

# Terrier Times

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



February 2014



## From the Superintendent's Desk

Jane Mulholland, Superintendent

Dear WSD Family and Friends,

Behavior is a form of communication. When children misbehave, they are telling us something is wrong. They may be unhappy, frustrated, feeling lost, needing more attention, scared, or have some other need that is not being met. Children do not always have the language to express what is wrong, and they resort to acting out. On the flip side, when students are behaving in a way that is safe, constructive and positive, they are telling us through their actions that they are happy, confident, and feel comfortable in their environment.

Two years ago WSD formally adopted the [Positive Behavioral Intervention & Supports \(PBIS\)](#) program. This is a school-wide system that is based on setting clear expectations for student behavior in all areas of the campus: classroom, hallways, library, cafeteria, cottages, everywhere students are. One of the principles of PBIS is recognizing appropriate student behavior. When we focus on what the students are doing right, inappropriate behavior decreases.

I communicated with you earlier in the year that we had initiated a Terrier Pride ticket system in the Secondary Department. The Elementary Department began a Terrier Paw program last year. Both programs involve staff giving students tickets or "paws" when they see students following the rules and displaying the behavior expectations we have set. Once a week, students are recognized at an assembly or department gathering. In addition, we have Student of the Month recognition, and other opportunities to honor and celebrate student achievements. These programs help everyone focus on and become more aware of the good behavior that exists around us every day, rather than letting the inappropriate behavior overshadow it.

Is it working? For the month of September, we had 42% fewer behavior referrals than September last year. In October, we had 60% fewer behavior referrals than last October. Not only that, but we have had a dramatic decrease in the severity of behavioral issues. It takes a while to track the data, but I am excited to see how this trend will continue throughout the year.

Thank you for your support at home in raising such awesome children and young adults. Partnering with you to help our students develop strong characters and become good citizens is, as always, a privilege and a pleasure.

### Lady Terriers Basketball

February 4 @ Columbia Advent. 5:30pm

February 6 vs. Hudson's Bay 5:30pm

### Terriers Basketball

February 4 @ Columbia Advent. 7:00pm

February 6 vs. Firm Foundation 7:00pm



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## SAVE THE DATE

*Deaf Fiesta for  
Spanish Families  
March 8, 2014  
Ellensburg, WA  
More info to come!*



February 17, 2014

Year of the Parent!

[www.wsd.wa.gov](http://www.wsd.wa.gov)



# Parents & Terrier Pups!

Shauna Bilyeu, Elementary Principal

Parents,

The next time you are in Northrop, make sure you take a look at our TV in the lobby. We have the technology now to make movies and power points play on continuous loops! Each class has taken on the responsibility of providing one month's worth of viewing on the TV.

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The schedule is as follows:

- January-Shannon Anderson's 3rd/4th grade class
- February-Stephanie Alves De Lima's preschool class
- March-Alfred Malone's 5th/6th grade class
- April-Raye Schafer's K/2nd grade class
- May-Dana Hoover 3rd/4th grade class

The students are doing an excellent job so far of talking about our school rules, good citizenship and the different holidays in the month so far. There are also feedback forms under the TV-take a minute to watch the next time you are in and drop a note! I am excited to see what each class will do!

In the future, I hope to be able to store these videos on the website for parents that are long-distance-stay tuned for more on that!

I also wanted to let you know of a couple of resources that you may not be familiar with:

- There is a new parent package put out by National Science Foundation Science of Learning Center on Visual Language Visual Learning. You can access this via the internet at <http://vl2parentspackage.org/VL2>
- There is a state-wide parent listserv for Parents of Deaf and Hard of Hearing students, this email list can serve to connect you to other parents around the state, as well as inform you of upcoming events for deaf students around the state. You can request to be added to this list by emailing Carol Carrothers at [carol.carrothers@cdhl.wa.gov](mailto:carol.carrothers@cdhl.wa.gov)

### Reminders!

- The end of 2nd Quarter was January 24th-expect to see report cards and IEP benchmarks arrive in the mail by February 7th.
- We offer FREE ASL classes to parents of our students. Winter session begins February 4th. Contact us for more information!
- Family Academy Night (FAN) - February 19th - sign in at 5:00 pm, dinner at 5:30. Childcare provided.

*As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns!*

Washington School for the Deaf offers a culturally rich, high quality education... a place where Deaf & Hard of Hearing students don't just survive, they **Thrive!**

## Save the Date

February 21, 2014  
6:30-8pm - Mount Vernon, Washington

### Information Night

come find out what Washington School for the Deaf is all about!

Overview of WSD school and programs  
Parent Staff Organization (PSO) - for current parents of WSD students

WSD an environment where all the pieces come together.

Center for Childhood Deafness and Hearing Loss  
Washington School for the Deaf - Vancouver, Washington - 855-613-4224 - www.wsd.wa.gov

Deaf Culture, Leadership, Social, Accredited, Residential Life, Post High School Program, ASL/English Bilingual, Cheerleading, Smart Boards in every classroom, Free Admission, Competitive Sports, Independent Living Skills, After School Program, Career

**ASL Classes**

Washington School for the Deaf  
ASL community classes  
for families of  
Deaf & Hard-of-Hearing  
Children

Participants must be at least 14 years old.  
Classes are free for parents of DHH children.  
Community Members \$50 Fee

February 4 - April 16, 2014



## January Calendar

Western States Basketball & Cheerleading Classic (WSBC/ WSCC) - January 29-February 1  
 WSD's 128th Birthday - February 3  
 Early Release - February 13  
 Valentin's Day - February 14  
 President's Day - February 17 (no school)  
 Family Academy Night (FAN)- February 20  
 Flying Hands - March 6



\*Western States Basketball & Cheerleading Classic (WSBC/ WSCC) - January 29-February 1

You can watch the games via [live streaming](#) on your computer. For information about live streaming go to [wsd.wa.gov](http://wsd.wa.gov) and click on the WSBC Logo.

\*Students will go home Wednesday, January 29, following the usual Friday transportation schedule. No School January 30-31.

## Portland's Explosive Disposal Unit!

On January 15, the Middle School Robotics class went on a field trip to WSD's very own Epperson building to hang out with Portland's Explosive Disposal Unit.

We are grateful for the Explosive Disposal Unit's invitation and really learned a lot from the opportunity.

Next semester we will be going on more field trips to observe career opportunities applying computer science, technology, and engineering. Robotics Rocks!

*Robotics provides students the opportunity to experience computer science & engineering. Students learn the engineering process of: research, planning, building a prototype, test & retest, and commercializing.*

- Introduction to engineering terminology*
- Application of geometry & measurement*
- Basic programming*
- Cooperative team skills*
- Time management*
- Project presentation*



## Battle of the Books!

Tyler DeShaw & Jenn Christianson, Chaperones

Four middle school students competed in an exciting competition hosted by Gallaudet called Battle of the Books. Battle of the Books is a national, tournament type competition where students independently read assigned books and work with a team to answer questions about the books. Preliminary competitions take place via video phone. WSD competed against three other teams in our pool: CSD-Fremont, Illinois School for the Deaf, and CSD-Riverside.

There are 30 teams all over the nation in our division. The top 8 teams in our division will play a playoff match on VP the last week of January. We made it into the playoffs!! After that, the top four teams announced will receive an all expenses paid trip to Gallaudet in May for the national competition.



**Congratulations!**

Jadzia Ingram, Mai Truong, Cristian Martinez-White, and Caleb Plock!



## Nurses' Corner

Jillian F. Bain RN, MS, FNP-BC



I, on behalf of the Student Health Center (SHC), am really thrilled to announce that we have found a great fit, and hired a new nurse for our SHC swing shift nursing position (Sunday through Thursday evenings). Her name is [Jenessah Loughran](#). She is equally excited to begin working here as WSD, as we are to have her.

Jenessah received her Bachelor's of Science from the University of Portland. She is a California native, who relocated to the Northwest to attend college. She loves spending time with her family; especially her husband and her furry children (two Siberian Huskies). She also enjoys camping, hiking, and playing golf. Her long term career plans are to continue her education in nursing, while enjoying caring for the students at WSD. She looks forward to working with the WSD team and getting to know the staff, students and parents. She is also looking very forward to learning ASL.

I hope you will have an opportunity soon to interact with her, and get to know her. Please feel free to contact us with any question or concerns.

## Family Academy Night (FAN)

The monthly Family Academy Night is held the 3rd Thursday of each month. It is primarily focused on families of infants, toddlers, young children and elementary-aged students. The evening consists of dinner, provided by our WSD nutrition services staff, games for the children and a program for the parents. If you know of a family that could benefit from this activity, please help spread the word. It is from 5:00 pm to 7:30 p.m. at WSD!

## Student of the Month December!

### 3 R Superstar

Hajer Ameen  
Jessane Rogers

### Positively Prepared

Maria Precidio

### Stupendous Spirit

Sarah Lasco  
Trevor Docktor

### Inspirational Improvement

Cristian Martinez-White  
Maria Velez  
Norinston Joe

### Super Supportive

Jadzia Ingram  
Josh Marvel



**D.E.A.F.**

Deaf Education Advocates Foundation

### D.E.A.F. Website

To see the new website for WSD's foundation, D.E.A.F., go to [www.deaf-wa.org](http://www.deaf-wa.org).

D.E.A.F. is a group of dedicated individuals working hard to gain support for enrichment activities at WSD. We greatly appreciate this group's interest and support of our students.

## Deaf Academic Bowl!

Coaches: Tyler DeShaw and Ryder Patton



On February 14 - 17, the Washington School for the Deaf Academic Bowl team will fly to Riverside, CA to compete at the West Regional competition of the Gallaudet University Academic Bowl. Eighteen teams from states all over the West will compete against each other and the top four teams from the West Regional competition will be invited to compete at a national level during the National High School Academic Bowl competition, hosted at Gallaudet University

The [Gallaudet University Deaf Academic Bowl](#) is an exciting match of wits with the goals of promoting academic competition among school teams and fostering academic excellence and achievement among deaf and hard of hearing students across the country. Established in 1997, the Academic Bowl has become a nationally-recognized event offering hundreds of students the opportunity to improve their scholastic performance.

Members of the WSD DAB team: [Trevor Dockter](#) (senior), [Samantha Rowland](#) (senior), [LaSinda Rivas](#) (junior), [Randall Smith](#) (sophomore), and alternate [Miguel Peregrino](#) (junior)