

Terrier Times

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From the Superintendent's Desk

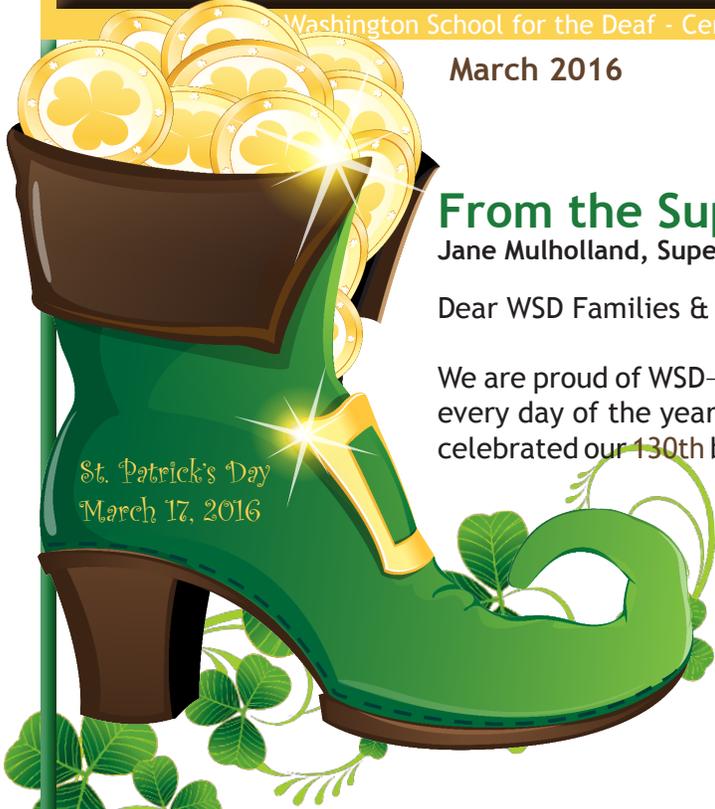
Jane Mulholland, Superintendent

Dear WSD Families & Friends:

We are proud of WSD—our students, staff, families, alumni and stakeholders—every day of the year. But **February 3rd** was a particularly special day as we celebrated our **130th** birthday. The baked potato feed in Oliver Kastel cafeteria was a great opportunity for the WSD community to renew old friendships and make new ones. The program in Lloyd Auditorium was a masterpiece! Written and directed by Carey Price, the production included students of all ages. The entire program was emceed and run by students—no staff even touched the stage that evening—as the students reenacted the history of the school from its beginnings in Tacoma to where it is located today. It was entertaining, educational, and a wonderful example of our students' talents!

The birthday celebration was capped off by a beautiful article in The Columbian newspaper February 14 about the history of both WSD and the Washington State School for the Blind (WSSB). If you are interested in reading the article, please go to: <http://www.columbian.com/news/2016/feb/14/schools-for-blind-deaf-still-evolving-after-130-years/>.

WSD has played a significant role in the education of deaf and hard of hearing children in Washington over these past 130 years. The mark of a great school is not just to survive, but to provide an education that is relevant, comprehensive and cutting edge. A wonderful example of the way WSD has continued to adapt and change is the development of our ASL English bilingual program. With educators and stakeholders always striving to accomplish the very best we can for the students, WSD will continue to lead the way in Deaf Education in Washington for the next 130 years! As always, we welcome you to visit and get a firsthand understanding of who we are, what we do, and the impact we are having on children's lives. Go Terriers!

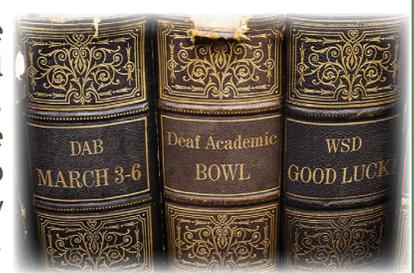


St. Patrick's Day
March 17, 2016

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Deaf Academic Bowl (DAB)

The West Regional **DAB** competition is coming up on March 3 - 6! We are all anxious and excited about the competition. The WSD DAB team will be staying in cottages at the California School for the Deaf in Fremont, California, rooming with students from different states in the West. The top four teams in this regional competition will fly to Washington, DC to compete at Gallaudet University for the National competition. We are very eager to work as a team and represent Washington School for the Deaf. Thank you for being supportive!



Terrier Families

Shauna Bilyeu, Principal

Terriers!

What a month! Even with 29 days, February blasted through! The beginning of the month brought WSD's 130th birthday and an awesome program directed and produced by our very own alumni. Current students brought the past to life and shared the history that makes WSD so very special to so many of those in our community. **Stephanie Alves De Lima's class also got to be featured in a newspaper article in the Sunday Columbian!** We are famous!

Another highlight of the month was **Seattle Seahawk's wide receiver Jermaine Kears**'s visit. Jermaine came and talked with students and staff about the importance of staying motivated, threw the football around with us, answered questions and posed for photos. He even finger spelled his name! Then we showed him the sign for "Terrier" and told him to remember that and sign it the next time he sees a TV camera on the field (it'll be our secret sign). Jermaine gave us a signed football, autographed flag and enough t-shirts for all of the students bearing the name of his 15 to 1 Foundation. It was truly a day to remember. All students got a picture with Jermaine and their class. If you have not seen your child's picture yet, contact us and we'll rustle one up for you.

February also included visits to Clark College for Career day, a Terrier Pride Appreciation Field trip to Mt. Hood for a day of sledding, a Deaf Teen Leadership workshop and Latinx visitors at WSD. Whew, what a month!

Looking forward to the first weekend in March: our Deaf Academic Bowl (DAB) team leaves for Fremont, California on March 3rd. Coaches Tyler DeShaw and Piper Gallucci are super excited to take this year's DAB team. We wish Christian Martinez-White, Randall Smith, Kyle Culmer and Annie Kvamme the best of luck!

Family Academy Night (FAN) for families with young deaf and hard of hearing students is set for March 8th. The topic will revolve around Child Protection and the social-emotional curriculum we use here at WSD. We hope to see families there! Remember, this is a function that is open to all families with young deaf or hard of hearing children (babies through 6th grade), regardless of where they attend school. As spring ramps up, testing season is almost upon us. Look for communication from the school regarding assessment schedules soon. Study hard, play hard!!



Jermaine Kears of the Seattle Seahawk's visits WSD!



Student of the Month
January 2016

3R Superstar
Annie Kvamme

Momentous Motivation
Brandy Pietsch
Enrique Rodriguiz

Inspiring Improvement
Teeya Boylan-Kelly
Jackie Wiles

Super Supportive
Ashantay Truong

Astounding Attending
Emma McKinney

Positively Prepared
Danixa Velasco Ortiz

March

- March 3 - Deaf Academic Bowl (DAB)
- March 8 - Family Academy Night (FAN)
- March 10 - Flying Hands ASL Competition
- March 17 - Early Release (1pm)
- March 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- March 20 - Earth Day
- March 27 - Easter



Visit us at www.wsd.wa.gov



Birth-3 American Sign Language - Play Group

Parents and Families of DHH Children Birth to 3 years old. Learn more about American Sign Language (ASL) and Deaf Culture! Learn from Deaf Adults!

Learn how to use different strategies to support ASL and English language development! Learn how to support your child's social and emotional development! Learn how to connect with the Deaf community!

Come and join us, Fridays, 9:00-10:30am—

Beginning March 4th—March 18, April 8, April 15, May 6

For more information contact April McArthur at april.mcarthur@cdhl.wa.gov

Sports

Ron Spratlen, Athletic Director

WSD Boys Basketball Team **WINS** the WSBC Basketball Classic!

Championship Game - WSD 48 vs. Phoenix 26 - Championship Game

The 40th Annual Western States Basketball Classic (WSBC) was held at the Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind in Tucson. The all Deaf school basketball tournament was established in 1977 and rotates yearly among the schools.

The last time the Terriers won the championship was 36 years ago in 1980 at the California School for the Deaf, Riverside.

Returning from the teams flight home to WSD Sunday night, the teams were greeted by family, friends, students, staff and alumni lining the street and parking lot with signs and banners congratulating the team for winning the championship!



WSBC Awards and Results

- 1st Place/WSD Boys
- 1st Team All Star/Randall Smith
- 1st Team All Star/Tredynn Selvog
- Hot Shot Competition - 1st Place/Randall Smith
- Manager Competition - 2nd Place/Colt Hurd
- 4th Place/WSD Girls
- 1st Team All Star/Haili St. Louis



WSD FLYING HANDS ASL POETRY
MARCH 10, 2016

Statewide
Flying Hands ASL Competition
Thursday, March 10, 2016
Washington School for the Deaf
Vancouver, Washington.

<http://www.flyinghands.weebly.com>



Making Reading Fun!

Chelsey Donahue, Washington Reading Corps (WRC) Volunteer

I've been reading with elementary students since fall and have seen significant growth in all! As students progress, they reach a point at which reading becomes more challenging than ever before. Some take on the challenge with excitement while others find frustration. In any case, my colleagues and I do our best to support and encourage students to keep reading, to model thought processes behind reading new words, and (most importantly) to make reading fun! WRC is developing a resource for you and your children to use at home. We are collecting videos of children's books read in American Sign Language to upload to our YouTube channel! If you would like to sign a book for us or recommend any books to be signed, please feel free to contact us at WRCReadToMe@gmail.com and please check out our YouTube channel! WRCReadToMe

Paper Tiger Coffee!

Jennifer Ellis, Teacher

Paper Tiger Coffee
703 Grand Blvd
Vancouver, Washington

Greeting Fellow Terriers,

Great things are happening just across the street from WSD!! Kenny Fletcher, owner of **Paper Tiger**, has been training two of our WSD students in the art of making coffee. Brandy Pietsch and Hilda Beltran-Lopez are developing their skills as baristas. Later they will learn the art of roasting as well.

A big Terrier high five to Kenny and staff as they are also taking WSD's ASL class. Kenny is picking up signs quickly and doing a fantastic job communicating with our students. Please help by spreading the word of the amazing opportunity he's providing our students and their enthusiasm to learn ASL. Your help in supporting our community partners is greatly appreciated! Thanks for supporting the Work Readiness & Transition program!



Valentine's Day Dance!

Reminder!
April 4-8
Spring Break

