

**Veteran's Day**  
**November 11, 2016**

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and IEP benchmarks to  
arrive home the week of  
November 7th.”*

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**November 17**  
**Early Release!**

## From the Superintendent's Desk

Shauna Bilyeu, Superintendent

### Parents and Students:

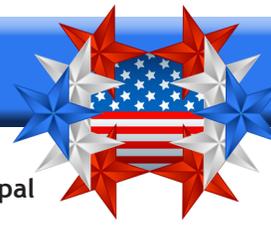
Did you know that even though we are tucked in the far northwest corner of the United States, we are part of a national landscape that focuses on the importance of language acquisition and bilingual instruction? As research and evidence grows in the area of brain research and the power of being bilingual, WSD teachers and staff are taking an active role in pursuing and implementing those principles in the classroom and across campus. WSD regularly sends staff to national conferences on this topic and sometimes even presents at these conferences.

This month (November 10th-12th) professionals will come from all over the country to participate in a national **ASL Round Table** hosted by our school and sponsored in part by Gallaudet. This is an annual event (hosted by different schools every year) that allows for professionals to come together to talk about ASL instruction and Deaf Culture in schools. Staff at WSD have been hard at work preparing for this conference and are excited to see this event “come alive.” Conferences like these are critical to the mission and success of our school because the information shared there trickles down into the classroom through teaching strategies and practices learned from presenters and other conference attendees. Events like these require time outside of the normal work week, but the benefits to the students are countless! WSD is lucky to have dedicated staff that work to pursue attending, presenting at, and hosting conferences like these.

Speaking of the national landscape: September 30th was the official inauguration for the 11th president and first Deaf female president at Gallaudet University! New president Bobbi Cordano's message to the world is that it is not her presidency, “...it is OUR presidency,” and she looks to the community to shape the future of Gallaudet. Gallaudet is home to the Visual Language and Visual Learning Center (VL2). This is a National Science Foundation research and learning lab that studies how language is acquired. Bobbi's message and the vision she has for Gallaudet, along with VL2 make for exciting times!

A little closer to home: While Gallaudet is the only Liberal Arts College for the Deaf in the United States, National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID), RIT and a host of other colleges are also readily available for Deaf and hard of hearing students. NTID recruiters came and presented about their programs to our secondary level students on Oct. 25th.

October was our school-wide assessment month for 2nd grade and up. We assess in the areas of reading, language usage and math twice annually. The end of the 1st quarter is November 4th! [Look for report cards and IEP benchmarks to arrive home the week of November 7th.](#) Time flies!



**Reminder!**  
**November 17**  
**Picture Retakes!**

## Secondary News!

Jason Cox, Interim Secondary Principal

Dear Parents:

There are so many successful things that have happened since the start of the school year. It has been a pleasure walking down the hallway seeing teachers and students focusing on academics in their classrooms. Staff involved on our transition team have been working hard to place many juniors and seniors off campus for work experience. It is exciting to see so many new students who recently enrolled at Washington School for the Deaf (WSD) thriving and already building lasting relationships with their teachers and peers. I look forward to more successes to come this school year. If your child is a senior and will be graduating this spring (2017) please remind them to share information with you regarding graduation requirements and ordering items for graduation. The deadline is [November 7th](#).



## Recognizing Student Success

J. Piper Gallucci, Teacher & PBIS Coordinator

A large part of creating a positive environment is student recognition. There are several ways in which students are recognized in the secondary department.

Students are recognized when they follow expectations. Recognition can be concrete, with a Terrier Pride ticket, or it can be signed, as in thanking a student for attending, noticing their organization, or with writing a quick note. When a student receives a Terrier Pride ticket it is placed in a raffle and four names are drawn for prizes at the weekly Terrier Pride assembly. It's a fun and upbeat way to start the school week.

Once a month students who go above and beyond expectation, are recognized at the Student of the Month Assembly. There are seven categories for recognition: 3 R Superstar (Respect), Momentous Motivation, Inspiring Improvement, Super Supportive, Astounding Attending, Stupendous Spirit and Positively Prepared. Students who are recognized receive a certificate, their photograph is taken and posted on the Terrier Pride Bulletin Board, and their names are published in the parent newsletter.

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STUDENT SUCCESS!



## Terrier Pups!

April McArthur ASL-English Bilingual Services Director/Elementary Principal

Dear Families:

Do you know about an event we host at WSD called "FAN"? FAN (*Birth-6th Grade*) is short for Family Academy Night. We provide dinner, free of charge, and then a workshop for parents and children. The purpose of the workshops is to provide information about supporting your deaf child at home and to strengthen the home-school connection. Workshop topics range from how to use visual technology tools for DHH children, how to prevent bullying, reading with your child, and so on. It is a great way to meet other parents and build a network with other families.

### FAN DATES!

December 13

February 14

March 14

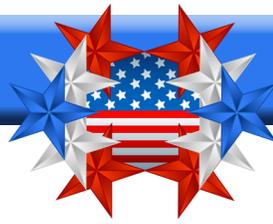
April 11

May 9

This event is for families with deaf and hard of hearing children and is not limited to families of WSD students. We invite families from all over southwest Washington to join us.

Please mark your calendar for our FAN dates this year: Dec. 13th, Feb. 14th, March 14th, April 11th, and May 9th. FAN starts at 5:30pm and ends at 7:30pm. I hope to see you at our next FAN event! [Pssst...we even provide delicious desserts at the end of the night!](#)





# Calendar

November 11 Veteran's Day  
 November 17 Early Release  
 November 17 Picture Retakes  
 November 24-25 Thanksgiving Break  
*Travel Days 4,6,10,13,18,20,23,27*

**Representatives  
 Liz Pike &  
 Sharon Wylie at WSD  
 for Deaf Awareness  
 Week!**



**Inviting** all Deaf and Hard of  
 Hearing students in the  
 Vancouver/Portland Metro area!  
 A Presentation with  
**Manny Hernandez, ASL Storyteller  
 & Wayne Betts Jr, Videographer**



**November 9, 2016**  
 12:10-1:10pm  
 Washington School for the Deaf Lloyd Auditorium  
RSVP with April McArthur at [april.mcarthur@cchl.wa.gov](mailto:april.mcarthur@cchl.wa.gov)

## Sports

Ron Spratlen, Athletic Director

We are wrapping-up our fall sports season of varsity football, volleyball and elementary/middle school soccer teams. All teams have a few games left and if you would like to attend a game please see the WSD webpage and see the Sports Schedule link. With the end of fall sports season we will soon be transitioning into the winter sports season and basketball. Boys and girls varsity basketball season will open with tryouts on November 14. First games of the season will be December 6 versus Oregon School for the Deaf; mark your calendars! Elementary and middle school basketball season starts at the beginning of February. Varsity basketball schedules will be posted on the WSD Webpage soon.

## Homecoming 2016!





September

Student of the Month!

Momentous Motivation

Ricardo Pineda

Inspiring Improvement

Isaiah Hoag

Super Supportive

Roxi Lamarche

Stupendous Spirit

Adam Arntzen

Positively Prepared

Emma McKinny

Journey Giles

*Thanksgiving Menu*

*Thursday November 17*

*Turkey and Gravy, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Potato Soufflé, Green Bean Casserole, Cranberry Chutney, Dinner Rolls & Pumpkin Pie!*

**WSD Library**

Ginger Speranza, Librarian

WSD had a great Scholastic book fair this fall! Thank you for all those that bought books. The spring sale will be a buy one get one free so start saving your pennies!

The iPad roll-out is still in phase one and students are really handling the technology well. We look forward to seeing this program grow in the upcoming years.

**Spirit Week at WSD!**



Wednesday, November 2!  
Middle school students in Washington State History courses will be going on a field trip to **Fort Clatsop Lewis and Clark National Historical Park!**