

# Terrier Times

Center for Childhood Deafness & Hearing Loss - Washington School for the Deaf

December 2013



## From the Superintendent's Desk

Jane Mulholland, Superintendent

Dear WSD Families and Friends:

The **holiday season** is upon us! I hope this finds you all anticipating some great times with your children in the next couple of months. In the Secondary Department at WSD, we have just finished up our football and volleyball seasons, and are beginning basketball. We are well into the second quarter, and the students are well-grounded and focused on learning.

This year we have had an increased focus on recognizing appropriate behavior in the classroom, cottages, cafeteria, hallways, and throughout campus with Middle School and High School students. We have instituted a special Terrier Pride system, whereby staff give students a ticket when they catch them doing something right. Then at an assembly the first day of each week, four students' names are drawn and they get to select from a variety of Terrier Pride prizes such as free entrance to a dance, a free lunch, the chance to be the Principal for the day (no one has selected that yet), or a \$5 gift card for Barnes and Noble, to name a few. In the month of September we saw a 43% decrease in the number of behavior referrals students received. We are excited about the positive school climate we see every day. Students are in class, ready to learn, and there is more awareness about what behaviors support a positive learning environment. Thank you for your support at home, as well. Parental guidance and reinforcement of school expectations is the key to success.

All of us at WSD wish you and your family a warm and joyful holiday season. We look forward to our continued work with you and your children in 2014!

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## Milkshake Night And Holiday Movie

December 11  
7:30pm-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.

\*\*Vanilla Milkshake=\$4.00

\*\*Each topping=.50

Bring canned food and the  
cost goes down!



1 can=Milkshake=\$3.00

2 cans=Milkshake=\$2.00

3 cans=Milkshake=\$1.00

4 cans=FREE Milkshake!

5 cans=Free Milkshake  
with 1 topping

6 cans=Free Milkshake  
with 2 toppings

## Parents & Terrier Pups!

Shauna Bilyeu, Elementary Principal

Terrier Pup Families,

We are in the midst of fall activities here in Northrop. As I peek into classrooms in the mornings, I see lots of discussions centered on fall and winter holidays on the calendar. The preschoolers have cut out and pasted pictures of what Thanksgiving food they are looking forward to on their November calendars (you're not getting out of making a big dinner this year!). Fourth graders are learning about Veteran's Day and why we celebrate it. Third graders are working on writing the date in various ways. All of our classes address calendar and time. I mention this because time is an abstract concept, so it is important that we give our students explicit instruction and vocabulary related to it. Take a few minutes to sit down with your child and talk about your family calendar. Does your child have their own calendar in their room that they can mark special days for themselves? What you discuss at home with your child will make connections with what they are learning at school.

There is no Family Academy Night (FAN) in December due to the short month.

Please make sure to check your child's backpack every chance you get. Important communications are often sent home this way.

There is still time to take part in the WSD accreditation survey! This information will help us take stock in what we do well and what we can improve. We need your feedback!

The survey can be taken online at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7WDYPDQ>  
OR you can call Breanna Gocha at 360-696-6525 x 0414 and ask for a hard copy and we will be more than happy to send you one.

## Library News!

Ginger Speranza, Librarian

How much do our students love new books? Last year two students came to me with an idea. The plan was to sell our old vhs movies and outdated or multiple copy books, to earn some money to buy new ones. We started selling items for twenty-five cents. This provided students with cheap accessible books that they could keep and us with a little cash. I was surprised when after three weeks we had a whopping \$60.00 to spend. The students went off to Barnes and Noble, where they gave us a discount, and purchased five new titles to include in our library. As a librarian this was a "win win" for me: student pride and ownership in improving their library; the value of a dollar and how far it will get you; and the reality that a public library is a gift because it doesn't matter how much money you have, you can always get a free book. Thank you to Miguel Peregrino and LaSinda Rivas for being outstanding community members, adventurous readers, and supporters of the WSD library. We appreciate you!



*LaSinda Rivas & Miguel Peregrino*

School closure reminders!

Thanksgiving Break

November 25 - November 29

Winter Break

December 23 - January 3



# December Calendar

December 23-January 3 - Winter Break

December 25 - Christmas

Travel Days 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20



*Signing Santa visits WSD on December 11!*



## Varsity Basketball Schedule for December

(girls games 5:30pm, boys games 7:00pm unless noted)

Tuesday, December 10 vs. PJI

Thursday, December 12 @ PJI

Tuesday, December 17 vs. Fort Vancouver - 5:00pm - Girls

Tuesday, December 17 @ Firm Foundation - Boys

Thursday, December 19 vs. OSD



# Western States Basketball & Cheerleading Classic January 29 - February 1, 2014



## WSBC/WSCC Teams

- Washington School for the Deaf
- Arizona Schools for the Deaf and the Blind
- Phoenix Day School for the Deaf
- Oregon School for the Deaf
- British Columbia School for the Deaf
- Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

For more information go to [www.wsd.wa.gov](http://www.wsd.wa.gov) or please use the address below <http://wsbcc-2014.wix.com/wsbc#>

For WSBC/WSCC donations please contact Kay Pedisich at 360-696-6525 x0415 or [kay.pedisich@cdhl.wa.gov](mailto:kay.pedisich@cdhl.wa.gov)





## Nurses' Corner

Jillian F. Bain, FNP-BC and Linda Meier, LPN



What do the WSD Nurses Do??? Support Learning and Health!

We are the school nurses at WSD. Our job is to help keep your children healthy and well while they are here at school. We address health concerns that might keep a child out of class, or keep them from functioning to their full potential while in class. When a student is injured or ill from sprains, a cold or flu, an asthma attack, or whatever else may occur, we become very important to your child's care. However, we do more than handle first aid and emergencies. We work hard to focus on and teach prevention, or trying to catch health issues early, rather than just treating a student when a problem has developed. We screen students for vision issues, promote good hygiene, and encourage hand washing. We give the flu vaccine and monitor immunization status. We document and monitor all medications given to students, making sure we have proper orders from the doctor for the medications. As a reminder, please ensure that if your child comes to school with any new medication, prescription or over-the-counter, that the medication is accompanied by a medication order that is signed by the doctor. If we do not have this, we are prohibited by law to administer that medication to your child.

When students or families have medical issues that are affecting the child's school performance, the school nurse can help facilitate communication and awareness with the WSD staff and/or connect that family to the right community resources. Health concerns can get in the way of learning, and your child's achievement, and as school nurses we know that, and want to do everything we can to avoid that. We work together with the residential and academic teams in identifying concerns that can impact learning.

We are here to help. If you have any questions or concerns about your student's health at school, please feel free to contact us anytime!!

### October Student of the Month

#### Astounding Attendance

- \*Kyle Culmer
- \*Jadzia Ingram

#### 3 R Super Star

- \*Joel Castro
- \*Mai Truong

#### Positively Prepared

- \*Juan Gaytan-Arroyo
- \*Sandeep Singh
- \*Taylor Payne

#### Momentous Motivation

- \*Yajaira Bedolla
- \*Taylor Payne

#### Stupendous Spirit

- \*Miguel Peregrino
- \*Jacob Tufton

#### Inspirational Improvement

- \*Miguel Flores
- \*Bayond Mawlood
- \*Kaja Stone

#### Super Supportive

- \*Wyatt Hurd
- \*Caleb Plock

## Recognizing Student Success

J. Piper Gallucci

A student's academic success is recognized by placing the student on honor roll and presenting him or her with honor roll certificates. Like academic success, behavior success is an important component of the Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS) program. One program was discussed in last month's newsletter: Student of the Month. Another component of recognizing student behavior success is with Terrier pride tickets. Terrier pride tickets and the Terrier pride raffle were initiated in September 2013.

Secondary students who are "caught doing expected behaviors" are presented a Pride Ticket. Tickets are placed in a Terrier jar for weekly drawings. At the weekly morning assembly two high school tickets and two middle school tickets are drawn. Prizes vary each week, but include a free lunch, a Barnes and Noble Gift Certificate, ASL friendship pins, homework free pass, library pass and more. The PBIS morning assemblies are a positive way to kick-off the week.

