

Terrier Times

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

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From the Superintendent's Desk

Jane Mulholland, Superintendent

Welcome to the 2014-15 school year. It was great to see those of you who came to the BBQ and cottage move-in day September 2. We enjoyed the opportunity to talk with parents, meet new families, and of course see the students again.

In the Secondary Department parent meeting I talked about our goal for the year—HIGH expectations for all students. This is the goal of the entire school—helping our students to achieve higher and higher and higher outcomes. Deaf children are capable of meeting age appropriate skills and even going beyond grade level. Like all children, Deaf children deserve these expectations.

But let's be open and honest. By the time students come to WSD, many if not most are behind, some severely behind. Helping them catch up and work toward grade level is a monumental challenge, one which we willingly embrace. WSD's bilingual ASL-English environment, where teachers are committed to a rigorous curriculum and quality education; where communication is accessible 24 hours a day, class sizes are small, teachers and students can talk directly with each other, and students can develop appropriate social/emotional skills and prepare for their adult lives is an ideal place to help students improve their educational outcomes. HOWEVER, WSD staff is only human and your students only have a finite amount of time at WSD. Every moment counts!

Please partner with WSD's teachers and Student Life Counselors this year. Find out how to support your children at home. Expect them to do their homework. Expect them to read books outside their classroom requirements. Expect them to write thank you letters, notes and daily journals. Expect them to know their address, family phone numbers, names of siblings, family friends. Expect them to be able to read menus in restaurants and order for themselves. Expect them to participate in family conversations and events. Expect them to be curious and to ask lots of questions to expand their world knowledge. Expect them to use clear ASL when they are signing. Expect the same level of attention to school and the same level of responsibility at home as you do of your other children. We look forward to a great school year and to watching the students excel!

Calendar DATE Change!
October EARLY RELEASE
has changed from
October 9 to October 16

Open House & Homecoming

Mark your calendars for **October 9!** We invite you to visit classes, eat lunch, participate in the pep assembly, have individual conferences with teachers, and attend the football and volleyball games. More information will be coming soon!



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PSO Fundraiser!

The Parent Staff Organization (PSO) is hosting a fundraiser at Red Robin restaurant located in the Grand Central Fred Meyer shopping center in Vancouver on November 10. A percentage of the proceeds that night will go to PSO. In order for this fundraiser to be successful, PSO needs to provide volunteers to act as greeters and servers. If you are interested in helping, please contact Toni Stromberg at toni.stromberg@cdhl.wa.gov.

SuperDeafy Movie:

The ASL Events Committee is sponsoring the new SuperDeafy movie, *No Ordinary Hero*, on September 24 @ 6:30 pm & September 27 @ 7:00 pm in Lloyd Auditorium. This is a movie that will be fun for the whole family. Tickets will be sold at the door: Ages 0 – 3 free; 4 – 12--\$3; 12 & up with Student ID \$5; Senior Citizens 65 & older \$5;



Adults \$10

Teaching School-Wide Expectations

J. Piper Gallucci, MS Teacher & PBIS Coordinator

Students have been learning 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 System WSD adopted three years ago. Students are taught expectations and are recognized for their successes. Please feel free to contact WSD if you have any questions or comments.

Parents & Terrier Pups!

Shauna Bilyeu, Elementary Principal

Terrier Pup Families!



We are back in full swing! As we start getting into the business of learning, I'd like to take a few minutes to review some school-related details. Students that live locally arrive between 7:45 and 7:55am. Buses drop students off at the cafeteria and there is always fresh fruit and energy bars or some other hand-held food for students to munch on should they be hungry. The doors to Northrop remain locked for most of the day. They are open from 7:30 am to 8:30 am and again for an hour at lunch time and an hour at the end of the school day. If you need access during the day and the door is locked, please ring the doorbell that is located to the left of the door nearest the office and someone will let you in. Please remember to sign students in and out at the office. Make sure you look in your child's backpack every Friday as that is when we tend to send home the bulk of our communication. Your child's teacher should have sent home information regarding how he/she will communicate with you on a regular basis as well. Parents can always contact teachers and me through email or phone-see the Quick Guide that was mailed home earlier this summer. If you do not have one, please contact Bethany in the office.

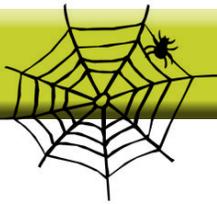
Students are doing a great job of remembering what our Terrier Top 3 or T3 behaviors are. I see lots of PAWS filling up my bowl on a regular basis. Ask your child if he/she can tell you what they are.

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 9th-Open House and Homecoming! Come see us in action! Look for more details about this coming soon!
- October 16th-Early Release: students are dismissed at 1:00 pm
- October 16th- Our first FAN! Come join us for dinner and fun starting at 5:00 pm in Northrop. Please RSVP for this event if you haven't already.
- October 31st, of course, is Halloween. More details to come on what classes are planning for this special day, but I'm sure there will be a costume parade involved!

Thank you for entrusting us with your children! They are always my inspiration. Please contact me with any questions.

Kickoff Assembly for Deaf Awareness Week (DAW) Monday, September 22 from 8:15 – 9:15 a.m. in Lloyd Auditorium. Among the dignitaries will be Rep. Jim Moeller and Rep. Liz Pike. In addition, members from the Portland area Professional Disc Golf Association will present equipment and a donation from a recent fundraiser to support WSD's disc golf program.



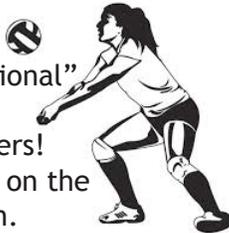
October Calendar

- September 22-26 - Deaf Awareness Week (DAW)
- September 26-27 - Terrier Invitational (Volleyball)
- October 9 - Open House/Homecoming
- October 16 - Early Release
- October 16 - Family Academy Night (FAN)
- October 31 - Halloween
- Travel Days - 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31

Fall Sports!

Ron Spratlen, Athletic Director

Volleyball Tournament, "Terrier Invitational"
 September 26 and 27
 Please come support the Lady Terriers!
 Tournament game times will be posted on the
 WSD web page and Facebook soon.



ASL Community Classes for Families of Deaf & Hard of Hearing Children at WSD! Participants must be at least 14 years old. Classes are FREE for parents of DHH children. Community Members \$50. September 30-December 18, 2014



Football Schedule



- September 25 OSD 4pm-Away
- October 2 Wishkah/Lake Quinault 4pm-Home
- October 9 OSD-Homecoming 4pm-Home
- October 16 MMK 4pm-Home
- October 23 South Wasco 6pm-Away
- October 30 Oakville 5pm-Away

Volleyball Schedule

- September 26/27 Terrier Invitational Tournament - Home
- September 30 Pope John Paul II 7pm-Away
- October 2 Three Rivers Christian 1pm-Home
- October 8 Columbia Adventist 7pm-Away
- October 9 OSD-Homecoming 7pm-Home
- October 14 Firm Foundation 7pm-Away
- October 16 Pope John Paul II 7pm-Home
- October 21 Three Rivers Christian 7pm-Away
- October 28 Columbia Adventist 7pm-Home
- October 30 Firm Foundation 7pm-Home

Residential Life!

Jason Cox, Director of Residential Services

We hope you enjoyed your summer!

My name is Jason Cox and I am the new Director of the Residential Services. Nancy Sinkovitz who has been a wonderful Director of the Residential Services, has retired. I am honored and excited to start my new position as Director and be able to work closely with students, staff and parents.

Since school started it's been great to see your children with a lot of energy and ready to be back at WSD. Most important, it was fun to watch your children tell stories about what they did over the summer with their friends and families. The residential staff is excited to start the school year and we look forward to doing a lot of fun things such as after school activities, field trips and sports.

WSD Students



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 TODAY
 and TOMORROW: the**



Nurse's Corner

Jillian F. Bain, RN, MS, FNP-BC



Living Well with Chronic Conditions

If you or someone you care for has a chronic condition, the Living Well Workshop can help you take charge of your life. This free 6-week workshop meets once a week for 2 1/2 hours each week.

Workshops provide the following:

- Support
- Practical ways to deal with pain and fatigue
- Better nutrition and exercise choices
- Understand new treatment choices
- Learn better ways to talk with your doctor and family about your health

Sign language interpreters and hearing loop will be provided. Please register by Friday, October 17 by 1:30 pm. Workshops may be cancelled if minimum number of participants is not reached. Register online at www.swEvents.org

For more information or to register by phone call 360-514-2190 (TTY- 711) Workshop will be held at PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center - 600 NE 92nd Ave., Health Education Center, Vancouver: Tuesdays October 21 - November 25, 2014, 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm.

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RSVP Soon!

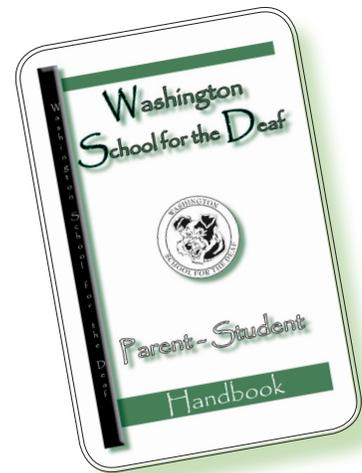
- Class Visits
- Pep Rally
- Conferences
- Football Game
- Volleyball Game
- Homecoming Dance



In an effort to improve system practices, Washington School for the Deaf is conducting a **Parent Survey**. We value your opinion and ask that you take the time to complete this survey.

In order to complete the survey, please go to: <http://www.advanc-ed.org/survey/public/5648192>

Please be assured that your responses to this survey will be anonymous. Your honest opinion is appreciated. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.



New Parent-Student Handbook is located on the WSD website at www.wsd.wa.gov

Link: <http://www.wsd.wa.gov/school/studenthandbook.aspx>