

# Terrier Times



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



October 2012



## From the Principal's Desk

Bill Newell, Principal

Greetings to all of our WSD families and friends!

I hope everyone reading this newsletter had a great summer and is enjoying our beautiful fall weather. We have had a good start to the school year. We are so happy to welcome our new staff. You will see a picture and brief bio on each of our new staff in this issue. Students returned to WSD on August 27 ready to learn and raring to go. At our opening assembly for students, we introduced the theme for this school year: **Dream, Plan, Achieve!** At the assembly I explained how important it is to “dream;” to imagine for yourself any possibility. When you have a dream, it becomes a goal. You “plan” to “achieve” your goal.

With “planning” an important part of our school theme for the year, we introduced in our secondary department school planner books. Middle school students will be required to use their WSD planner books to keep track of their homework assignments, important reminders to themselves, etc. Teachers are teaching students how to use their planners. The first WSD planner book was provided free to all students in the secondary program. If students lose their planner and are required to use a planner (MS students), they will need to purchase or work to earn a replacement planner book.

September 24-28, we will celebrate *Deaf Awareness Week*. As part of our Deaf Awareness Week, Shoshannah Stern, a well-known deaf actress, will visit WSD on September 27 to inspire our students. Shoshannah will have an inspirational presentation and will work with groups of our students in their classrooms.

October 11 we welcome you to visit our school and join us for our annual Open House and Homecoming football game. This is always a fun day. You can meet your child's teachers during the Open House and see classes in action. Please join us October 11.

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.

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# OPEN HOUSE

& Homecoming

October 11, 2012



- Open House
- Class Visits
- Book Fair
- Pep Rally
- Conferences
- Homecoming
- Football Game
- Dance

See included flyer!

School picture payments are due on picture day  
October 15!



## Community Building

Shauna Bilyeu, Assistant Principal

“September was all about building relationships, establishing trust, creating working literate environments, and getting to know children as readers and learners—and remembering that our classrooms still need to be joyful places where we take the time to appreciate sparkling eyes, shy poetic spirits and boundless energy.”

*Reading With Meaning*, by Debie Miller

Terrier pups are back and Northrop is filled with energetic inquisitive students! Students are learning so many things in classrooms, halls, the playground and even the cafeteria! We are learning how to be a part of different communities. There are communities at home and at school, and it is important to know what the rules are for each so we can learn and be our Terrier best! We are learning about how to show teachers we are ready to learn, how to respect our friends and other people, and how to make good choices. There are lots of rules to learn at the beginning of the year, so we really have to take the time and talk about them. (Parents, ask your students about some of the rules they have to follow in the classroom, playground and cafeteria.)

One thing that you might see us talk about is the **Terrier Paw Club**. All students get to be a part of this club, and when they get a paw, it's like a pat on the back, “good job!” This will earn the paw-bearer a trip to the principal's treasure chest and perhaps even other surprises. Look for our Paw bulletin board in the hall near Wendy's office!

### Special Notes:

Molly McMullen, our Northrop secretary extraordinaire, has altered her hours this year. She will arrive at 9:00 am every day and be in the office until after the students leave.

By now, all parents have been receiving regular communications from teachers on a weekly if not daily basis. Please also feel free to contact Shauna Bilyeu, Assistant Principal, at any time. Email: shauna.bilyeu@wsd.wa.gov or phone: 360-696-6525 x4299.

October begins our fall assessment window. All students in grades 2-12 participate in Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing. This helps teachers get a sense of what skills need to be addressed for the rest of the school year.

### Exciting events coming soon!

- Terrier Pups will be performing at the homecoming pep rally October 11th at 12:35pm in Hunter Gym. Come one, come all and cheer us on!
- Open House is also on October 11th. Parents can come and see what we are learning about. Look for information in your student's backpack mail.



October-December 18



**FREE**  
American Sign Language  
classes for families of Deaf &  
Hard-of-Hearing Children

Community Members \$50 Fee



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## WSD Spirit Week

October 8-12, 2012

Monday - Twin Day  
Tuesday - Mustache Day  
Wednesday - Duct tape Day  
Thursday - Green, White, Black  
Friday - Read-A-TShirt Day  
(any shirt with writing on it)

## October Calendar

Oct 1-26 - Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Testing  
 October 5 - WSD Fun Run  
 October 8-12 - WSD Spirit Week  
 October 11 - Open House!/Homecoming!  
 October 11-12 - "Hard Man" ASL Movie (see flyer insert)  
 October 15 - School Pictures  
 October 31 - Halloween  
 Travel Days - 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28



# SPORTS CALENDAR

\*Volleyball Tournament schedule to be posted on the WSD webpage soon!

### October-Volleyball

2nd @ Columbia Adventist – 7pm AWAY  
 4th vs. Pope John II – 6pm HOME  
 9th @ Three Rivers Christian – 7pm AWAY  
 10th vs. Columbia Adventist – 7pm HOME  
 \*12th/13th Terrier Invitational Tournament - HOME  
 16th @ Pope John II – 6pm AWAY  
 18th vs. Three Rivers Christian – 7pm HOME  
 23rd @ Columbia Adventist - 7pm AWAY  
 25th vs. Pope John II – 6pm HOME



### October-Football

4th @ Portland Lutheran – 3:30pm AWAY  
 11th vs. MMK - Homecoming – 3:30pm HOME  
 18th @ Oakville – 7pm AWAY  
 25th vs. King's Way Christian – 3:30pm HOME



## WSD Fun Run!

**Friday, October 5, 2012**

Students will run laps (approx. a 1/4 mile loop in the middle of campus between the Oliver Kastel Building and the Cottages) on Friday, October 5th, 2012. Each student will run as many laps as possible in 30 minutes. Pledges for this Fun Run will be collected in two forms:

Prizes for "most laps run" & "most pledge money earned!"

Prizes awarded in each grade group: K - 2nd, 3rd - 5th, 6th - 8th, 9th - 12th!

**Flat Donations** - a lump sum paid before or after the Fun Run regardless of how many laps the student runs.

**Per Lap Pledge** - The total donation is calculated by multiplying a specific amount pledged per lap by the number of laps completed by the student.

Pledges will be collected after the Fun Run. All monies must be collected by October 10, 2012

Family + fun + food (free)!

Academic = a time of learning

Night-the first one was September 20th. After that it's every 3rd Thursday of the month. Mark your calendars! Other pertinent details:

- Meet in Northrop at 5:00 pm for a social time before dinner at 5:30p
- Activity and games for the parents and students at 6:00pm.
- Wrap-up at 7:00pm.
- Hearing siblings and CODAs welcome!
- No RSVP required.

**FAN! FAN! FAN!**



## Welcome new staff to WSD!

Washington School for the Deaf



- [Cathy Bennett, Curriculum and Assessment Coordinator](#)

I have been hired as the curriculum and assessment coordinator at the Washington School for the Deaf (WSD). I am so delighted and enthusiastic to work at WSD. I grew up in Newfoundland, Canada, and I attended a school where I learned American Sign Language and English. My childhood in Deaf Education led me to a desire to go into a career in Bilingual Education. I went on to obtain my B.A and M.A in Deaf Education, and I also received an Ed.S. in Change Leadership in Education. Following that I taught for 16 years. I know first-hand the benefits of a bilingual education. I have also attended many trainings, conferences and workshops including Language Planning at the Center for ASL and English Bilingual Education and Research (CAEBER) and American Sign Language and English Bilingual Professional Development (AEBPD). As a coordinator, I believe that my strong education and experience will support WSD's continued excellence. I have 3 beautiful children - Jose, Chloe and Ansley (AJ), and a wonderful husband, Roy.



- [Lyra Behnke, ASL Specialist](#)

A native Oregonian, I was born in Ashland and have resided in many different cities such as the San Francisco Bay Area, Washington DC, Salem and Portland, Oregon. I am a graduate of the California School for the Deaf, Fremont. I obtained my Bachelor's degree in American Sign Language Studies at Western Oregon University and more recently, my Master's degree in Linguistics from Gallaudet University. I love reading and crocheting. Camping, traveling and visiting with family and friends are some of my favorite pastimes. I am very much looking forward to working at WSD and meeting all of you!

- [Shannon Eagen-Anderson, Elementary Teacher](#)

Paw SLAPS for the Terriers for gracing me with the opportunity to join an awesome team and school! My name is Shannon Eagen-Anderson (name sign: middle finger inwards wiggling on the side of the face downwards). I am Deaf and proud! I love music, dancing, and spending time with my husband and 4 year old son, Chase. I will wear the school colors of green and white with PRIDE and cannot wait to roll up my sleeves and work with the students! Let's rock out this year and DREAM the impossible to PAWSSIBLE. Cheers!



- [Jenni Dau, Secondary Teacher](#)

My name is Jenni Dau and I have just been welcomed into your school as a new teacher. I was born and raised in Michigan and am thrilled to be transplanted to the Pacific Northwest! My undergrad is in Deaf Education from Michigan State University (Go Green!) and my master's work is from Oakland University as a Reading Specialist. Reading is my passion (I'm in the middle of the [Game of Thrones](#) series right now) and I can't wait to get settled and start exploring my new town. I recently moved to Portland with my three dogs and come from a large family with lots of brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews whom I will miss.



- [Shauna Bilyeu](#): Formerly the Curriculum and Assessment Coordinator, Shauna has been selected as the Assistant Principal for the Elementary Department. WSD is so happy to have her leadership in this important position.

- [April McArthur](#): WSD has created a new position this year, Bilingual Services Coordinator. April was selected for this position after having previously been an ASL specialist at WSD. April will assist staff in helping students develop two strong languages—ASL and English. We are extremely excited to have April in this new position.

## Positive Behavior Intervention Program

J. Piper Gallucci, Teacher

The Washington School for the Deaf is participating in the school-wide Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS). PBIS is a program which fosters a positive environment and a safer and more effective school.

PBIS is a system for schools to evaluate, design and implement a program specific to the school's need. PBIS includes school-wide procedures and processes intended for all students and staff in all settings. It is an approach to creating a safe and productive learning environment where teachers can teach and all students can learn.

WSD has adopted a unified set of classroom rules. Our rules are found in every classroom and are as follows:

- Follow the 3 R's (Respect self, Respect others, Respect property)
- Be on Time
- Be Prepared
- Attend to the Presenter
- Support Everyone's Learning

This year Washington School for the Deaf will be actively collecting information on student behavior as a way to continuously update and improve our school environment. We will continue to share information about the program with you through the year.



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## Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)

Cathy Bennett, Curriculum and Assessment Coordinator

*Dear Families,*



*During the weeks of October 1-October 26 your child will take tests called Measures of Academic Progress (MAP). We give students MAP tests to determine your child's instructional level and to measure academic growth throughout the school year, and from year to year, in the areas of reading, math and language arts. Your child will take the tests on a computer.*

*MAP tests are unique in that they adapt to be appropriate for your child's level of learning. As a result, each student has the same opportunity to succeed and maintain a positive attitude toward testing.*

*Each school year, students in grades 2-12 will take the tests in the fall and again in the spring. Assessment results will be discussed with parents at IEP meetings.*

*We are truly excited to focus on every child's individual growth and achievement. By partnering to help all students achieve high levels of learning, parents and teachers can have a profound positive effect on the lives of our children.*

*Your child's teacher will have a schedule with specific times/dates for MAP testing. Please encourage your student to be well-fed and get a good night's sleep.*

*Thank you for your continued support!*

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## Counselor's Corner

Jason Cox, School Counselor

Terriers.... A School of Character

Hello, my name is Jason Cox and I am a School Counselor who works with students from 8th grade through 12th grade. It's nice to be back in school after a long summer break and see all of the students here again for another new school year.

Good character does not just happen naturally. It takes a team to help a child build good character, including parents and educators. Good character means possessing traits and qualities that help you understand right from wrong. Good character encourages people to do the right thing even when no one is watching. It allows people to make good decisions that in turn lead to positive outcomes and constructive impacts in the community around us.

This year my goal is to submit a brief monthly article on important tips for parents. Washington School for the Deaf provides ongoing Character Education where each month we use a new word to educate students about character in school and at home. The word of the month for September is "Believe." We want to educate students about believing in themselves and believing that they can succeed. We encourage you to talk to your child at home about believing in themselves. Often students may have negative thoughts which can lead to feelings of discouragement and decreased motivation in school. These thoughts can also negatively impact their interactions with their peers. Please take some time to discuss this month's word "Believe" with your child. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me at [jason.cox@wsd.wa.gov](mailto:jason.cox@wsd.wa.gov) or call me at 360.334.5778.



# "Believe"

## Washington Reading Corp (WRC)

Ginger Speranza, Librarian

### In the Library!

Hello and welcome back to a new school year. We are so excited to announce that we have received the WRC Grant once again this year and are happy to introduce our newest member Katasha Walker. If you have any questions or would like to ask for extra tutoring, please feel free to contact her and see what she may have available in her schedule. WRC tutors work with Elementary Department Students.



*Katasha Walker*

### Katasha Walker Bio

Hello, my name is Katasha Walker, a proud Northwest native! I am 23 years old. I attended Washington School For The Deaf (WSD) from preschool until 4th grade, transferred to mainstream and stayed there until my junior year. I returned to graduate from WSD in 2007. Some of you might know me through my mom, Krissy Walker. She also works at WSD and my brother, Taylor, also graduated from WSD in 2011. I participated in volleyball, varsity cheerleading and basketball, and was the Vice President for Student Body Government during my high school years. I worked as a trainer's assistant for WSD's Total Immersion Sign Language program (TISLP) during summer at WSD for 6 years! I also worked for Literacy Faire camp twice. What a great experience for me! After I graduated, I attended Gallaudet University from 2008 to 2012, majoring in psychology. I particularly enjoyed being part of Gallaudet's Intramurals.

During my college years, I worked at Sign Media Inc. in Maryland as an actress for Master ASL curriculum, which is suitable for high school and college courses. The textbooks will be published in Spring 2013! Now, I am working for Washington Reading Corps at Washington School for the Deaf. I enjoy working with children and look forward to supporting them in their educational success!