

# Terrier Times

May 2011



Washington School for the Deaf

## From the Principal's Desk

Bill Newell, Principal

This is our last "Terrier Times" for the 2010-11 school year. My how time does fly by!

WSD has been faced this year (like many schools across the country) with very significant budget cuts. Our parents, teachers, students, SLCs and all staff pulled together to do everything we do more creatively with fewer resources. I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to our great staff at WSD who always go the "extra mile" for the students.

As we close out this school year, the student will be involved in many exciting activities. Our school is a dynamic learning community and environment for the students to grow socially every day. High School students will soon be enjoying the 2011 WSD Prom. Seniors will be involved in many end of the year and end of their high school career events. You will see these listed elsewhere in this newsletter. One of my favorites every year is the Senior Tease put on by the Student Life Counselor staff. Each senior is recognized by the staff with a brief "roast" where staff members highlight the little "endearing quirks" that define the senior's "special personality." Everyone in the audience has very little trouble guessing who the staff are "teasing." If you are able, this is a "don't miss it event."

During the week of April 18 - 22, WSD took a serious look at the issue of bullying in schools. The full week was devoted to events that focused on bullying. Students at all levels explored the meaning and the potential consequences of bullying. They learned what it means to bully and be bullied and how they can be involved as "bystanders" even if they are not directly involved in the act of bullying. Students signed a pledge not to bully and wore pink wrist bands that said, "I Promise to Stop Bullying." Each day students showed their solidarity by wearing different colored T-shirts. We plan to make this an annual focus for one week during every school year.

Thanks to all of the families who entrust us with the education of your children. We are partners in this endeavor. Summer is a very important time when you can play a significant role in furthering your child's education and learning. Engage in conversation. Talk about everything you do. Go to family learning camps. Take trips to the zoo, the library, museums, shopping and family vacations. Building your child's background knowledge about what things are called/named, how they work, and what purpose they serve are all essential to developing literacy. Let your child experience using money. Talk about work, jobs, what people do, how they earn a living, what things cost, etc. Start developing for your child a sense of what it means to be an adult, to learn a trade, have a career, and be a productive member of society. These are all things that children learn in families through interaction, conversation and observation. Your child has likely made significant gains in skills during the school year. To maintain these gains, it is important that you and your child remain actively engaged in family learning activities and talk, talk, talk about them. In this way your child will be ready for more growth next school year.



*"I Promise to Stop Bullying"*

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Deaf & Hard-of-Hearing  
Students entering  
6-8th grades

July 24, 2011  
check-in: 4-6pm

July 30, 2011  
check-out: 1pm

\*See attached flyer.

**Reminder!**  
**June 10**  
**Last Day of School**





The book fair is coming...

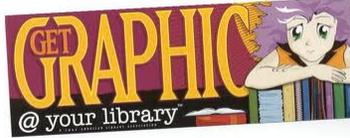
It will be open for viewing  
 May 20th from 8-12:00 and  
 May 23rd -27th from 8:30-3:30,  
 with an extending time  
 on the 26th for awards night.

If you would like to  
 volunteer to help out, please  
 contact Dawn Smith.

This is a **buy one get one free**  
 sale so come ready to spend!

## Library News!

Ginger Speranza, Librarian



*“Graphic Novels help  
 deaf students  
 see the big picture.”*

Washington School for the Deaf  
 article in The Columbian  
 Newspaper on April 2.



## ASL English Bilingual Professional Development (AEBPD) Update

April McArthur, Teacher

As you may remember, last year our Academic and Outreach staff began training in ASL English Bilingual Professional Development (AEBPD). This is a professional development course that our teachers are taking under the Center for ASL English Bilingual Education Research (CAEBER) at Gallaudet University.

There are 4 levels for this training. We completed Level 1 last year and we began Level 2 this year. This year's level continues to focus on the current research on bilingual/ESL education, culture, the deaf bilingual child, first and second language acquisition and learning, language use, language teaching, and language assessment. Our staff is reflecting on the concepts of bilingualism and making observations on how they apply these concepts to their own classrooms.

## Post High School Program

Thanks to the generous support of DVR, WSD is NOW ACCEPTING **POST HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS** for Fall 2011!

Requirements:

- Must have High School diploma or GED
- Ages 18-22
- Able to live independently without regular supervision
- Pass background check

Interviews will be scheduled after the application is received to start the admissions process.

Here is a link to WSD's website for more information about the overall program, application packet, and admissions process: <http://www.wsd.wa.gov/residential/PHSP.aspx>

Questions, please contact:

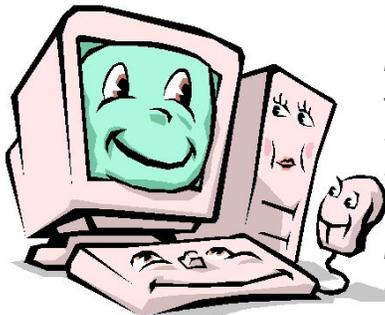
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**BACK  
 BY  
 POPULAR  
 DEMAND!**

## MAY 2011- End of School Year Events!

- May 5 - Cinco de Mayo-No After School Program
- May 12 - Prom - No ASP
- May 24 - Senior Tease - 7pm in Kastel Cafeteria
- May 26 - All Star Day - No ASP - Day Students go home
- May 30-June 3 - Memorial Day/Week/**No School**
- June 6 - Senior Trip to Seattle, Washington
- June 7 - Superintendent's Senior Dinner
- June 8 - Graduation - 6:00pm at Fort Vancouver High School
- June 9 - Field Day - 3:30-6:00pm (BBQ - 5:15-6:00pm)
- June 10 - Last Day of School



### Ed Tech News!

Michelle Clark, Educational Technology Coordinator/Teacher

This has been a great year of learning technology skills for our students. Elementary students visited the technology classroom as part of their elective classes this year. Middle school and high school level classes offered this year included: HS Intro to Technology, MS Intro to Technology, HS Keyboarding, and MS Robotics. My students continue to amaze me with how much they know! I provide the tools and their creativity just takes over.



I'd like to share some good news. I created a project on DonorsChoose.org and the project was funded by 13 generous donors. At the beginning of next school year we will receive early learning keyboards, mice and software for 4 computers in the technology classroom. I'm so thankful for the generosity of the donors!

I'd also like to share some sites and free downloads I've come across this year.

**DonorsChoose.org**  
Teachers ask. You choose. Students learn.

**LDD** - Lego Digital Designer, this is a free download that lets students manipulate Lego pieces on the computer screen and free building to their hearts content. <http://ldd.lego.com/download/default.aspx>

**Scratch** - This is a programming language for everyone. Create interactive stories, games, music and art - and share them online. A free download. <http://scratch.mit.edu/>

**FunBrain** - This is a site for online educational games for kids of all ages. (math, grammar, science, spelling, history). <http://www.funbrain.com/>

**Only2Clicks** - Keep your frequently used websites in one place online and make it your start page. I love using this as the computer home page to provide easy to find links to the sites I want students to use. You create an account, add links to the sites you want, and make it your homepage. <http://www.only2clicks.com/>



**May 12  
Prom!**

**May 30-June 3 - Memorial Day/Week/No School**



## Nurse's Corner

Joyce Sjoberg, RN & Jon Tannler, LPN, Linda Meier, RN (on-call)

What a busy time of year it is. We can almost feel the students' heart rates speeding up as they work to finish projects, run off to special field trips, and read 500 books! We are busy here too. We have the pleasure of mentoring two student nurses from Clark Community College Nursing School through the end of school. We are thrilled as both know some ASL and our students appreciate that. The nursing students helped us to screen 117 students this month along with the Lions Bank Volunteers. We found 40 students who will be re-checked before we send letters out to all of you.



The **Lions Club** has offered to provide glasses to those students who need them and are unable to get them through their insurance. Please contact the school nurse, Joyce Sjoberg at [joyce.sjoberg@wsd.wa.gov](mailto:joyce.sjoberg@wsd.wa.gov) or 360-696-6525 x4333 for more information.

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We are working with both the teachers and student life counselors to ensure that all students who go on field trips have all their medical supplies needed in an emergency, as well as a copy of their Emergency Care Plan, if they have one.

We are working with community volunteers to see if we have support to begin a Garden to Table Program here at school and will be meeting with Family Academy Night (FAN) in May.

Last but not least, we will work with all staff to ensure that as students spend more time outside, students apply sunscreen. We hope you are all enjoying the sun and have a great spring!



## Deaf & Hard of Hearing Awareness Day! at SILVERWOOD!!

Eastern Washington Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing & North Idaho Deaf Club

EWCDHH and NIDC have partnered to bring you:

"Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day"

at SILVERWOOD!!

**Date: Saturday, June 18, 2011 Time: Open 11:00am - Close 8:00pm**

Tickets will be sold in advance and at the gates! Advance: \$30 general, \$17 youth/seniors

At the Gates: \$35 general, \$19 youth/seniors

Meal Tickets: \$6 general, \$3 youth/seniors - Youth: 3-7 years old

Senior: 65+, Children 2 and under are free.

Please Contact EWCDHH for more information.

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Just minutes North of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho on Highway 95 in scenic Northern Idaho. The nearest urban center is Spokane, WA, which is 30 minutes west of Coeur d'Alene on Interstate 90. Spokane's International Airport serves most major airlines. Missoula, MT is 180 miles to the east and Seattle, WA is 330 miles to the west. The Canadian border is 90 miles to the north. Silverwood is located at: 27843 North Highway 95

*\*All-You-Can-Eat-Bufferet! All meals are per person one time only. Meals served buffet style and include all plates, utensils, napkins and condiments. No gratuity or service charges.*