

Terrier Times

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

October 2015



Welcome Back!

From the Superintendent's Desk

Jane Mulholland, Superintendent

The BEST! That is not only part of our mission statement but is a theme I would like to see carried out during the 15-16 school year. As you know, the mission statement we adopted last year is, "WSD Students are: Bilingual, Empowered, Successful, for Today and Tomorrow . . . the BEST!" We have so many different reasons why that is true.

WSD has:

- The Best Students—Your children are bright, eager, capable, and full of potential. It is a privilege to be able to work with them and watch them grow and flourish.
- The Best Parents and Families—Thank you for your support and active involvement in your child's school program. WSD looks forward to seeing you October 1 for our annual Open House and Homecoming celebrations. Siblings, grandparents, extended family are welcome!
- The Best Staff—WSD teachers and related service providers are highly qualified with Master's degrees and specialized training; our teacher assistants, student life counselors, administrators, administrative support, and all operations staff are skilled and fully focused on doing their jobs to support the educational program for the students.
- The Best Alumni—WSDAA is an active, supportive organization that represents WSD proudly in all areas of their lives.
- The Best State—Washington's Governor and legislature have provided WSD with the resources and support that allow us to help your children become the best they can be!

For all these things, WSD is grateful. As we go into the 2015-16 school year, we will all be working our hardest and trying our BEST, to offer an outstanding ASL-English bilingual instructional and residential program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing students in Washington. We welcome you to visit often and help us help our students achieve their dreams. Go Terriers!



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Reminder!
October 15
School Pictures



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Parents & Terrier Pups!

Shauna Bilyeu, Elementary Principal

Terriers-big and small, we welcome you all!

School is off to a BANG! September opened with Deaf Awareness Week (DAW). There were lots of fun events and a special performance and workshop with ASL performance artist Dak Virnig. I hope that you were able to see some of the cool things he did with our students, either through our Facebook page or in person. Remember, WSD has both a WSD Facebook page and a WSD Elementary Facebook page. "Like" these pages if you haven't already. We try to post pictures of various events on these pages so that even if families live far away they can see what's going on. We went straight from DAW to spirit week. October 1st is Homecoming and Open House. We hope you will all be able to join us that day!

Secondary students have been busy reviewing the rules in the **WSD Student Handbook**. In September, one class a week was devoted to reviewing the rules and culminated in a Jeopardy style handbook competition between students. All students were given a handbook and signed off that they understood school expectations. The handbook is also posted on our website. We are into our 3rd year using Terrier Pride tickets to reinforce positive behaviors that we see. The tickets are entered into a weekly drawing and students can win various prizes. Ask your child if he/she has won anything yet!

Elementary students have reviewed classroom expectations and our Terrier Top 3 rules as well. Ask you child if he/she can recite what they are. PAW tickets are passed out to students "caught being good" and included in a weekly elementary prize drawing as well. You may see your child arrive home with green PAW stamps on Fridays. This is part of the PAW drawing as well, and all students have the choice of getting them. They are PAW "kisses."

We have several events in October that warrant mention:

Students 2nd grade and up will be participating in MAP testing—look for more information in this newsletter.

Ongoing: After School Program on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays

- October 13th- Our first Family Academy Night (FAN) for families of D/HH children birth through 6th grade. Please note the new day! FAN is now on Tuesdays! Come join us for dinner and fun starting at 5:30 pm in Northrop.
- October 15th-Early Release: students are dismissed at 1:00 pm
- October 25-28th-CEASD accreditation visit. We are dually accredited. Last year we received full accreditation status from AdvancED, the regional accreditation agency for all schools. This year we are under review for CEASD accreditation. This agency reviews residential schools for the deaf. Wish us luck!
- October 29th-Halloween costume parade (Thursday) for elementary students.

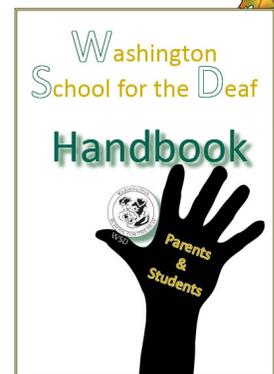
Thank you for trusting us with your children! They are always my inspiration.

Residential

Jason Cox, Director of Residential Services



This school year is off to a great start! We are happy to see your child here at Washington School for the Deaf (WSD). This year we have a good number of new students enrolled at WSD. It is a pleasure to get to know new students and also good to see returning students. There will be a lot of fun activities this year for students who are involved in sports, Independent Living Skills, After School Programs. You are more than welcome to come and visit anytime. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.



Elementary
Halloween Costume
Parade
October 29!

Calendar

- September 28-October 2 Spirit Week
- October 1 Open House/Homecoming
- October 13 FAN (5:30-7:30pm)
- October 15 Early Release
- October 15 School Pictures
- October 25-28 Accreditation Visit
- October 31 Halloween



Open House & Homecoming!
 October 1, 2015
 We really hope you can come and visit classes, eat lunch with your student, and talk with the teachers. We need to know if you plan to come so we can make sure to have an interpreter available for you so please RSVP!
 RSVP kelly.moore@cdhl.wa.gov or 360-418-4362

Homecoming Football and Volleyball games WSD vs. Oregon School for the Deaf! Come watch the Terriers take on their rivals the Panthers, Thursday, October 1. Football game kick-off is 4:00pm and Volleyball game starts at 7:00pm. Please join us for the fun and excitement, cheering on our Terriers!

Volleyball Schedule

- October 1 OSD 7:00pm HOME
- October 7 Columbia Adventist 6:00pm AWAY
- October 13 Firm Foundation 7:00pm AWAY
- October 15 Pope John Paul II 6:00pm HOME
- October 20 3 Rivers Christian 6:00pm AWAY
- October 21 Firm Foundation 6:00pm HOME
- October 27 Columbia Adventist 6:00pm HOME
- October 29 OSD 7:00pm AWAY



2015 Volleyball Team!

- Selina Lozier
- Annie Kvamme
- Sara Mayfield
- Emma McKinney
- Jessane Rogers
- Ashantay Rogers
- Jackie Wiles
- Ashley Balcazar
- Hilda Beltran
- Lexie DiCapua
- Emilie Ford
- Adele Giles
- Haili St. Louis
- Rosetta Voisine

2015 Varsity Football Team!

- Dane Stewart
- Randall Smith
- Tre'dynn Selvog
- Enrique Rodriguez
- Joel Castro
- Adam Arntzen
- Josh Marvel
- Juan Gaytan-Arroyo
- Colton Hurd
- Ricardo Pineda
- John Smart
- Taylor Payne
- Jacob Tufton
- Cristian Martinez-White
- Abraham Castro
- Ramon Varaja
- Dared Redford



Football Schedule

- October 1 OSD HOMECOMING 4:00pm HOME
- October 8 Lyle 4:00pm HOME
- October 15 Oakville 4:00pm HOME
- October 22 Naselle 6:00pm AWAY
- October 29 OSD 4:00pm AWAY



Congratulations to the 2015!

Cheer Team!

- Mai Truong
- Jessane Rogers
- Haili St. Louis
- Lexie DiCapua
- Salina Lozier
- Annie Kvamme
- Rosetta Voisine
- Tyler Eagan-Mascot



Terrier Pride: One way we can show unity as a school and support our student athletes and coaches is by wearing school colors on the game days—green, black, white!

Teaching School-wide Expectations

J. Piper Gallucci, Teacher & PBIS Coordinator

During the first few weeks of each school year, students in the secondary department learn WSD's school-wide expectations. Having solid expectations allows students to become more successful academically and socially. School rules have been taught and practiced by each student. The expectations will be reviewed throughout the year to reinforce success. School expectations are Respect Yourself, Respect Others, and Respect Property.



Explicitly teaching and practicing expectations is part of the Positive Behavior and Intervention System (PBIS) WSD adopted four years ago. Expected behaviors are listed in the matrix at the back of the Parent-Student Handbook. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact WSD.

Please help WSD welcome our new Washington Reading Corps volunteer, Chelsey Donahue. She was born and raised in a small town in Connecticut and recently graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology with a Bachelor's in ASL/English Interpreting. She is new to the Pacific Northwest and very excited to join the elementary team on October 1st.



Washington School for the Deaf
 Participants must be at least 14 years old.
 Classes are **FREE** for parents of WSD Students
 Community Members \$50 Fee

ASL 1 (Beginning Level 1)
 September 29, 2015 (Divine #302)
 Tuesday evenings 6:00-7:30pm
 This Class is designed for participants who have little or no previous knowledge of ASL. Includes Deaf Culture, Visual readiness skills, Vocabulary and grammar used for Communication needs.

ASL 1 (Beginning Level 2)
 October 1, 2015 (Divine #302)
 Thursday evenings 6:00-7:30pm
 This Class is designed to Continue development of ASL 1 skills with basic ASL sentences, including: asking questions, making requests, providing Clarification and general improvement of ASL conversational skills and Deaf Culture.

ASL Classes are held at Washington School for the Deaf in Vancouver, Washington for adults and children 14 years and older.
 There is a \$50 fee for community members interested in learning ASL.

ASL Community Classes
 for Families of Deaf & Hard-of-Hearing Children

ASL 1 - September 29, 2015 (10 week Class)
 ASL 2 - October 1, 2015 (10 week Class)

That's right, **Terrier World** school store is back! We're now selling school supplies (some with WSD stickers - get 'em before they run out!), snacks and drinks, the ever popular t-shirts, toys, and a lot more!

NEW HOURS:

Terrier Pride (first day of the week) -- 12:45pm - 2:50pm
 Tuesday -- 9:30am - 10:05am | 12:25am - 1:05pm
 Wednesday -- 8:05am - 8:45am | 12:25am - 1:05am | 2:15pm - 2:55pm
 Thursday -- 9:30am - 10:05am | 12:25am - 1:05pm
 Closed on Fridays and early release Thursdays

You read that right! Thanks to the TERRIFIC support of five teachers, we're open practically all day! Come by and check out Terrier World! The students will love showing off their customer service skills, cashier wizardry, and hard work in the store.

