

Terrier Times

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

From the Superintendent's Desk

Jane Mulholland, Superintendent

Dear Families and Friends of WSD:

It was recently brought to my attention that many WSD parents are not familiar with our **Board of Trustees (BOT)**—who they are and what they do. Let me share a little about this amazing group of people with you.

The BOT is made up of 10 people, one from each congressional district in Washington. They are appointed by the governor and serve a 5 year renewable term. The BOT is a governing board, with authority to make policy, oversee the programs of the agency (WSD and statewide outreach), approve the budget, and evaluate the Director of the agency.

The BOT meets 8 - 10 times per year, most often in Vancouver but occasionally in other locations around the state. The meetings are always open to the public and are published on the WSD website.

It's my pleasure to introduce our **BOT** members to you:

- **District 1: Maria Christianson, Ferndale, WA;** appointed in November 2013. Maria is a graduate of WSD, a certified teacher of the deaf, and is involved with the annual Deaf Teen Leadership camp each summer.
- **District 2: Allie Joiner, Lynwood, WA;** appointed August 2006. Allie is retired from Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services (ADWAS), and is now working with the Deaf-Blind Coalition in Seattle.
- **District 3: Nancy Sinkovitz, Vancouver, WA;** appointed October 2014. Nancy recently retired from WSD as the Director of Residential Services. She brings a wealth of information about WSD and its operations/services.
- **District 4: Nita Kamphuis, Kennewick, WA;** appointed September 2008. Nita's background is in special education. She is the Assistant Director of Special Education for the Richland School District.
- **District 5: Char Parsley, Spokane, WA;** appointed March 2007. Char is a graduate of WSD. She is the executive director of Nexus, a non-profit organization that has been serving the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Eastern Washington since 1980.
- **District 6: Rita Reandeau, Port Orchard, WA;** appointed August 2004. Rita has been in the field of special education for over 30 years. She is currently Director of Special Programs in the South Kitsap School District.
- **District 7: Ariele Belo, Seattle, WA;** appointed January 2007. Ariele is Director of Case Management and Advocacy for the Hearing Speech and Deafness Center (HSDC) in Seattle.
- **District 8: Sidney Weldele-Wallace, Auburn, WA;** appointed June 2002. Sidney is the current chair of the BOT. She works at Green River Community College where she teaches and is actively involved with the field of captioning.
- **District 9: Nancy Fitta, Tacoma, WA;** appointed May 2013. Nancy grew up on the WSD campus where her parents were both on staff. She is currently the Director of Special Education for the Fife School District.
- **District 10: Larry Swift, Lacey, WA;** appointed July 2002. Larry has had a long career in education both as a teacher and as Executive Director of the Washington State School Directors' Association.

December 2014



Happy
Holidays!



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"We owe a debt of gratitude to these 10 people who give so much of their time and talents to support WSD and make us strong! Thank you, Board of Trustees!"



December 22-January 2, 2015

Winter Break

www.wsd.wa.gov

Parents & Terrier Pups!

Shauna Bilyeu, Elementary Principal



ERRRR!

It's cold out there these days! Please make sure to talk to your child about the importance of dressing warmly and send them to school with warm clothes. We will always do our best to ensure every child stays warm.

If necessary, students can "borrow" from the school office lost and found, but the choices are limited and this is not popular with students.

As we head in to the wintry weather months, I thought I would take this opportunity to remind everyone of our school's operating procedures. Because we are a residential school with more than 60% of our student population residing on campus Sunday through Friday, it will be VERY rare for the school to close due to inclement weather. What this means for locally residing families: watch the news or other social media outlets for updates for your home school district. Our transportation for local students is provided through ESD 112. They will follow whatever the local school districts do. For example, if you live in the Camas School District, and it closes due to inclement weather, there will be no transportation provided that day. However, our school is still open and staff will report as normal. Parents are welcome to provide transportation for their child on that day. Please call us if you have questions. We will also try to post on the Elementary Facebook page any updates about school closures. A helpful link to bookmark on your computer that displays all school closures by county in the Southwest Washington area is: <http://www.flashalert.net/region.html?RegionID=1>

Great news! We have recently added some of the wonderful videos that classes have made for our lobby "TV" onto the WSD website! Now parents and students can view them from the comfort of their homes. The teachers and students really put a lot of work into these, and we rotate classroom video responsibilities every month. It's neat to see their finished products! Check them out at: www.wsd.wa.gov. Go to the far left column under "About WSD" and click the button for WSD Videos. The website also has a lot of other information listed there. Check out the far right column to "meet" our Board of Trustees and see policies and minutes from the Board meetings there.

Terrier Pride and Student of the Month

J. Piper Gallucci, MS Teacher & PBIS Coordinator



Recognizing student success both academically and behaviorally is an important component of PBIS. Students learn appropriate behaviors when they receive positive recognition. Terrier Pride is one way WSD communicates about academic and behavioral success. On a daily basis when a student follows expectations, they are given Terrier Pride tickets. Terrier Pride tickets are placed into a raffle. Four student names are drawn weekly. It's a fun and light-hearted way to kick off the week.

Students who go above and beyond expectations are recognized at the Student of the Month assembly. Categories for Student of the Month are as follows: 3 R Superstar (Respect Self, Respect Others, and Respect Property), Momentous Motivation, Positively Prepared, Inspiring Improvement, Super Supportive, Astounding Attending, and Stupendous Spirit. Students who receive this recognition are given a certificate, and their names are listed in the Parent Newsletter.

SEPTEMBER

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

3 R Superstar-Bethany Shaver

Stupendous Spirit-Ricardo Pineda

Momentous Motivation-Jayson Cabanizas

Astounding Attending-Mona Rayos & Jadzia Ingram

Inspiring Improvement-Morgan Burger & David Green

Super Supportive-Miguel Peregrino

OCTOBER

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Stupendous Spirit-Colt Hurd & Tyler Eagan

Momentous Motivation-Nick Gutierrez

Positively Prepared-Ramon Varaja & Vangelina Sohler

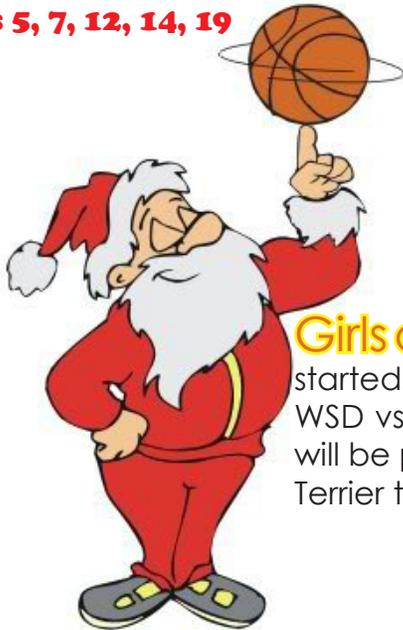
Super Supportive-LaSinda Rivas

December Calendar

December 11 - Early Release

December 22-January 2, 2015 Winter Break

Travel Days 5, 7, 12, 14, 19



Girls and Boys Varsity Basketball season is getting started! Our first games of the season will be December 9 at WSD vs. OSD; girls 5:30pm, boys 7:00pm. Basketball schedules will be posted on the WSD web page soon! Come support our Terrier teams!!

Attention Parents: E-cigarettes, just like tobacco, are not allowed on campus at WSD. Students who bring E-cigarettes to school will be subject to disciplinary action. Thank you for helping us enforce this rule.

Terrier World

is a student-run school store located in the library workroom that recently had its grand opening November 3. Work experience teacher Jennifer Ellis, math teacher Stowe Beecher, and English teacher Tyler DeShaw worked together with their common group of students to establish a school store. The school store is an integrated project-based learning experience for the English, math, and work experience classes. This has been an exciting endeavor for all of us.

Terrier World is open for business during the week alternating the period the teachers teach their common group of students. The responsibilities the students have for the school store already align with what the teachers are teaching in class and are aligned with the Common Core State Standards.

Terrier World has its own staff comprised of students in the classes. The store manager is Hilda Beltran-Lopez and the assistant store manager is David Green. We have students working hard behind the scenes: accountant, Adam Arntzen; public relations, Jerome Marvel and human resources, Nick Gutierrez. Four store clerks man the cash register and restock the store: Bayond Mawlood, Jackie Wiles, Bethany Shaver, and Marissa Paxton. We even have our own security officer to tally customers daily and watch out for shoplifters: Dane Stewart.

Items on sale include small WSD label products such as pens/notebooks, pencils, stickers, rubber bracelets, bags, water bottles, seat cushions, pennants, pins, and lanyards. The school store also has a great number of shirts on sale with varying designs and prices from \$5 to \$25.

Make sure to drop by Terrier World when it is open! Hours of operation are: [Monday/10:10-10:45am](#), [Tuesday/8:10-8:45am](#), [Wednesday/1:20-1:55pm](#), [Thursday/9:00-9:40](#), [Friday closed](#).



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Dear Parents/Guardians of the Washington School for the Deaf,

I write you today as a proud alumnus and retired teacher of the Washington School for the Deaf (WSD) and a member of the Board of Deaf Education Advocates Foundation (D.E.A.F), which supports enrichment and other programs at the school. In light of severe cuts in State funding for WSD in many areas, it is my hope that you will consider making donations to D.E.A.F.

When I retired from teaching at WSD, the mission of D.E.A.F., "To enhance the education of all Deaf children and youth at WSD," made it easy to make the decision to join the Board of D.E.A.F. When I was a teacher at WSD, I submitted proposals and was granted funds from D.E.A.F. to use for classroom projects and for student organizations. Through the years numerous teachers, student life counselors and other staff have applied for and received financial assistance for a variety of projects. In addition to projects to enrich classrooms, funded proposals were related to sports, after school programs, special field trips and many other activities. Thanks to past generous contributions of friends of WSD to D.E.A.F., the students have benefited greatly.

Cuts in State financial support have made it vital that the Foundation continue to provide students and staff with financial assistance. We hope that you will seriously consider a donation to D.E.A.F.

During the 2014-2015 school year, we hope to raise funds necessary to provide financial help for the following:

1. Provide travel funds to allow students to participate in academic and athletic competitions: NTID Mathematics Competition at the Rochester Institute of Technology, 37th Western States Boys/Girls Basketball and Cheerleader competition
2. Provide travel assistance to staff for professional development activities
3. Procure uniforms, equipment for athletic teams and Special Olympics
4. Secure funds needed to purchase equipment for the Automotive Program
5. Provide scholarships for graduating seniors

On behalf of the D.E.A.F. Board of Directors and the WSD students and staff, we thank you for your past support and sincerely hope that you will continue your financial support. As our logo, stars and the ASL sign for star indicate, we aim for the stars in our quest to enhance the education for all Deaf and Hard of Hearing children in the state of Washington. Please make your checks payable to Deaf Education Advocates Foundation/D.E.A.F. P.O. Box 2561 Vancouver, WA 98668-2561. Thank you.

Sincerely,

David Born
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