

Terrier Times

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School starts August 29, 2011

From the Principal's Desk

Bill Newell, Principal

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Hope this Terrier Times finds you and your family doing well and your WSD student(s) anxious to get back in the swing of things at school. As you are probably aware, "move in" day for our residential students is August 28. Both day and residential students start school Monday, August 29.

We have been very busy this summer with improvements to WSD. The Divine school building (6th - 12th grades) was completely re-carpeted—all classrooms, hallways and the library. Students will be excited to see the fresh new look. We are also installing Smart Boards (interactive white boards) in all instructional classroom spaces. Last year we installed 10 Smart Boards and found these to be very effective for providing engaging and motivating instruction. This summer we were able to secure additional money from a state grant to complete installation of all remaining classrooms.

We have hired several teachers over the summer. Dana Miller Miles will be joining us in the Secondary program as an ASL-English Language Arts teacher. Nathan Boyes will be joining us as PE/Health teacher. Amy Ellis is moving from the Elementary program to become our Career and Transition Teacher replacing David Born who retired at the end of last year. April McArthur is moving to our ASL Specialist position. In the Elementary department Cristi Lancaster joins us from Utah State University in the 5th grade classroom.

We have many exciting plans for the coming school year. You will read about the activities happening in early fall at WSD elsewhere in this newsletter. Welcome back to WSD. We look forward to serving your student and our WSD families again this school year. Please do keep in touch with us. Communication between school and families is very important to the success of your student.



Ice-Cream Social

August 29, 2011
2-3pm

Clarke Hall
Covered Area



August 28, 2010!
(2-4pm)

Day & Residential student registration will be done by Mail or you can drop-off your registration packets.

Registration packets must be returned by August 22, 2011

Computer Technology

Michelle Clark, Ed Tech Coordinator

USB Thumb Drives a must for school!



Computer technology is present in nearly every classroom subject with projects and daily homework using a computer. Therefore, a thumb drive to save important documents helps to foster student success in schoolwork and technology. A 2-4 gigabyte USB flash drive is suitable to hold more than enough classroom work or documents for elementary, middle and high school students. The price for these drives ranges from \$8 to \$15. Students may want to opt for higher storage sizes at 8-16 gigabytes to keep their ASL videos. If you're worried that a USB's size could cause it to get lost, look for a key ring or lanyard to keep the USB attached to their backpack or around their neck. To take organization to the next level, a student can get a few color-coded flash drives that correspond to each subject or class. Look for good deals now during back to school sales and don't forget to add this important tool to your child's supply list.



Dear Families:

We can hardly wait for school to begin! Being able to serve your students and your family is a great privilege. With the many exciting improvements that have occurred over the summer, we are eager to get back to doing what we love best . . . providing the best instructional and residential program possible on our Vancouver campus, and looking for ways we can support all deaf and hard of students in Washington through our outreach services around the state. Please enjoy the last weeks of summer, and get ready for a dynamic school year!

Jane Mulholland
Superintendent

WSD Parents! New School Lunch Prices...



Student Grade K - 5
(\$1.95/day)
Student Grade 6 - 12
(\$2.10/day)



Become a member of Washington State Hands & Voices!

www.wahandsandvoices.org

Washington State Hands & Voices is a parent-driven organization dedicated to supporting and unifying families with children who are deaf, deafblind or hard of hearing. We provide families with a non-biased perspective of communication access and educational outcomes for their children. Our activities are focused on networking with parents and professionals to empower families throughout the entire state.

WSD... News!

Smart Boards in every WSD Classroom!



August 28 - Cottage Check-In
 August 29 - 1st Day of School
 August 29 - Ice-Cream Social
 September 5 - Labor Day
 September 7 - School Resumes
 September 13 - After School Program (ASP)
 September 15 - Family Academy Night (FAN)
 September 19-23 - Deaf Awareness Week
 September 23-24 Volleyball Tournament
September Travel Days: 2,6,9,11,16,18,23,25,30
 October 13 - School Pictures
 October 27 - Open House/Homecoming

ASL Classes for WSD Families Free!

Kris Ching, Outreach Director

WSD is offering ASL classes for WSD families beginning the week of September 26-Dec 5, 2011. Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced evening classes will be offered. Stay tuned more details to follow...



Deaf Awareness Week

April McArthur, ASL Specialist



"At WSD, we strive to increase awareness and understanding of ASL and Deaf culture, as well as to celebrate the cultures and languages of deaf people all over the world."

Every year, during the last full week of September, WSD celebrates International Deaf Awareness Week (DAW). DAW was established by the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD). The WFD is an international organization composed of 120 national associations of the deaf which, in collaboration with the United Nations, serves all countries in the enhancement of the social, economic and cultural lives of deaf and hard of hearing people. The United States National Association of the Deaf (NAD) participates in Deaf World Week. At WSD, we strive to increase awareness and understanding of ASL and Deaf culture, as well as to celebrate the cultures and languages of deaf people all over the world.

This year's DAW is celebrated from September 19th-23rd. On Monday, September 19th at 8:00am we will have our kick-off assembly. During the week, students will study Deaf Culture and participate in our annual De'VIA poster contest. This year, with help from our PSO, we will be having an exciting fundraiser. Through a company called 'Original Works', we will be able to turn each student's artwork into custom products. You will be able to purchase your own child's artwork on items such as coffee mugs, calendars, notecards, etc. These would make the perfect gift for birthdays and Christmas. More information about how you can buy your child's artwork will be forthcoming. On Friday, September 23rd at 8:00am, we will have closing ceremonies. Both assemblies will be in the Oliver Kastel building. Please come join us!



Family Academy Night

September 15th

5:30-7:00pm

School picture payments are due on picture day-October 13!

September Sports Calendar!



9/8-Jamboree @
Club Green Meadows - 5:00pm AWAY
9/13-@ Vancouver Christian AWAY
9/15-vs. PJ II HOME
9/20-@ King's Way Christian AWAY
9/22-vs. Seton Catholic HOME
9/23-24-Terriers Volleyball Tournament
9/29-@ Columbia Adventist AWAY



9/15-vs. OSD-4:00pm HOME
9/22-vs. Oakville-4:00pm HOME
9/29-@ Wishkah-3:30pm AWAY

Homecoming

&

Open House

October 27!

