

Terrier Times

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

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From the Superintendent's Desk

Jane Mulholland, Superintendent

Dear Families:

Although it is spring break as I am writing this, by the time you receive the May newsletter the year will almost be over. This has been a substantial year, full of great learning opportunities for the students and professional development opportunities for the staff. We have made good progress on important initiatives such as implementation of the Common Core State Standards and have continued with our ASL professional development each month. Thank you to all our parents for supporting these important professional development activities.

May 21st is our annual **All Star Day**. This is an opportunity for the students to shine as they display work projects and receive awards. An important feature of this year's All Star Day will be a transition fair for secondary students and families in the afternoon. We hope you will be able to join us for a day of celebrating our students' success. Nothing is more important to them than showing their parents what they have done. Your presence strongly communicates how much you care about their education and that this is an important value in your family. Watch for more information about the All Star Day schedule.

Finally, I hope you enjoyed spring break with your child. This is a good reminder that vacation periods, while full of fun and relaxation, are great opportunities for learning to take place. With summer quickly approaching, start now to think about how your child can continue developing ASL, reading and writing skills, as well as keep practicing math and filling in the gaps on background knowledge. Hope to see you all May 21st!

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May 14
Early Release!

May 29 - May 31
Special Olympics Soccer State Tournament
Fort Lewis, Tacoma



Parents & Terrier Pups!

Shauna Bilyeu, Elementary Principal

Terrier Pups and Families,



Students and staff are busy reading books for the **500 Books Incentive Program**. This year's theme is, "**Reading at warp speed!**" (We meant for it to be a Star Wars theme, but apparently that's a phrase from Star Trek. Oops!) Parents are encouraged to join in the fun and read, read, read! We will have weekly prizes for students who meet their goals. (Ask your child what they need to do to get a weekly prize. They should be able to tell you!). We will have a SURPRISE field trip on May 27th for students meeting their goals. May 27th is the first day back after a long Memorial Day weekend. We do not have school on either May 25th or May 26th. Expect to see something from your child's teacher with more details, but be forewarned, we don't tell the students until we arrive at the destination where we are going! If you are interested in volunteering and joining us for this event, contact Bethany Moreland. All volunteers need to be cleared with Sharon Caton. Call if you have questions.

We have no FAN for the month of May. Instead, we will have a June end of year BBQ like we did last year. The date for this will be June 4th. Look for more information coming soon!

Parents—mark your calendars NOW for All Star Day on May 21st. Parents are invited to join their students at lunch (11:00 am), observe classes for a short time and then have desserts and awards from 1:45-3:00 pm. ALL Terrier Pups will receive an award at this time (we've been tallying those PAWS they've all been earning!), so please plan to attend. Look for a flier with more details soon if you haven't already received it. It will be important for parents to RSVP so we can have an accurate count for food. I hope to see everyone there! We would love to see every Terrier Pup have a family member or special friend there to support them, so please put this at the very top of your priority list.

Elementary students (grades 2 and up for MAP and 3 and up for Smarter Balanced) are wrapping up annual testing. Families will receive results for the Smarter Balanced soon (before summer!) and MAP results at their child's IEP meetings. Please recall the Smarter Balanced assessment is brand-new this year for all schools around the state of Washington and is much more rigorous than in the past. Please do not compare your child's results on this test to last year's test. Let me know if you have more questions!

Don't forget to attend Family Camp in Ellensburg, Washington the first weekend in May. This is a state-wide event where children and parents from all over the state go for a weekend of workshops for parents and fun and games for children. We have fliers in the office. Let us know if you would like one! Enjoy the spring!

March Student of the Month

3 R Superstar

Sara Mayfield
Jessane Rodgers

Astounding Attending

Taylor Payne
Mai Truong

Inspiring Improvement

Cassie Tracy

Stupendous Spirit

Joshua Marvel
Joel Castro

Momentous Motivation

Taoej Brown
Math Team: Jennifer
Tudor, Kaja Stone, Jayson
Cabanizas, Emma
McKinney

Super Supportive

Jackie Wiles

Positively Prepared

Adam Arntzen

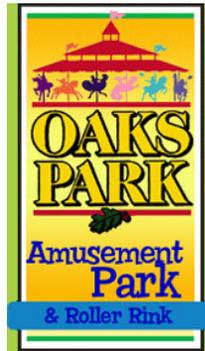


May 20
Talent Show "Imagine"
Auditorium – 7:00pm



May & June Calendar

- May 1 – May Day
- May 5 – Cinco De Mayo
- May 14 – Early Release Day
- May 18 – June 3 – Senior Presentations
- May 20 – Last Day of Spring After School Program (ASP)
- May 20 – Talent Show "Imagine" – Auditorium – 7:00pm
- May 21 – All Star Day
- May 25 – Memorial Day (No School)
- May 26– Travel Day (No School)
- May 27 – 500 Books Club Field Trip – 9:30am-1:00 pm
- May 28 – HS Science Field Trip
- May 28 – Sadie Hawkins Day – Potluck/BBQ – 3:00pm-9:00pm
- May 29-Sunday, May 31 – Special Olympics Soccer State Tournament – Fort Lewis in Tacoma
- June 1, 2, 3, 4 – Spring Football Workouts
- June 8, 9, 10, 11 – Spring Football Workouts
- June 4 – Senior Tease – Auditorium – 7:00pm
- June 4 – FAN – End of the Year BBQ
- June 8 – Superintendent’s Dinner – CH150 at 5pm
- June 8 – HS/MS Field Trip to Oaks Park
- June 9 – Senior Trip – All Day
- June 11 – Graduation – Auditorium – 6:30pm
- June 15 – Field Day – 3:30pm-6:00pm
- June 17 – 8th Grade Graduation – Auditorium
- June 17 – Last Day of School!



WSD Soccer!



Co-ed HS Soccer Schedule - 2015

- All Games at Devereaux Field (Football Field)
- Tuesday, April 21 vs. Screaming Eagles - 6:00pm
- Tuesday, April 28 vs. Dragons - 6:00pm
- Thursday, April 30 vs. Cougars - 6:00pm
- Tuesday, May 5 vs. Ignorance - 6:00pm
- Tuesday, May 7 - No Names - 6:00pm
- Tuesday, May 12 vs. Goodwin BHS - 6:00pm
- Tuesday, May 19 vs. Screaming Eagles - 6:00pm



Flashback!
Terrier Pups
Soccer Team

Terrier Pride and the Jr. NAD

J. Piper Gallucci, Teacher & PBIS Coordinator

Jason Cox and Piper Gallucci met with Jr. NAD members to discuss changes in the school environment since WSD started its Terrier Pride program. Terrier Pride is the focus of the Positive Behavior Support program (PBIS).

Jr. NAD members shared that they have noticed a positive change in the school environment. They said students are paying more attention in their classes. Hallway behavior is improved, teachers and students are less frustrated and there is more learning occurring in the classroom. They said it isn't perfect yet; there are still some students who spend more time off task and some teachers who still experience frustration.

Three things the Jr. NAD attributed to WSD's improved environment are:

- Assembly & Raffle Prizes
- Teachers listen and discuss issues and behaviors
- Reteaching the expectations

The Jr. NAD stated that students are motivated by recognition and receiving Terrier Pride tickets. They enjoy the Terrier Pride assemblies and the raffle that kicks off each week. Starbucks and Barnes & Noble gift cards, Grab Bags, free dance entrance and \$2.00 off for food purchases at games were their favorite prizes.



Terrier Pride!

Reminder! Last day of school is June 17!



- Elementary Classroom Visit
Dessert & Awards
- Cottage visits for
residential families
- Scholastic
Book Fair
- Secondary Classroom Visits
Career Presentations by Deaf professionals
Transition Fair – resources for the Deaf
- Dinner & Secondary
Awards & Sports
- Various exhibitions of
students' work
- Science Fair Demonstrations
- Lunch - \$3.00 a person
Dinner – First 2 free
Additional – \$3.00 a person