

Terrier Times

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Washington
School for the Deaf



From the Principal's Desk

Bill Newell, Principal

On May 10th and 11th we had visitors from around the state of Washington including professionals, parents and prospective students that attended our Statewide Open House. The participants reported having a wonderful experience visiting WSD, meeting our great staff and students and getting an in-depth look at our bilingual school. We believe those persons who visited WSD will be spreading the good word about what a great resource the Washington School for the Deaf is for the state of Washington. Next year we hope to see an even larger turnout for this event.

When you read this our annual All Star day will be a recent memory for those persons who were able to join us May 24th to see our "superstar students" honored. A special treat was the wonderful performance of Pinky Aiello, a Deaf performing artist, who provided a great show for parents, relatives and students on our All Star day. If you missed this year's event, please plan to join us next year. It is a great opportunity for parents to get a firsthand look at our school and classrooms and to meet our great staff.

WSD's ASL Specialist, April McArthur, provides some useful Deaf community resources for summer activities. Check out her article and make plans to visit your Deaf Service Center this summer with your student. Our Washington state centers for deaf and hard of hearing citizens can be great resources for your family.

Next school year begins on **August 27, 2012**. Please join us on that afternoon for our annual Ice Cream Social. And, make plans right now to join us for Homecoming and Open House on October 11, 2012. Pencil these dates into your calendar.

As always, thank you for entrusting the education of your child to us at WSD. We value our relationship with all of our families. Have a great summer.

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Be on the lookout for 2012-2013 Updated Student Health information packets in the mail!



New Assistant Principal!

We are excited to announce the selection of Ms. **Shauna Bilyeu** as the new Assistant Principal for the Elementary Department. Shauna has been the Curriculum and Assessment Coordinator at WSD for the past 4 years. She is currently enrolled in the administrative licensure program at Washington State University, Vancouver. In addition, Shauna brings many years of experience as a classroom teacher and an ASL-English Bilingual Professional Development mentor at WSD. She will begin her new duties August 1, 2012. **Welcome, Shauna!**



**Congratulations
Shauna Bilyeu!**

Special Olympics!

Jayne King, Student Life Counselor



Bringing Home the Gold!

Congratulations to the Terrier Special Olympians who brought home the gold in soccer from the regional games in April AND from the state games hosted by Ft. Lewis the first weekend in June! The Terriers had an awesome season and played with skill and great spirit in both tournaments. This team represents the best of WSD's Terrier Pride. Thanks to all the parents who come to the games and support the team. A big thank you to our coaches, Jayne King, Chris Newell, Ron Spratlen, John Thuahnai and Moe Saberi for their work with the team. WSD's Special Olympians are: Jeremy Descloux, Patrick Saturay, Antonio Guijarro, Cesar Sanchez, Enrique Rodriguez, Cassie Tracy, Ashley Medlock, Maria Preciado and Keysi Severino. WSD is proud of our Olympians and their outstanding accomplishments this year.



WSD
School lunch prices
for 2012-2013 will be:
Elementary (k-5th) \$2.00
Secondary (6th and beyond) \$2.25

NEW ASL/English Bilingual Coordinator!

We are very excited and pleased to announce the selection of **April McArthur** as WSD and CDHL's ASL/English bilingual coordinator. This is a ground-breaking moment for our school and agency as we move forward with our commitment to becoming a bilingual school and to being able to support school districts around the state that are interested in developing bilingual programs. April, as you well know, is highly qualified to lead this effort. Her passion, knowledge, commitment, and personal attributes make her the perfect person to lead this effort. Please join me in congratulating her!

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Library News!

Top Accelerated Reader Points

- LaSinda Rivas
629 points
(previous NOOK winner)
- Zacharias Descloux
278 points
(previous NOOK winner)
- Aleisha Rowland
55 points
NOOK winner
- Brandy Pietsch Highest for
Middle School
110 points
Kindle winner
- Cristian Martinez-White
41 total points

Most Checked-Out Library Books

- Randall Smith 150
- Melissa Bascom 124
- Izabella Zachary 120

NaNoWriMo Books: (Purchased NaNo books for them)

- Izabella Zachary
- Meagan Feik
- Ashley Andersen
- Cristian Martinez-White
- Uma Strempler
- Randall Smith
- Noah Tufon
- Jonah Winninghoff
- Zacharias Descloux
- Miguel Peregrino
- Juan Aust
- LaSinda Rivas

Thank you...

- PSO for donating a Nook.
- Pamela Randol for donating 2 Tiger's Voyage books
- Michelle Clarke for donating a Kindle
- Work Study Students for keeping up with the library books (Maddie, Zacharias, and Randall)

Librarian Ginger Speranza

Independent Living Skills (ILS)

Toni Stromberg, ILS Coordinator

Independent Living Skills (ILS) Highlights of the Year!

The ILS students had a busy year learning skills that will help them when they graduate and go out into the world. These are the topics our juniors and seniors learned about this year:



- **Know Your Personal Information**
Students learned their personal information so they can fill out a variety of forms and applications.
- **Managing Personal Finances and Banking**
Students learned how to write checks, deposit paychecks, transfer money between two accounts, pay their bills and understand the banking system. Students also learned the pros and cons about credit card use.
- **101 Lesson about Tipping**
Students learned about when and how much they need to tip when going to restaurants.
- **Planning, Buying, Preparing Food**
Students shopped and cooked dinner for their cottage once a month. Students learned about food safety.
- **Getting Around the Community**
Students learned how to use the city bus, read schedules and use public transportation.



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- **Deaf Services**
Students learned about deaf community services in their hometown and services that they provide.
- **Learn How to Buy a Car**
Students learned what to look for when they buy a used car including different ways they can shop for a car and the pros and cons of owning a car.
- **Demonstrate Knowledge About Medical Office and Services**
Students learned how to make medical appointments and choose the right medical service to meet their needs. They also learned their medical information.



- **Know Your Medical Rights**
Students learned how to obtain an ASL interpreter for their doctor appointments and they also learned about their rights for equal communication access.
- **Parenting**
Students considered when to become a parent and learned about parenting responsibilities. Students learned about the cost of raising a child and about preventing pregnancy. Students experienced caring for a baby doll for six days.
- **Learn How to Rent an Apartment/ Housing**
Students learned different types of housing, how to do an apartment search, set up an appointment to view apartments and the leasing process.



- **Get Involved with the Community Service**
ILS students adopted 2 families for the holiday season in December. They planned and did fund raising activities for the adopt-a-family program (the Giving Tree) and collected donated food/dry goods that were sent to the Share House in Vancouver.

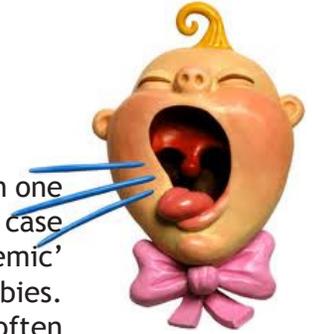


Nurses' Corner

Joyce Sjoberg, RN, Jon Tannler, LPN, Linda Meier, RN (on-call)

Whooping Cough!!!

Secretary of Health Mary C. Selecky declared a whooping cough epidemic in Washington one month ago today and has been keeping Governor Gregoire informed of the increasing case counts. "In my 13 years as secretary this is the first time I've had to use the word 'epidemic' about disease in our state," Selecky said. "Pertussis is very serious, especially for babies. It's vital that teens and adults are current on their immunizations because they're often the ones who give whooping cough to babies. We're headed for unprecedented numbers of cases. We've got to keep spreading the word to help prevent the spread of illness."



What can you do? Pertussis vaccination is the best way to prevent whooping cough. Dr. Bader, and the state of Washington are recommending if it has been more than 5 years since your last Tdap vaccination, to get a Tdap booster. Students who receive a Tdap booster at age 11 or 12, should receive a booster at age 16 or 17. We are concerned that Tdap boosters might be required before students register the first day of school. Please make an appointment with your students primary health care provider early in the summer to discuss this.

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Pertussis is caused by bacteria that are spread by coughing or sneezing! Symptoms can include; starting with a mild cold and later a constant or persistent coughing, which could also feel as if you are gagging, vomiting or making a "whoop" sound while breathing in. The "whooping" sound is very obvious with small children and babies because of the size of their airways are very small. Small children and infants are at the highest risk for Pertussis because it can stop them from breathing! This website has up-to-date information, click on current situation in Washington. <http://www.doh.wa.gov/>

8th Grade Graduates!



Washington School for the Deaf Class of 2012 Commencement



Washington Reading Corps

Junior Kargbo

During the year children read in school, and it may be more tedious than fun. During the summer many local public libraries offer summer reading programs for children. Reading during the summer encourages children to read any number of books not just to learn, but also for fun and for prizes. There are at least four benefits from this:

Habit: Reading for information is a necessity, especially in our culture where information is the basis of education and getting a job. But reading can open a whole new world to children. Reading should be more than searching for answers for work or school. Summer reading programs get children and young adults reading books not just for information, but also for fun. Summer reading programs help children develop a habit of reading and increase their reading skills.

Library: Almost every city in America has a public library. Public libraries offer books, CDs, DVDs and Internet access. Those who do not regularly use the library may not know that today's public libraries offer patrons summer reading programs with prizes, entertainment, speakers, contests and fun activities for participation. Children and young adults who participate in summer reading programs often become regular library patrons.

Books: A benefit of summer reading programs is that children can borrow books for the entire summer for free. They learn to not only read books they choose, but also to take care of them and return them to the library.

School: When schools and libraries work together, another benefit of summer reading programs is the coordination of learning. Summer reading programs choose a theme each year. When those in charge of the program work with the school system, summer reading programs can reinforce those things children have already learned during the past school year and can give them a head start for the coming fall. Have a great summer and see you in the Fall!

Stay Connected!

April McArthur

This summer, do you want to help your child stay connected with friends?
Attend Deaf community events?
See captioned movies?

To find out which movies are captioned in your area, go to: <http://www.regmovies.com/nowshowing/opencaptionedshowtimes.aspx>

Many public libraries now offer videophones.

You can find out what is happening in your area by contacting your local Deaf Community Center.
(See List)

[Washington State Association of the Deaf](http://wsad.org/)
<http://wsad.org/>



School starts August 27, 2012

Deaf Centers

Southwest Washington

Southwest Washington Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
301 SE Hearthwood Blvd - Vancouver, WA 98687
Toll Free: 1.866.695.6777 (WA only) Voice: 1.360.695.3364
Video Phone: 360.334.5740
Email: frontdesk@swcdhh.org

Seattle

Hearing, Speech & Deafness Center (HSDC)
Artz Communication Center
1625 19th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98122
Hours Mon-Fri, 8:30am-5:00pm - Phone: 206.323.5770
Toll Free: 1.888.222.5036 or VP: 206.452.7953
Email: seattle@hsvc.org/contact

Bellingham

Hearing, Speech & Deafness Center (HSDC) North Sound
Crown Plaza Building
114 West Magnolia St, Suite 106, Bellingham, WA 98225
Hours Mon-Fri, 8:30am-5:00pm Phone: 360.647.0910
Toll Free: 1.866.647.0910 Videophone: 360.255.7166
Email: bellingham@hsvc.org/contact

Tacoma

Hearing, Speech & Deafness Center (HSDC) South Sound
47th Park Place Building
3516 South 47th St, Suite 200, Tacoma, WA 98409
Hours Mon-Fri, 8:30am-5:00pm
Phone: 253.475.0782 Toll Free: 1.866.421.5560
Email: tacoma@hsvc.org/contact

Hearing Loss Center (Eastern Washington)

Hearing Loss Center
1206 N Howard Spokane, Washington 99201
<http://www.ewcdhh.org/index.html>
E-mail: info@hlc.ewa.org
Hours: Mon - Friday 9am-4pm
VP: 509-315-2288
Toll Free: 866-488-3539
NewLine: 509-328-8096

Interpreter Services: 509-328-3728
Video Phone Available for Public Use
Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm
Friday 9am-12 (noon)