

Terrier Times

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



June 2014



Year of the Parent!



From the Superintendent's Desk

Jane Mulholland, Superintendent

Dear WSD Families:

I can hardly believe I am writing the last newsletter article of the year! I must be getting old because time certainly seems to be going faster and faster. It has been a great year, full of triumphs on the academic and playing field. It has also had its challenges, as every year does. Overall, I am proud to work at this fine school and there is no place I would rather be!

You are aware that we recently conducted interviews for the Secondary Principal position. We were hoping to have a new candidate by the start of the 2014-15 school year. Unfortunately, due to the tightening of our budget (along with all state agencies) in the next year, we have made the decision to keep the position open during the coming school year. Our priority is to fund all vacant teaching and related services positions first, rather than fill this administrative position. We want to make sure our students have the services and supports they need. Their needs come first!

It will be my honor to continue for one additional year as Superintendent/ Secondary Principal. We have hired a new Curriculum and Assessment Coordinator, Shannon Graham (more about her in our first newsletter of the fall) who will be able to support the teachers in terms of classroom practices. We will advertise the Secondary Principal position again in January 2015, with the hope of having a new principal in place during summer 2015.

I wish you all a wonderful summer. Remember, every activity you do with your child and as a family—however common place or mundane—is an opportunity to communicate, to build background and world knowledge, and to let your child know how much you care about them and their language. See you in September!

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Attention Vancouver area families:

PCC ASL Club Presents:

Deaf Puppy Dog Follow:

GONE TO SPACE

This is an ASL performance featuring the talents of Heath Goodall & Patrick Fisher, and a short performance by the PCC ASL Club.

Date: May 30th

Time: 6:30 pm (doors open at 6:00 pm)

*Location: PCC Sylvania (PAC Theater),
12000 SW 49th Ave., Portland 97214*

Cost: \$10 at the door

For more information contact Jim

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Parents & Terrier Pups!

Shauna Bilyeu, Elementary Principal

Terrier Pup Parents,

By the time you read this we will have begun our end of the year fun! All standardized testing is complete, the Battle of the Books is over and All Star Day was a success. If you were able to attend All Star Day, I want to say a special "thank you". It means a lot to the students and staff to have your involvement on that day.

We are down to the last few weeks of school. Lots of things are happening here's a peek into the class activities: the preschool class is on its way to the Portland Children's Museum on June 11th; parents are encouraged to come! K-2nd graders are wrapping up their unit on self-identity and home. They will say goodbye to Courtney Hipskind (intern teacher) on June 13th. Farewell Courtney good luck! Dana's class made some DELICIOUS blueberry muffins for their cooking unit and Shannon's class wrapped up their aviation unit with a trip to Pearson Air Museum! Alfred's class learned that even if someone is smaller and weighs less, they can lift another person up with the right leverage (if you have a child in Alfred's class, ask how it can happen)!

I have gotten some questions regarding class placement for next year. Many students apply to our school during the summer months and for that reason, we generally do not finalize class rosters until August. Due to the nature of our small population, it is also sometimes necessary to re-assign teachers at that time in order to balance the numbers in each class. For these reasons I will not be sharing final teacher or class assignments until August. I don't foresee any huge changes in teacher assignments. Expect to see a letter from me in mid-to-late August with that information.

We are lucky to have a strong and dedicated group of teachers and staff at the elementary level and it greatly saddens me to announce the departure of teacher Dana Hoover. Dana interned with us last year, and joined our teaching staff this year. She has been a solid member of our elementary team. Dana is moving back "home" to the east coast. We will miss her a lot. Good luck Dana!

If you need ideas for summer activities, please see our website under the tab Summer Events. There is also an informal gathering every Wednesday evening at Esther Short Park in Vancouver. Children play while adults enjoy the sunshine. If you would like more information, please contact us. Have a **WONDERFUL** summer and keep reading! -Shauna Bilyeu

Spaghetti Feast Fundraiser for Washington School for the Deaf Academic Teams!
Middle School Math Competition Team, Middle School Battle of the Books Team,
High School Deaf Academic Bowl Team

May 29, 2014 at 6:30pm - 8:30pm in the Oliver Kastel Cafeteria

\$8 per plate (spaghetti with sauce, garlic bread, salad, fruit cup, and drink)

We will also have additional fundraisers:

raffle prizes, sudoku tournament, and cake walk!



AUSTIN ANDREWS

is coming to WSD!!

(Austin from the "Know That?!"
VLOGS & the "Deaf Ninja" ASL Story)

You can't miss this SURE-TO-BE
SPECTACULAR event!!

Thursday, June 5th at 7:00pm

Lloyd Auditorium @ WSD

Open to the Public - \$5 at the door
Bring your Family & Friends!!

Proceeds go to WSD's ASL Performing
Artist Series & OAD

(Oregon Association of the Deaf)

Seniors!



Class of 2014 - Motto

"Each of us has a fire in our hearts for
something. It's our goal in life to find it
and keep it."

-Mary Lou Retton

Reminder!

June 12 is Graduation

Lloyd Auditorium - 6:30 pm

June Calendar

- May 29 - Spaghetti Feast Fundraiser at WSD
- May 30-June 2 – Special Olympics Soccer State Tournament – Fort Lewis, Tacoma
- June 2, 3, 4, 5 – Spring Football & Volleyball Workouts
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- June 3 – 500 Books Club Field Trip – MS/HS Students – 8:00am-3:00pm
- June 4 – ILS Rewards Trip – Big Al’s
- June 5 – Washington Career & Academy for the Deaf (WaCAD) Annual BBQ – 5:30pm
- June 5 – Austin Andrews Evening Community Performance/Fundraiser – Auditorium – 7:00pm
- June 9 – Superintendents Dinner – Clarke Hall 150 – 5:00pm-7:00pm
- June 9 – Senior Tease – Auditorium – 7:00pm
- June 10 – Senior Trip – Seattle – All Day
- June 12 – Graduation – Auditorium – 6:30 pm
- June 16 – Field Day – 3:30pm-6:00pm
- June 18 – 8th Grade Graduation – Auditorium
- June 18 – Last Day of School!



**Special Olympics
Regionals Soccer
Results**



The Terriers won both games and will advance to the state games on May 30 - June 1!

First Game Score:
Terriers 4 vs. Wildcats 0

Second Game Score:
Terriers 5 vs. Los Gatos 0

Please **Congratulate** the team for their **first place** finish; *Jerome Marvel, Patrick Saturay, Miguel Flores, Dane Stewart, Cesar Sanchez, Maria Preciado and Jeremy Descloux!*

**WSD
Program Name Change
Post High School Program
(PHSP) is now
Washington Career &
Academy for the Deaf
(WaCAD)**

2014 Football Schedule

- September 18 @ Rainer Christian - 6:00pm
- September 25 @ OSD - 4:00pm
- October 2 vs. Wishkah/Lake Quinault - 4:00pm
- October 9 vs. OSD - 4:00pm - Homecoming!
- October 16 vs. MMK - 4:00pm
- October 23 @ Portland Lutheran - 3:00pm
- October 30 @ Oakville - 5:00pm
- November 6 vs. Portland Lutheran - 2:00pm
- Playoffs TBA



2014 Volleyball Schedule

- September 11 @ Columbia Adventist - Jamboree-5:00pm
- September 18 vs. Pope John Paul II - 7:00pm
- September 23 @ Firm Foundation - 7:00pm
- September 24 vs. Columbia Adventist - 7:00pm
- September 25 @ OSD - 7:00pm
- September 26/27 - Terrier Invitational Volleyball Tournament @ WSD
- September 30 @ Pope John Paul II - 7:00pm
- October 2 vs. Three Rivers Christian - 7:00pm
- October 8 @ Columbia Adventist - 7:00pm
- October 9 vs. OSD - 7:00pm - Homecoming!
- October 14 @ Firm Foundation - 7:00pm
- October 16 vs. Pope John Paul II - 7:00pm
- October 21 @ Three Rivers Christian - 7:00pm
- October 28 vs. Columbia Adventist - 7:00pm
- October 30 vs. Firm Foundation - 7:00pm
- Playoffs TBA



Fall Sports!

Ron Spratlen, Athletic Director

The co-ed high school soccer season was once again a blast for the students and coaches! It is always inspiring and humbling to see our students working together, supporting each other, and most importantly having FUN! Our WSD student athletics are awesome!!!

High school students have now transitioned into preparing for fall sports with training in football and volleyball. This gives our students the opportunity to prepare and learn for the upcoming fall season and to continue with training during the summer on their own or with others. Please continue to encourage and support your student to exercise, eat healthy and have fun!

Student of the Month

3 R Superstar
Hajer Ameen
Joel Castor

Astounding Attending
Etasha Stone
Tony Gomez

Momentous Motivation
Wyatt Hurd

Inspiring Improvement
Robbie Paresa

Enrique Rodriguiz
Kayla Girard

Super Supportive
Hilda Beltran

Positively Prepared
Sandeep Singha

Stupendous Spirit

Battle of the Books Team

Cristian Martinez-White

Mai Truong

Jadzia Ingram

Adam Arntzen

Terrier Pride & Attendance

J. Piper Gallucci, MS Teacher

What is the relationship between attendance and success? Lisa Malone, secondary teaching assistant and PBIS committee member, attended a workshop on this topic and what she learned was eye-opening.

Attendance is a key factor in student academic success. Students with a strong attendance record tend to be more successful in school. They tend to perform well in tests and perform better academically than students who are frequently absent. They also show a higher rate of work and earnings success after graduation.

Chronic absenteeism is defined as missing 10 or more days a year. Children who are chronically absent disengage from their peers. Classmates tend to lose interest in socializing with a student who is often absent. Frequent absences also mean fewer hours of classroom instruction, which leads to lower academic achievement and lower test scores. Research shows students with chronic absenteeism have a higher drop-out rate.

Improving school attendance improves a child's success. A strong attendance record supports a strong foundation for success in school and for success in life after the child graduates.



Battle of the Books!

WSD is thrilled to announce that WSD's Battle of the Books team is 4th in the United States! That is so awesome! Jadzia Ingram was selected as one of 4 all stars from the entire tournament. We couldn't be more proud of our 3 students and sponsors. If you have a chance, let them know how much we appreciate them representing WSD in this way. Participants were: Mai Truong, Cristian Martinez-White and Jadzia Ingram.

**Congratulations to
WSDs 2014-2015
Cheer Team!**



**Yajaira Bedolla
Kayla Girard
Miguel Peregrino
Jesanne Rogers
Haili St. Louis
Colt Hurd**

