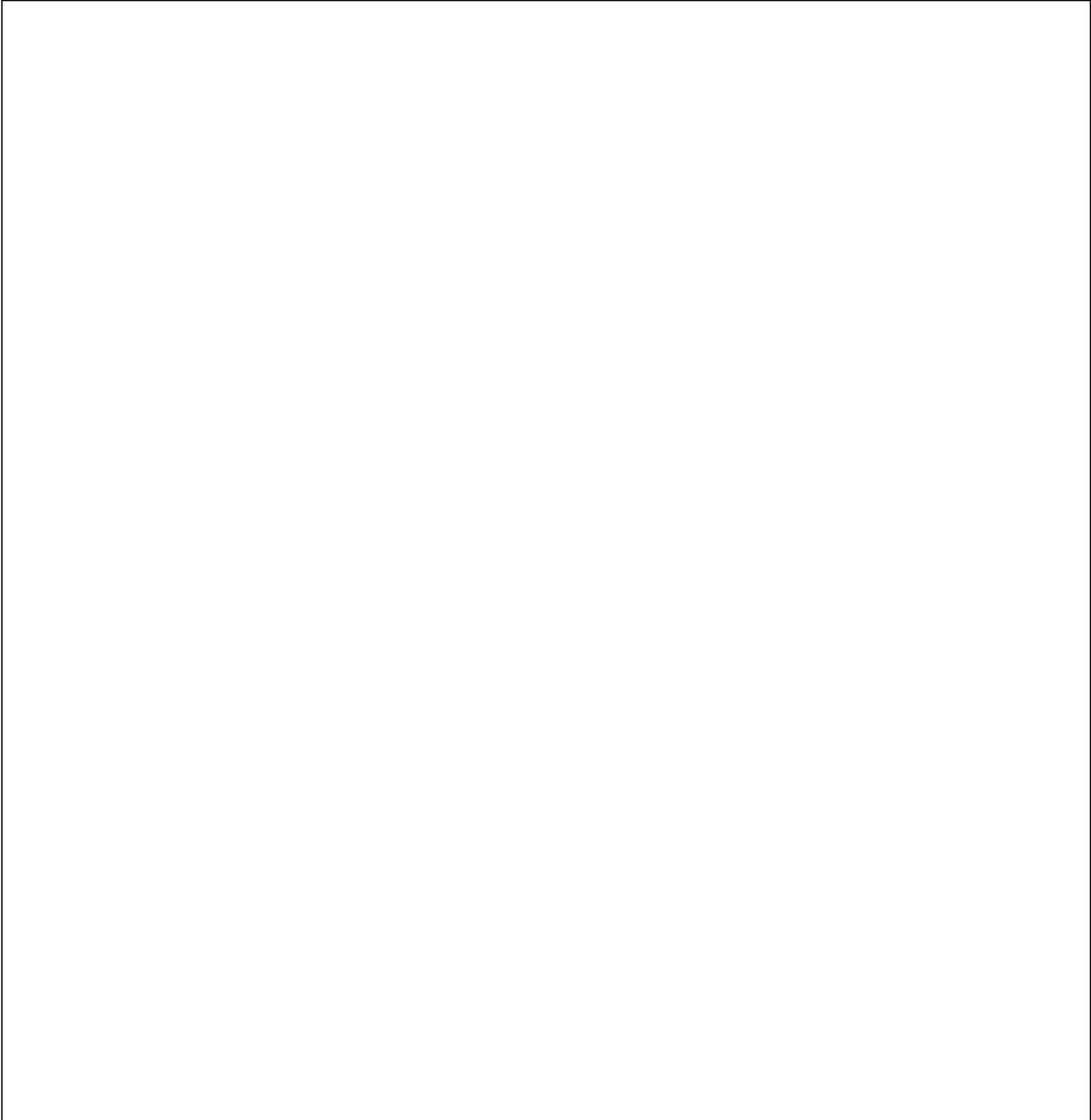
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# GRANDPARENTS DAY IS ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

This is an area where youth can draw, write a story or poem about their grandparents in honor of Grandparents Day. We will be posting any submitted entries in the November issue of the Kinship Caregiver Newsletter. Please submit any entries by October 31, 2017. Please return to the Employment & Training Center office or mail to address located on the back of this page.



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

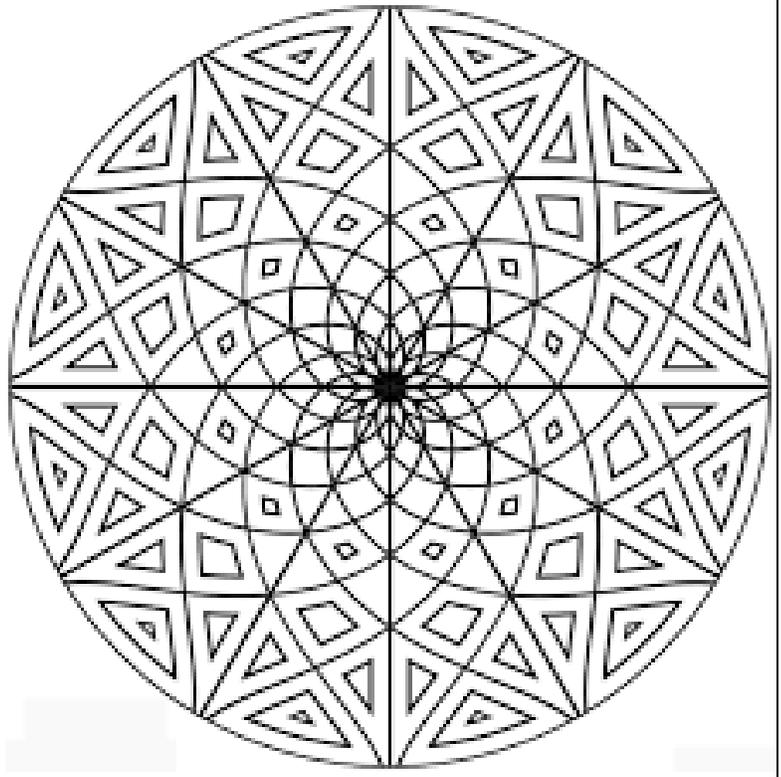
Lummi Employment and Training Center  
 Attn: Chastity Jeffries  
 2665 Kwina Road  
 Bellingham, WA 98226

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



*Soaring to new heights*

Color Area:



## Word Search: Numbers and Colors in Xwlemi Chosen

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Word to look for (Meaning in English):

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| Netse (One)     | Chese (Two)      |
| Lhixw (Three)   | Ngos (Four)      |
| Lhqachs (Five)  | T'exeng (Six)    |
| Ts'okws (Seven) | Ta'es (Eight)    |
| T'ekxw (Nine)   | O'pen (Ten)      |
| Peq' (White)    | Neseqw (Red)     |
| Chi'oles (Blue) | Neqwey' (Yellow) |
| Neqa'xw (Black) | Neqway' (Green)  |
| Nekwiem (Brown) |                  |

**LUMMI EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING CENTER**

**Kinship Caregiver Newsletter:**

- Yes, Please Mail me each issue  
 Yes, Please Email me each issue

You will be able to expect a newsletter on the following months: January, March, May, July, September, November

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Exclude any apostrophes when searching for the words.