

Terrier Times

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



June 2016



From the Superintendent's Desk

Jane Mulholland, Superintendent

Dear Families and Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I announce the hiring of Ms. Shauna Bilyeu as the next superintendent of WSD. After a comprehensive recruitment, screening process, finalist interviews and stakeholder meetings, Shauna has accepted the position. She will begin her new duties July 1, 2016.

Shauna brings with her 20 plus years of experience in the field of deaf education. She has been at WSD for the past 13 years, holding the positions of teacher, curriculum and assessment coordinator, assistant principal and principal. She has demonstrated her excellent planning and leadership skills by guiding the school through two accreditation processes and creating an accountability plan to address the goals and recommendations from these reports as well as the school's strategic plan. Shauna has proven to be an exceptional instructional leader, and she will apply these same skills as she expands her areas of responsibility to WSD as a whole. She holds a master's degree in deaf education and has her administrative credential. She is involved professionally at the national level, having just been elected to the Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf (CEASD) board of directors for a 3 year term.

I know Shauna looks forward to continuing her strong relationships with all of you and to meeting new WSD friends and stakeholders. Please feel free to reach out to her at shauna.bilyeu@cdhl.wa.gov or by VP at 360-334-5451.

Thank you for all the support you have given me during my tenure at WSD. It has been the highlight of my professional career, and I have appreciated working with each of you. The WSD community is amazing! It feels good knowing we have a strong leader to continue the great work we are doing together for the benefit of the deaf and hard of hearing children and their families in Washington.

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Good Luck on
your retirement
Jane Mulholland!

Terrier Families

Shauna Bilyeu, Principal

Student of the Month May

3 R Superstar
Uma Stremper

Momentous Motivation
Bladimir Rigor

Inspiring Improvement
Isaiah Hoog
Chyann Wisdom

Super Supportive
Ashley Balcazar
Jayson Cabanizas
Keelan Clearbrook
Journey Giles
Isaiah Hoog
Emma McKinney
Wylee Rodgers
Bladimir Tiburcio Marte
Jennifer Tudor
Ramon Varaja
Chyann Wisdom
Kaja Stone

Astounding Attending
Hilda Beltran-Lopez
Danixa Velasco Ortiz

Stupendous Spirit
Tyler Eagan
Jesse Rogers
Alayna Tracy
Jerome Marvel
Caleb Plock

Positively Prepared
Adam Artzen
Hilda Beltran-Lopez
Uma Strempler
Danixa Velasco Ortiz

Terrier Parents,

Time is speeding by quicker than I care for it to. At the time of this writing, we have four weeks left of school and they are all jam packed with activities. Please be on the look out for emails, backpack mail and other communications from the school about all of the activities that will be happening through the end of June. There are several field trips including a school-wide field trip to Oaks Park on June 2nd, Mt. St. Helens at the secondary level (June 9th), some local golf field trips and a preschool trip to the zoo! We also have a myriad of activities that are happening on campus as well-so be on the look-out for more information in the coming weeks.

I am very excited to assume the role of superintendent in July, but I am also sad that this means it is the beginning of saying good bye to the current superintendent, Jane Mulholland. Jane has led this school for the last 8 years and helped shape this school into a true gem, or as one of the accreditation team members who visited last November stated, rare "green pearl" in the oyster bed of Deaf schools. I will personally be grateful for her leadership long after she has "retired" from active duty at WSD.



Congratulations Shauna!

Elementary parents: Important date to remember! June 16th is our first annual awards picnic. This is NEW this year. Parents are invited to join elementary classes for lunch beginning at 11:00 am. We will have a special barbeque lunch, followed by games and short teacher conferences (parents must sign up through classroom teachers) and then awards and dessert in the Northrop gym! Please save the date!! I hope to see everyone there!

Reminder: there are no more FAN events this year. We will share dates for next year soon, so be sure to mark your calendars! As always, feel free to email me with questions or concerns. Have a GRAND summer!

School's Out!

June 17
Last Day of School!



June 15 - Graduation!

Reminder!

June 17

8th Grade Celebration

June Calendar

- May 31, June 1, 2 – Spring Football Workouts
- May 31 – ILS Rewards Trip – 5:00pm-7:00pm
- June 1 – Talent Show “Imagine” – Auditorium – 7:00pm
- June 2 – End of the Year ILS Party – 7:00pm-9:00pm
- June 2 – HS/MS Field Trip to Oaks Park
- June 5 – Special Olympics Soccer State Tournament – Fort Lewis, Tacoma
- June 6, 7, 8, 9 – Spring Football Workouts – Football Field – 3:30pm-5:30pm
- June 6, 7, 8, 9 – Spring Volleyball Workouts – Hunter Gym – 3:30pm-5:30pm
- June 8 – ILS fund raising party
- June 9 – School Trip to Mt. St. Helens
- June 9 – Superintendent’s Dinner – Clarke Hall 150 – 5:00pm-6:30pm
- June 9 – Senior Tease – Auditorium – 7:00pm
- June 10 – WSDAA Senior Tea Party – 8:30am-9:30am
- June 13 – Field Day – 3:30pm-6:00pm
- June 13/14 – Senior Trip – Overnight
- June 15 - Graduation Rehearsal All Day
- June 15 – Graduation – Auditorium – 6:30pm
- June 16 – ES Awards Picnic
- June 16/17 – Residential Cottages All Night Party
- June 17 – 8th Grade Celebration
- June 17 – Last Day of WaCAD
- June 17 – Last Day of School!

Gallaudet Young Writer’s contest!

One of our students won Honorable Mention in the Gallaudet Young Writer’s contest in the area of Poetry! Please join me in congratulating 6th grader

Juliana Sanchez on this great accomplishment! There were only two awards given per category and there were only three categories. She is one of 6 students nationwide that were recognized!

Abby
A poem about my dog
By Juliana Sanchez

Scared as a fish swimming from a fisherman
Wise as wolf listening
Loyal like a duck following its mother
Huge as bear growling to a human



Residential Independent Living Skills students cook dinner for the cottages!
The students also had a cookie contest! Thanks to everyone for a great time!



Cookie Contest Winners!

- 1st place: Deer East Boys
Chocolate Cookie Bowl
w/Ice-Cream & Brownie Crumbs
- 2nd place: Deer West Girls
- 3rd Place: Watson East Girls



WSD Students Community Service Day



Beach Clean-up

Horse Ranch

