

Terrier Times

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

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From the Superintendent's Desk

Jane Mulholland, Superintendent

Dear WSD Families:

Every 5 - 6 years, WSD undergoes an evaluation of our programs and services as part of an accreditation process. WSD is accredited by two groups: AdvancED and CEASD. AdvancED reviews and accredits public schools following state standards. CEASD is the Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf, and it focuses on national standards related specifically to Deaf Education, as well as the Common Core State Standards.

This school year we are engaged in a thorough review of all departments and programs on campus. We are developing a comprehensive self-study, which we will submit to AdvancED and CEASD in a site visit November 2014.

We need your help! In the fall we sent out surveys to all parents. So far we have only had about 30% of you respond. We **GREATLY** value your feedback on how we are doing. We would be very appreciative if you would take time to fill out the survey and return it to us. The survey can be done on line following this link, <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7WDYPDQ>, or if you prefer, we can have a staff person call you and interview you over the phone. If you would like to fill out the survey by phone, contact me at 360-418-0402 and I will make those arrangements.

As always, thank you for being such great parents and for your support of your students and of WSD. We love partnering with you to provide the best education possible.

Jane Mulholland

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Iron 5! Congratulations to our Middle School Terriers for their 3rd place finish in the Iron 5 basketball tournament in Tucson, Arizona. Participating students were: **Ramon Varaja, John Smart, TJ Payne, Zhano Ingram, Cristian Martinez-White and Jacob Tufton.** Thanks to coaches Snap, Carmine and Jason for their support of the students.

DAB! Our Deaf Academic Bowl represented WSD well at the regional Academic Bowl tournament in Riverside, California, ending with a 4 - 4 record. WSD's DAB team included: **Samantha Rowland, LaSinda Rivas, Trevor Dockter and Randall Smith,** along with coaches Ryder Patton and Tyler DeShaw. WSD is really proud of their efforts!



Year of the Parent!



Parents & Terrier Pups!

Shauna Bilyeu, Elementary Principal

There is an important piece of legislation called the **Alice Cogswell Bill** that has been introduced to the U.S. House of Representatives. It is a comprehensive bill that will reform education for deaf and hard of hearing and blind and visually impaired students. The portion of the bill that relates to deaf students is as follows:

“Every child who is deaf and every child who is blind, regardless of whether they have additional disabilities, will be properly counted and served; each of a child’s unique learning needs will be properly evaluated; states will engage in strategic planning to be sure that they can in fact meet each child’s specialized needs; the U.S. Department of Education will do its part to hold states and schools accountable; students who are deaf will be served by qualified personnel.”

(Excerpt taken from: <http://www.ceasd.org/child-first/alice-cogswell>)

Please take a moment to go the above website and sign your name in support of this. Our students need their rights protected.

H.R. 4040, the Alice Cogswell and Anne Sullivan Macy Act



Terrier Pups are busy preparing for the ASL Flying Hands Poetry contest. This is an event that we host annually and invite students from surrounding areas to come and compete. Most of the elementary students have signed up for this and are looking forward to March 6th when they will perform. Elementary students will perform in the morning beginning at 9:30 am in Lloyd Auditorium. The competition for elementary students will conclude at 11:00 am. This is a judged event with awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, but all participants get a medal and a t-shirt. Come cheer them on!



*Flying Hands!
March 6, 2014*

Early Spring After School Program (ASP) is in full swing. It will continue until April 2nd on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If you have any questions regarding the activities that your child is participating in, please contact Ron Spratlen at ron.spratlen@wsd.wa.gov

We have had some fantastic recent donations to the PAW treasure chest. A Superbowl t-shirt and left over WSBC shirts, backpacks and water bottles are among the treasures. If you notice your child bringing one of these things home, don't worry! He or she won it fair and square.

Family Academy Night (FAN) is the third Thursday of every month. No RSVP is needed. Dinner is provided. Arrive at 5:00 to sign in. Dinner is at 5:30. There are only a few left this year! The dates are as follows: March 20, April 17 and May 15.

Here's hoping all of the spring showers (rain and snow!) bring some flowers this spring! As always, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.



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Battle of the Books - Press Release!

Tyler DeShaw & Jenn Christianson, Chaperones



Washington School for the Deaf (WSD) Middle School students are among the top four finalist teams for a national competition among schools for the deaf from throughout the United States called Battle of the Books. The competition involved 7th grade students independently reading and working with each other to study four books. They then engaged in two rounds of competition against other schools. Thirty schools from across the country participated. WSD made it to the final round. The three students and one academic coach will fly to Gallaudet University in May, all expenses paid, to take part in the national competition. The students are: **Jadzia Ingram, Mai Truong and Cristian Martinez-White.**



March Calendar

- Flying Hands - March 6
- Early Release - March 13
- St. Patricks Day - March 17
- Family Academy Night (FAN) - March 20
- Spring Break Reminder - April 7-11, 2014
- Travel Days 2, 7, 9, 14, 21, 23, 28, 30

WSBC/WSCC 2014 was awesome!

WSD was honored to host the six school tournament this year. Teams that participated were ASDB, PSDS, Utah, OSD, Vancouver, B.C. and WSD. Next year WSBC/WSCC will be held in Utah.



WSBC/WSCC Terrier Awards

WSD won the following team and individual awards.

- Free Throw Contest—WSD boys and girls teams—1st place
- Lay Up Contest—WSD boys—1st place
- Cheerleading—WSD cheerleaders—1st place
 - Honorable Mention—Yajaira Bedolla and Maria Lopez
 - All Star—Miguel Peregrino
- Boys Basketball—WSD boys—4th place
 - Honorable Mention—Trevor Dockter
 - Second Team All Star—Randall Smith
 - First Team All Star—Norinston Joe
- Girls Basketball—WSD girls—2nd place
 - Honorable Mention—Kayla Girard
 - Second Team All Star—Maria Lopez
 - First Team All Star—Yajaira Bedolla



Cochlear Implant Camp!
Lake Wenatchee YMCA Camp
 June 13-15, 2014

Cost: \$125/Adult (ages 16 and older), \$85/youth (ages 6 -15) and no charge for children under 6 years of age. If all guests are not Wenatchee Valley YMCA members, please add \$20.00 to the total cost

For More Information Contact
 Diane Cruickshank
 217 Orondo Ave - Wenatchee, WA 98801
www.CIFamilyCamp.com
Registrar@wenymca.org
 (509) 662-2109

The **Bellevue College ASL Club** would like to inform you that we will be organizing an ASL performance this Spring and would love for you to join us!

"My Father's Gift" will be performed in ASL by Wink! More information on this story and our performer can be found at <http://www.winkasl.com/Wink/Shows.html>

This is a wonderful opportunity to experience a dramatic, heartfelt story told by an amazing performer who is in demand nationwide, and meet other ASL students, ASL teachers, and other members of the Deaf community! We welcome you to spread the word to those who may be interested, and look forward to seeing you!

Date: Friday, June 6, 2014

Time: Doors will open at 7:30pm
 Performance 8:00pm-10:00pm

Where: Lake Sammamish Foursquare Church
 14434 NE 8th St
 Bellevue, WA 98007

Tickets will be sold at the door and will cost \$10 (Cash only please!)

The performance will be conducted in ASL, but will also be voice interpreted so all levels of ASL proficiency (including non-signers) are welcome!

Washington Sensory Disabilities Services

March 8, 2014
 Ellensburg, WA
 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Cost: This event is free for families
 Registration Deadline: February 21
 Location: Central Washington University
 Black Hall, Room 201
 400 E University Way, Ellensburg

Enjoy a day of fun and learning for Latino families with deaf and hard of hearing children. Information will be shared related to parenting and education of deaf and hard of hearing children. Fun play activities are scheduled for children. There will be an outdoor challenge course for ages 9 to 12, and a rock climbing wall and fire building activity for teens. Dress for the weather! A catered lunch will be provided.

This year, we look forward to Béléen Chavéz, from DVR, talking about what DVR can offer your family. Gabriela Holzman, will be presenting "Language Power: Holidays and Special Events". We will also have a teen panel, activities for parents and children together, and small group discussion.

Deaf Fiesta!
 March 8, 2014

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Family Members Attending:

Name	Deaf or Hearing	Age

Food allergies: _____

Please return registration form to: Christy Camarata, WSDS/CWU-7409, 400 East University Way, Ellensburg, WA 98926.
 If you have questions email camarata@cwu.edu or call 509 963-1670 (English) or 208 310-2801 (Spanish)

Registration Deadline: February 21



Nurses' Corner

Jillian F. Bain RN, MS, FNP-BC



Did you know March is National Nutrition month? Well, if you didn't, now you do! The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics has announced this year's theme for National Nutrition Month to be, "Enjoy the Taste of Eating Right." Sounds delicious! A great place to start talking about how to accomplish eating right is to discuss portion control.

Remember that old pyramid picture that represented portions and balanced diet? Well, that has since been replaced with new, easier dietary guidelines. According to myplate.gov, adults and children alike should be portioning their meals as follows: 30% grains (whole grain preferred), 30% vegetables, 20% fruit, and 20% protein, with a small serving of dairy outside of our plate. An easy way to accomplish this is to imagine your plate divided into 4 equal sections and fill each area accordingly, leaving just a little bit less fruit and protein than grains and veggies. If you are not eating all of these food groups, try and make half of your plate veggies.

Of course, keeping snacks healthy is important as well. Try having fruits and vegetables easily accessible when kids are on-the-go. One tip in accomplishing this is to choose one night a week as "prep" night to clean and cut up fruits and vegetables. Taking an extra 20-30 minutes to do this can save a ton of time during the week and allow your family to make healthy choices. Keep a bowl of washed fruit on the counter and individual servings of veggies in baggies in the refrigerator.

This time of year broccoli, potatoes, cauliflower, strawberries, and tangerines are all in season amongst many other kinds of produce. Maybe this month, to start off eating right, you should try a new fruit or vegetable you have never tried before each week. We hope you enjoy and remember, take care of yourselves!

Here are some helpful websites with nutritional information and healthy recipes:

<http://www.eatright.org/NNM/>

<http://pickyeaterblog.com/skinny-broccoli-cheese-soup/>

<http://www.choosemyplate.gov/>

High School Drama

J. Piper Gallucci, MS Teacher



Jenn Christianson's and Piper Gallucci's first semester Drama students were fortunate to work with professional performer, Catherine Egan. Every Tuesday for five weeks, Catherine worked with the students to create a short artistic piece based on the concept of a Greek chorus. The students read Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, translated the Prologue from English to ASL, and then designed movement to illustrate the tragic love story. It was at times very challenging, but the students enjoyed their experience.

Catherine Egan is a choreographer, actor and digital artist. She is the recipient of an Oregon Artist Fellowship for choreography and several Regional Arts and Culture Council (RACC) grants for movement-based performance. She has an extensive history with Imago Theatre, touring in North America with the Lecoq-based company. Currently she is developing a piece for three dancers slated for late January as part of a merging at the North West Dance Project studio and again this summer at Portland Center Stage.



Student of the Month January 2014

Astounding Attending

Josh Marvel (HS)
Jeremy Descloux (HS)
Jacob Tufton (MS)

3 R Superstar

Haili St. Louis (HS)
Mai Truong (MS)

Positively Prepared

Lexie DiCapua (HS)
Kaja Stone (MS)

Momentous Motivation

Haili St. Louis (HS)
Taylor Payne (MS)

Stupendous Spirit

Colt Hurd (HS)
Jadzia Ingram (MS)

Inspirational Improvement

Jessane Rogers (HS)
Lexie DiCapua (HS)
Kaja Stone (MS)

Super Supportive

Lexie DiCapua (HS)