

# Terrier Times

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## From the Principal's Desk

Bill Newell, Principal

**October 27** WSD celebrates our annual Open House and Homecoming football game. We hope you can join us for this festive day. Students and staff participate in Spirit Week leading up to this important Open House and Homecoming day. Each day during Spirit Week student will dress up in the theme for the day.

During October our students in 2nd - 12th grades participated in the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) academic testing in Reading, Language Usage, Mathematics and for selected students in Science. When you attend the annual IEP meeting, your student's results will be shared with you. If you have questions, you may contact our Curriculum and Assessment Coordinator, Shauna Bilyeu, at [shauna.bilyeu@wsd.wa.gov](mailto:shauna.bilyeu@wsd.wa.gov).

Parents are able to access their child's grades, progress on assignments and comments from their child's teacher through our Skyward School Data Management system. All parents have received passwords to access this system. To access Skyward, go to [www.wsd.wa.gov](http://www.wsd.wa.gov) and click on the link that says Family Access Skyward. If you have misplaced your password, contact David Martin at [david.martin@wsd.wa.gov](mailto:david.martin@wsd.wa.gov). Using Skyward is a good way for parents to keep up with your child's progress in school. Remember that we encourage parents to be actively involved in your child's education at WSD. You should hear periodically from your child's teachers and please always feel free to contact your child's teachers if you have any questions. If you have an email address on record with our school, you should be receiving weekly the Deaf Culture Question of the Week. This is sent out every Monday morning. If you are not receiving this email weekly, I would appreciate hearing from you. You may contact me at [bill.newell@wsd.wa.gov](mailto:bill.newell@wsd.wa.gov). We want to be sure that all of our WSD families are receiving it.

Thank you for entrusting the education of your child to us at WSD. We take this responsibility very seriously. If you have any questions about your child's education or care at WSD, please do not hesitate to contact us. Students are most successful in school when parents and teachers work together.

## Introducing My Big Campus!

Michelle Clark, Educational Technology



Dear Parents,

We're excited to begin using **My Big Campus (MBC)** as a service for teachers and students to safely engage one another online. It's safe because My Big Campus is an online extension of the classroom that's tightly integrated with our school network and Internet filter and was developed and designed specifically for educational purposes.

We'll be using **MBC** in a variety of ways to learn Internet safety and digital citizenship, extend classroom discussions, collaborate on projects, keep track of assignments, and more.

My Big Campus includes:

- Easy access to good educational resources included in its Resource Library
- Collaborative learning through groups, wiki pages, discussions, blogs, closed messaging, event calendaring, and other activities
- Private file storage for anywhere access to works in progress--eliminating the need for thumb drives
- Ability for users to "flag" any inappropriate content for review (an important part of digital citizenship)
- Extensive monitoring and reporting

Students must agree to the My Big Campus terms of use and use their real names so there is no anonymity on the site. They are also required to use their school network username and password to login. Everything a user posts/creates/uploads is recorded--and can be seen and printed at any time by system administrators and teachers. Finally, My Big Campus is accessible from school, home, or anywhere at [www.myBigCampus.com](http://www.myBigCampus.com). Looking forward to seeing some increased student involvement and collaboration!



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## Nurse's Corner

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

### The hands that stop the flu!

Well, it is this time of the year when the cold/flu season starts kicking in! Are we ready!!!! We can reduce the chance of getting the cold and the flu by doing this easy task--hand washing! Research has been done many times and has proven hand washing is the best tool to fight the "bug." Before and after you a) go to the bathroom, b) prepare food, c) eat food, d) blow your nose or cover your mouth from coughing/sneezing, and e) anything involving frequent hand contact; **WASH YOUR HANDS!** We nurses and staff are showing the students the importance of hand washing by doing it ourselves. Please encourage not just your children but everyone else around you to **WASH YOUR HANDS**. Believe it or not, handwashing still beats using hand sanitizer in preventing the cold and flu! Let our hands **STOP THE FLU!**



We are also encouraging you to consider having your child vaccinated against the flu. Our office is now stocked on flu vaccines. Please contact us if you would like your child vaccinated. Please use the link below to find out how to be more prepared for the flu and cold. Thank you from the school nurses. [www.getreadyforflu.org/handwashing.htm](http://www.getreadyforflu.org/handwashing.htm)

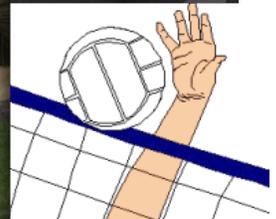
# November Calendar



November 1-8 - DAPE Testing 11th & 12th Grade  
 November 3 - ASP Fall Quarter Ends  
 November 11 - **Veteran's Day**  
 November 14-17 - ACT Testing  
 November 17 - FAN (5:30-7:30pm)  
 November 24-25 - Thanksgiving Break  
 November 29 - ASP Winder Quarter Starts  
*Travel Days 4, 6, 10, 13, 18, 20, 23, 27*



# WSD Volleyball/Football!



### NaNoWriMo!

Ginger Speranza, Librarian

NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month) is back!

Join kids and teens all around the world in tackling the fun, frightening, and totally unforgettable challenge of bashing out an entire book in one month.

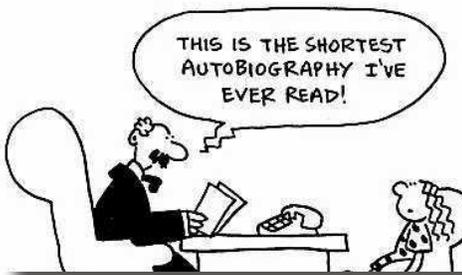
You'll laugh. You'll cry. You'll write like crazy for 30 adventurous days. And on December 1, you'll have a great new book to read.

Check out their website at <http://www.nanowrimo.org/> for more information.

This is a teacher-led activity so if you have further questions please contact your child's language arts teacher.  
*Happy Writing!*



National Novel Writing Month



### ASDC Oregon/Washington Holidays Party for Deaf Children and Their Families

Sunday, December 4, 2011  
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Norse Hall Ballroom  
111 NE 11th Ave.  
Portland, Oregon



**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS  
NOW AT...[www.deafkidsparty.org/kidsparty/](http://www.deafkidsparty.org/kidsparty/)**  
Reservation deadline is November 28.

- 1:00 p.m. - Games, Crafts, Refreshments
- 2:30 p.m. - Entertainment, Traditional Story Time
- 2:45 p.m. - Signing Santa & Mrs. Claus (Presents)

No one will be admitted without reservations.

Questions? E-mail at [info@deafkidsparty.org](mailto:info@deafkidsparty.org) or call Chris at 503-256-7989. See you at the party!

### Kindergarten and 1st Grade Class website!

Information, photos, and  
videos will now be shared

at

[www.rayewsd.blogspot.com](http://www.rayewsd.blogspot.com).



Day Light Savings Time will occur on November 6, 2011, at 2am. Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour!