



From the Superintendent's Desk

Shauna Bilyeu, Superintendent

Terrier family and friends, welcome to 2016-2017!

In my opening address to the staff this year I talked about how change is an opportunity to grow in new and positive ways. *The school year is off to a great start and I am excited and encouraged by all of the new things that I see every day.* Here are a few new things:

New families: August 28 brought so many new families to WSD's campus for cottage check-in and registration that I could hardly meet all of you! **Welcome to WSD!** We are thrilled that you have entrusted your child's education to us, and we will work hard to maintain that trust. Staff at WSD are eager to work with you. Please feel free to reach out any time. While it may be difficult for staff to return calls during the day, they are available through email. All staff can be reached through our school email addresses (you need to know the full name of the staff member you are trying to reach): firstname.lastname@cdhl.wa.gov. You can contact the elementary secretary, Mariel Schemp, the secondary secretary, David Martin or the residential/transportation secretary, Sharon Caton for names of various staff members if you do not know the full name of the person you wish to connect with.

New students: New students are settling in nicely. There are many staff and school expectations that they are getting to know at this point. Please make sure to check-in with your child's teachers and if a residential student, Student Life Counselor (more commonly known as SLC here on our campus) to see how it's going. Handbooks and class syllabi went home with all secondary students in September. These are critical resources that set out all of our school and class expectations. Our school handbook can be found on our website at www.wsd.wa.gov.

New staff: In this newsletter you will find short biographies of several new staff, including our two new principals and residential director. April McArthur, Elementary Principal, and Jason Cox, Interim Secondary Principal, are excited to begin their work with the academic department. Rick Whitney, Interim Residential Director, has worked within the residential department for many years, and is looking forward to expanding his role. They all look forward to getting to know new students and families.

New technology: Student and staff safety is always a top priority. I am pleased to announce that we have successfully installed a state-of-the-art visual life and safety system throughout campus. This system allows us to display live signed messages in addition to english text messages on screens in all classrooms, cottages and other gathering spaces. The company that we have been working with employs 90% deaf and hard of hearing individuals; they understand the critical necessity of a visual means of communication in an emergency.

iPads are making their way into classroom instruction! Last year we adopted a math curriculum with the idea of using iPads as an integral part of it. Secondary students taking math classes have been issued an iPad. Depending on parent permission, iPads are either allowed for use at home or staying on campus in the classroom or cottage for homework/classwork purposes. All secondary level students have email through google. Elementary students do not have individual iPads, but each classroom has a set of 3 or 4 for instructional purposes. Contact your child's teacher for more information.

New events: The month of September brought Deaf Awareness Week (DAW), Homecoming and Open House. I hope you were able to at least see/hear about those events if you were not able to attend in person. Remember, we have rooms on campus available for parents to stay overnight if needed. Contact Sharon Caton to reserve a room. We have a [WSD Facebook](#) page and a WSD Elementary Facebook page that we try to update with pictures and events throughout the year. Make sure to "like" them!

Even with all of the new things, one thing remains the same. **We have high expectations for our students, and we want them to be the BEST that they can be! Bilingual, Empowered, Successful for Today and Tomorrow! The BEST!**



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"LIKE"
WSD's Facebook!

October 20
Early
Release!



New Elementary Principal!

April McArthur ASL-English Bilingual Services Director/Elementary Principal

Hello! My name is April McArthur. I am thrilled and honored to be the new **Principal** for the WSD elementary program. I am deaf and proud to be bilingual in ASL and English! I grew up in Tacoma, WA and was mainstreamed from kindergarten through 11th grade. For my senior year, I had the fantastic opportunity to attend the Model Secondary School for the Deaf (MSSD) in Washington, D.C. That was one of the best years of my life. I was able to meet so many deaf peers and most importantly of all, meet many adult deaf role models. Here at WSD, your child will have the same fantastic opportunities to meet and learn alongside many deaf peers and deaf adult role models. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our elementary program, please do not hesitate to contact us. I look forward to making many wonderful memories this year! We are the B.E.S.T! **GO TERRIER PUPS!**



New Interim Secondary Principal!

Jason Cox, Secondary Principal



My name is Jason Cox. I am thrilled to be the Interim **Principal** for the Secondary department. I am Deaf and grew up in a mainstream school in Tacoma. After my sophomore year, I enrolled at Washington School for the Deaf (WSD). Joining WSD has made a huge impact in my life. I have been able to pursue different opportunities in my roles here at WSD. WSD is a great school that provides many wonderful things for students. If you have any question please do not hesitate to contact me. I am very excited for the 2016-2017 school year and to be working with parents, teachers and students.

Family Academy Night (FAN)

October 11

Children/Parent's workshops & free dinner
Northrop Elementary at 5:30-7:30

Be on the lookout
for Elementary
Halloween Costume
Parade dates!



School-Wide Behavior Support Program

J. Piper Gallucci, Teacher & PBIS Coordinator

Five years ago the Washington School for the Deaf (WSD) adopted a district-wide initiative, the **Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports program (PBIS)**. The PBIS program is a system for schools to design, implement and evaluate effective school-wide academic and socially appropriate behaviors. The elementary program is called the **Terrier Pups** program whereas the secondary program is the **Terrier Pride** program.

The basic component of the PBIS program is to create a unified set of behavior expectations in classroom and non-classroom settings. The staff teaches the expectations in the Handbook during the first few weeks of school, and refers to the expectations throughout the year. You will see expectations posted in each classroom and in common areas, like the hallway. Students receive more recognition than correction. Students are taught what to expect when they follow expected behaviors and when they don't follow expectations. Since implementing the PBIS program, WSD students spend more time in the classroom focused on their studies.

Calendar

October 11 FAN (5:30-7:30pm)

October 20 Early Release

October 31 Halloween

Travel Days 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30

*Reminder!
November 17
Picture Retakes!*



October 31, 2016
All Grade's
Halloween Party
Hosted by the ILS students



Residential

Rick Whitney, Director of Residential Services

Hello! My name is Rick Whitney and I will be the interim **Director of Residential Services** for the 2016-2017 school year. My family has a long history with WSD and I am happy to be a part of it. It is really good to see many returning students and many new ones as well! I have been working in the residential department since 1995 starting as a Student Life Counselor and then becoming the Dean of Students in the year 2000. I am looking forward to taking on the duties of being the DRS for WSD. Please do contact me with any questions you may have and we are looking forward to an exciting year! Don't forget to "Like" us on **Facebook** if you haven't already!

Sports

Ron Spratlen, Athletic Director

Volleyball Team Info:

We have a large number of girls participating in volleyball this year and we are able to have Varsity and JV teams. The JV games will start at 5:30pm; Varsity games will start after JV games are done, roughly 6:15pm. JV games start the week September 26. WSD is participating in a volleyball tournament the weekend, Saturday, September 24, at Heritage HS. Admissions Fee is \$5.00 and is good for all day/games.

Tournament Schedule
Pool Play
-8:45am
-9:30am
-11:00am
Bracket Play Begins at 1pm

Volleyball Schedule

October 4	Firm Foundation	5:30pm AWAY
October 5	Columbia Adventist	5:30pm HOME
October 11	Firm Foundation	5:30pm HOME
October 13	3 Rivers Christian	5:30pm AWAY
October 18	Columbia Adventist	5:30pm AWAY
October 20	OSD	6:00pm AWAY
October 25	Columbia Adventist	5:30pm HOME
October 27	Firm Foundation	5:30pm AWAY



WSD Cheerleaders!

Annie Kvamme
Ashantay Troung
Jennifer Tudor
Jessane Rogers
Kyler Eagan
Hilda Beltran-Lopez
Journey Giles



Football Schedule

September 28	OSD – HOMECOMING	4:00pm HOME
October 6	Naselle	7:00pm AWAY
October 13	Mary M Knight	3:00pm AWAY
October 20	Taholah	3:00pm HOME
October 27	Oakville	6:00pm AWAY



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!*

October 31! Happy Halloween!

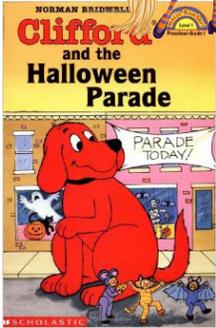
Special Spooky Halloween "Lunch Menu"
Donner Party Pulled "Meat" Sandwich
Baby Toes
Bananas & Guts...and a special trick or treat



WSD Library

Ginger Speranza, Librarian

The library is back and open for business!



Scholastic book fair will be running from September 24th through October 1st. We are looking forward to getting new books in the hands of students.

Our [Amazon](#) wish list is still online and kept updated based on titles students and teachers are requesting. Just look us up WSD library wish list.

I am also looking for some parent volunteers to work on some library projects so if you are interested in volunteering see Sharon Caton to get your volunteer training. [Keep on Reading!](#)

New Hires!

Jessica Sydnor, Human Resources

WSD has welcomed **12** new members to the WSD/CDHL Team this year. Some of these new hires are actually returning to us as former WSD employees and/or graduates. **Each have delightful personalities and are motivated to support student wellness, education and social development!** We are excited to introduce/re-introduce:

- Dana Miles, Returning Teacher and WSD Graduate
- Craig Joseph, Teacher and WSD Graduate
- William Brown, On-call Student Life Counselor and WSD Graduate
- Lindsey Enegest, Outreach Audiologist
- Chelsey Donahue, Project Teacher Assistant and former WSD volunteer
- Kaelei Born, Transportation Student Life Counselor
- Katherine Pinon, On-call Student Life Counselor and WSD Graduate
- Kanessa Kindblade, Project Transportation Student Life Counselor and WSD Graduate
- Matthew Schindel, Transportation Student Life Counselor (returning employee)
- Timothy Vander Ploeg, Registered Nurse
- Jane Tabor, Director of Audiology (returning from leave of absence)
- Ray Sheck, Outreach On-Call Tech Specialist



“ipads are making their way into WSD classroom instruction!”

Deaf **A**wareness **W**eek is an internationally recognized event that is always the third full week in September. WSD’s kick-off assembly was September 19! Thanks to Washington State Officials for attending!

Liz Pike, Gina McCabe, Jim Moeller, Paul Harris, Sharon Wylie, Bryan Stebbins and Anne McEnergy-Ogle.