

# Terrier Times

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## From the Superintendent's Desk

Jane Mulholland, Superintendent

Dear Families & Friends of WSD:

It is with both sadness and excitement that I am announcing my retirement as Superintendent of WSD effective September 1, 2016. Working at WSD has been the highlight of my 42 year career in deaf education. I could not have asked for better students, better parents, better staff, better alumni, or better partners throughout the state. It has been a great privilege to have been part of WSD's journey to becoming an ASL English bilingual instructional program. I am so proud of the work we are doing, and the amazing commitment and dedication of every staff person at WSD.

Waiting to retire until I was tired of my work or no longer wanted to be at WSD was not an option, because that day would never come. Rather, my decision is the result of wanting to spend more time with family, including my wonderful grandchildren, and to pursue other professional and personal opportunities. We never know how much time we will be given, and this seems to be the right time to close this chapter in preparation for what comes next.

We will begin a national recruitment for the next Superintendent in November. You will have the opportunity to meet and provide feedback on finalists in the spring. We hope to have the person in place by July or August 2016.

Thank you for your support over the past 8 years. I value you and the relationships we have developed, and I will always hold your children and the WSD family in my heart.



Thanksgiving Break  
No School  
November 26 & 27

## Terrier Families

Shauna Bilyeu, Principal

### Elementary:

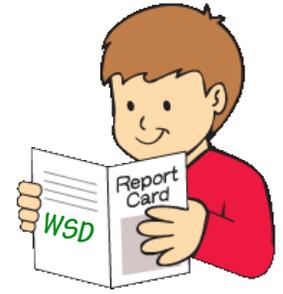
Family Academy Nights are off and running! Based on parent feedback we have made a few changes this year. FAN is now on the second Tuesday of every month. Doors will open and dinner is served at 5:30. Promptly at 6:00, children will go to their assigned classrooms for fun and learning activities while the parents partake in a short ASL mini-lesson. At 6:30, we will have our program. Our goal is to include more parent/child activities this year during the program, so be ready for games and activities-dress comfortably! The program will end by 7:30. The next FAN is November 10th. Please check Facebook (WSD Elementary) and backpack mail for reminders. We are also trying to get a better head count before the event, so Bethany may call you if you have not already let us know of your attendance. Come and join the fun! Please note: There is no FAN in December due to the short month.

### Secondary:

The end of the first quarter is November 6th. Expect a report card and IEP benchmarks to arrive home by mid-November. Did you know that you can check your student's grades remotely at any time through our Skyward grade system? Teachers update their electronic grade books on a regular basis. You should have received a login and password that allows you access to Family Access and see your child's grades and attendance records. If you do not have these, please contact David Martin at david.martin@cdhl.wa.gov to get one. Your child should also be able to show you how to login. The Skyward website address is: <https://www2.swrdc.wa-k12.net/scripts/cgiip.exe/WService=wcdhls71/seplog01.w> Additionally, you can also always contact your child's teacher directly through email. Staff contact information is listed on our website. All staff emails are firstname.lastname@cdhl.wa.gov.

### General Announcements:

If your child arrives late to school, please remember to sign them in at the office. They must also be signed out if you are picking them up early. This is very important as we need to know where students are at all times. The year is speeding by. I hope you are able to enjoy the beautiful fall colors! As always, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.



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## September

### Student of the Month!

3 R Superstar

Sara Mayfield

Momentous Motivation

Vangeline Sohler

Astounding Attending

Tyler Egan

Emma McKinney

Stupendous Spirit

Hilda Beltran-Lopez

Randall Smith

Positively Prepared

Kyle Culmer



WSD Spirit Week!  
School Colors!



### November Calendar

- November 10 Family Academy Night (FAN)
- November 11 Veteran’s Day (no school/Residential students will have activities in their cottages.)
- November 19 Early Release at 1pm
- November 26 & 27 Thanksgiving Break (no school)
- Travel Days - November 1,6,8,13,15,20,22,25,29

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### Football, Volleyball and Soccer

These seasons are coming to an end and now we are preparing for the upcoming basketball season. Keep a look out on the WSD web page for the girls and boys varsity basketball schedules to be posted in November. For those of you looking ahead to the Western States Basketball & Cheerleading Classic (WSBCC), the Arizona School for the Deaf & Blind (ASDB) in Tucson will be hosting this year’s tournament January 27 – January 30.



Thank you for supporting our Terriers!

### Terrier Pride Means Being Organized!

J. Piper Gallucci, Teacher & PBIS Coordinator

This year’s Terrier Pride focus is homework and organization. A survey with teachers last year demonstrated the need for students to develop skills with organizing and completing their homework as well as understanding the importance of due dates. WSD recognizes these are skills a child will use as an adult in their work and home lives.

One of the strategies to develop these skills is to provide each secondary student with a planner and teach them how to use it. Students write their homework assignments in their planner. After school they show the planner to their guardian, parent or Student Life Counselors (SLC). If a student does not have homework in a specific class, they write “No Homework.” We ask this of students in order to better support them with organization and accountability. The teacher is to initial the planner after the students write the assignment. The SLCs/parents sign the planner after they see the completed assignment.

As a parent you can support your child’s organization and homework success by looking over their planner as well as showing your child the tools you use to organize your schedule and tasks at work and at home. If your child is a day student, please check your child’s planner every day after school.

# WSD student **workshop**

**Daek Virnig, Co-founder DaekCube Entertainment/Performer**



## Words From The Library

Ginger Speranza, School Librarian

The library is off to a busy start. I have lots of new items to add to the system from donations last year, class visits are back up and running, and there are new things for me to learn. It has been great to get back. We did lose quite a bit of inventory last year and I am working hard to replace items. If you find WSD library books wandering around home or campus, please help them make their way back to the library.

The book fair this year was a great success. We were able to buy 26 books for teachers and cottages and 43 new books for the library. Thanks to Dawn Smith who organized the volunteers, we had a great group helping out. A special shout out to students as well. I can't tell you how many times I had students stop in before, during, and after the book fair to ask me if I needed help. We have a wonderful group of outstanding, community minded kids roaming our halls and I am so proud of how helpful they were for me that week.

As always I am happy to have parent volunteers to do basic library work such as shelving and inventory. If you have some time and would like to volunteer, please talk to Sharon Caton and she can get you trained and ready.

We are always looking to increase our inventory of new books and DVD's. I am currently looking for newer youth titles. I have started an Amazon wish list that you can purchase from if you need ideas. Just look up "WSD Library" under wish list and you will see what kids and staff are requesting. Thanks and keep reading.

