

# Terrier Times

Washington School for the Deaf

December 2012



## From the Principal's Desk

Bill Newell, Principal

Hope everyone enjoyed the recent holiday with family and friends.

It is important to use these holidays and traditions to teach your child concepts and include them in your family traditions. Depending on the age of your child you can use holiday activities to teach concepts such as "before and after," "past, present, future," "when, where, how." For example, if you are traveling to your child's grandparents give younger children pictures of the grandparents and their house. You can include concepts such as "when" this event will happen in the future. You can use a calendar to show the day you will leave home, "how" you will travel and by what means (car, bus, train, airplane). Use pictures, signs and written English as you review your travel plans.

For older children, have your child mark his/her calendar with the dates for your trip. Let the child use *Google Maps* to obtain step-by-step directions and the visual map of the trip you will take by car. Have your child mark off each stage of the trip showing where your family is on the map and in the written directions as you travel along. This is an excellent way for your child to learn about road signage, concepts such as detours, construction zones, fines doubled, tolls, etc.

We are gearing up for the **Deaf Academic Bowl** competition. WSD will be the host school for our regional competition occurring on President's Day weekend, **February 15-18, 2013**. Mark your calendars and plan to come to WSD for this exciting event.

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### Fun Facts!



A deaf centre-fielder for the Cincinnati Reds, William Hoy, (1862-1961) invented the hand signals for strikes and balls in baseball.

Mark your calendar!

**Winter Break**

December 21, 2012-January 4, 2013



## News from Northrop Elementary!

Shauna Bilyeu, Assistant Principal

### Terrier Pups go Digital and other Tidbits!

If you use the social networking site [Facebook](#), please check out our new [WSD Elementary Facebook](#) page! We hope to use [Facebook](#) as a way to send out reminders, updates, and events for Northrop Elementary. Expect to see a survey before the end of the school year on its usefulness. We hope that you will find it informative and an improvement for school to home communications. Remember to “Like” our page!

Our wonderful PSO has initiated a “Read N Lead” incentive reading program. This is for all elementary students and you should have received a blank calendar with instructions. Record the number of minutes that your child reads (this includes the time that any adult reads with your child, or your child reads independently at home). Send the calendar back by the end of the month and your child will receive prizes donated by PSO! If you did not receive a calendar, please let your child’s classroom teacher know.

Terrier Pups continue to work hard earning their PAWS. We are adopting a few school-wide behavior expectations. Our “Guidelines for Success” are as follows:

- Be Kind
- Make Good Decisions
- Solve Problems

We will be posting these expectations around the school with specific behaviors listed under each one. The goal is to teach our students not just what the expectations **ARE**, but what they **MEAN**. We want to be very explicit and intentional, so that our students know what appropriate school behavior looks like in order to learn and be good citizens.

You should have received your child’s 1st quarter report card by now, both an IEP progress report and a school report card. We are attempting to tailor our school report cards to our students’ individual needs and progress. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email or phone. Thank you!

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*“In order to close the achievement gap, we must first close the academic engagement gap.”*

### Upcoming elementary events and reminders!

PSO Elementary Holiday Party Friday, December 7th, Kastel Cafeteria  
NO FAN in December-Enjoy the holidays!



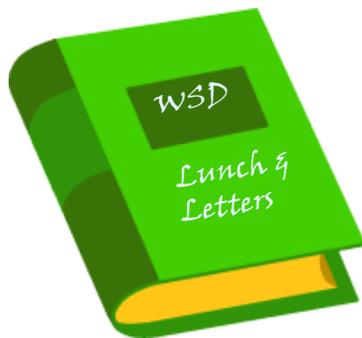
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## Library News!

Ginger Speranza, Librarian



We have had a very productive fall. With a total circulation of 30,906 and an average of 1,382 books checked out on any given day, work experience students are very busy. *Tony Gomez and Maddie Forbes* are pulling a heavy load this year keeping things cleaned up. We have added 200 new titles to the library in the month of October with more to come in November.

We have started a book club called *Lunch and Letters*. Our first book, *The Uglies*, by Scott Westerfeld, has been purchased and passed out. The club has 11 staff and 11 students with more students interested in joining for the next book. We will be meeting monthly to discuss or debate the merits of our chosen book. The response for the club has been great and I look forward to expanding it in the future.

amazon.com

wish list

I am excited to announce a new way family and friends can support the library. Keeping current fresh titles for students on the shelves is crucial to keeping the library busy and students reading. I have set up an Amazon account you can access with titles students are currently requesting. Type in "WSD wish list" to the search line in [Amazon](#) and our [wish list](#) will appear. This provides you with several options to assist students. You can send money to help us purchase books for Amazon; you can purchase books from our wish list from anywhere and have them shipped directly to us; or the most desirable option would be to purchase something from the wish list that you wish to read and when you have finished, donate it to WSD. Viewing the wish list allows you to see what students are reading, get some good book recommendations, and support the library.



## December School Calendar

December 5 - Milkshake Night (see details on pg 4)  
 December 7 - PSO Elementary Holiday Party  
 December 21, 2012-January 4, 2013 - Winter Break  
 Travel Days 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 20



*Clifford - The Big Red Dog  
 visits WSD Library!*

## Independent Living Skills (ILS) Food Drive 2012

Toni Stromberg, ILS Coordinator

Every year the students of the ILS program at the Washington School for the Deaf help those in need in Clark County. Last year, with great success, the ILS program adopted two families and provided them with a wonderful holiday season full of happiness and joy that they may not have experienced without our help.

This year, the students have decided to do a non-perishable food drive. During the month of December, ILS students will be asking family and friends of WSD to donate any non-perishable food items. These items can be found in your cupboards and/or purchased from a store.

If you would like to help, all items can be given to a WSD student who will take it to the cottage or school and put them in one of the designated barrels. Food items can also be dropped off with the receptionist in our main entrance located off of Grand Blvd. See examples of non-perishable food items below.

### Boxed/Package Items:

- Macaroni and cheese
- Hamburger/Tuna/Chicken Helper
- Pasta
- Beans/rice
- Cold or hot breakfast cereal
- Breakfast bars
- Jell-o and pudding mix
- Dinner meals (dry/non-refrigerated)
- Top Ramen

### Canned food items:

- Soups/chili
- Vegetables/fruit
- Tuna/chicken
- Beef or chicken broth

### Miscellaneous Items:

- Peanut butter/jelly
- Bread/pancake mix
- Salt, pepper/other spices
- Condiments/salad dressing
- Spaghetti sauce/tomato paste/other sauces
- Baby food/formula



### Milkshake Night

& Movie  
Wednesday  
December 5th, 2012  
7:00pm-9:00pm

Hosted by ILS Students  
and  
WSD Residential Staff

Help us!

Collect canned food or non-perishable food for families needing assistance during this holiday season.  
Milkshake= \$4.00  
(Vanilla or Chocolate flavors)  
Bring canned food and the cost goes down!



## New and Exciting Information at WSD

Cathy Bennett, Curriculum and Assessment Coordinator



As you may know, the majority of states in the U.S. has adopted one set of educational standards. Washington along with 45 other states is in the process of implementing these new standards. This is important because previously every state developed its own educational standards, which meant as children moved from one state to another the expectations and learning targets varied considerably. Washington State has already adopted the **Common Core State Standards (CCSS)** in English, Language Arts, and Mathematics for K-12 education. The other content areas will be added and fully ready in 2014.

Common Core State Standards benefit students, their parents, and teachers. Students will be better prepared for college and careers; parents will understand better how to support their students; and teachers will be able to focus on depth of understanding.

WSD is excited about planning, developing and implementing the CCSS. Families can be confident that the decision to adopt the CCSS was a decision made in the best interests of every public school student in Washington State including Washington School for the Deaf.

We plan to set up core groups for each content area to provide trainings and workshops for teachers here on campus.

## WSD Attire Galore!

Many styles and designs are available. Use the link below to order whatever you want. Items will ship directly to your home. A portion of the proceeds will go to the WSD athletics program.

Get your GREEN, BLACK and WHITE on and support the athletics program at the same time!

<http://www.prepsportswear.com/school/us/Washington/Vancouver/Washington--for-the-Deaf-School-Terriers.aspx?schoolid=2741551>



# WSD visits the Pumpkin Patch!

