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Washington School for the Deaf



From the Principal's Desk

Bill Newell, Principal

When you read this article, hopefully you will be enjoying a warm, sunny spring day. Will spring ever get here? Seems like the cold weather has lasted longer than usual this year. At WSD the daffodils are blooming, the meadow flowers are peaking out of the ground in front of our cottages and the camellias are blooming like crazy and driving our grounds person, Ricky, crazy with the needed clean up. They are beautiful and our students and staff look forward to them every year at this time. These are the sorts of memories that students will leave WSD with and hold for many years.

Hopefully, also, you enjoyed being with us on March 31 for our exciting state-wide Flying Hands and DeVIA Art competition. It was an exciting day for students from all over the state of Washington who joined with our students to demonstrate their creativity through ASL poetry and art.

School will be done before we all know it. Please make plans to be with us on **May 26 for our Spring Open House and All Star Banquet and Celebration**. More information will be sent home about this exciting day in the next few weeks.

Graduation is June 8th and will be held at Fort Vancouver High School. Our auditorium is being renovated and should be ready for a grand opening and dedication next fall. Be looking forward to that. It will be a very impressive facility.

Every moment of your child's education is important. Help us keep a focus on learning until the end of the school year. WSD teachers are dedicated to education of the whole child. Parents and guardians are our partners in this. Thanks to all of our parents who support their children to attend WSD and support our school.

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WSD
All School Vision
Screening

Wednesday
April 20, 2011
7:30 AM-10:00 AM



Deaf Teen Leadership Camp

Deaf high school students (9th-12th grade) June 26-June 30, 2011.

Cispus Learning Center, Randle, WA - www.cispus.org

A fun outdoor camp environment! Experience a challenge course.

Develop skills in problem solving, teamwork, self-advocacy.

The cost is \$175. Limited scholarships available.

Transportation available for a fee. Contact Tiffany Gay at dtlcamp@gmail.com.

Download registration material at www.awsp.org/leadership or call 360-497-5323.

It's that Time of Year Again

Shauna Bilyeu, Curriculum and Assessment Coordinator



April brings more than rain showers; it brings assessment for WSD students. As the school year comes to a close, we assess how our students have grown over the academic year. Students in grades 2 through 12 will participate in our district assessment-**Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)**. This computer-based test assesses three areas: reading, mathematics and language usage. It allows teachers to track progress over time and is independent of grade levels. It gives us valuable information about where a student's instructional levels are and can even predict how well they will do on the state-wide assessment. Teachers also have a multitude of resources related to **MAP** that they can use to help them inform their instruction using the results of this assessment. Please help us help the students by making sure they get lots of good rest and healthy food when they are at home.



Parents are given their child's most recent **MAP** scores at Individualized Education Planning meetings. Results of the spring state-wide assessment are typically not delivered until the Fall of the next school year and those are mailed home. Please feel free to email me with any questions.

The **Columbian Newspaper** has announced the all-league selections for the 2010-11 Basketball season.



Boys Basketball

2nd team: Nick Ortiz

Honorable Mention: Isaac Cook

Girls Basketball

League Most Valuable Player:

Olivia Mackey

1st team: Porfiria Rodriguez

2nd team: Maya Ingram

League Coach of the Year:

Ron Spratlen

Congratulations to all of these students and staff.

WSD is SO proud of you!



USA Deaf Basketball!

WSD is excited to announce that Olivia Mackey was selected to participate on the **United States of America Deaf Basketball (USADB) High School West-East All Star Team!** Olivia will be playing on the West team. The game will be Friday, April 1, at Jefferson High School in Bloomington, Minnesota. Olivia is the first WSD student in four years to be selected for the all-star team.



Olivia Mackey

WSD is also excited to announce that Ron Spratlen was selected to be assistant coach for the **West All Star Team!** This is the first time a coach from WSD has been selected for this honor.



Ron Spratlen

WSD is proud of all our student athletes and coaches, and we are especially proud of Olivia and Ron for this recognition of their outstanding skills. They will be excellent representatives of our school and our state.

Medical Teams International

Greg Murphy, Teacher

In October 2010, our CWI class visited Medical Teams International in Portland. We saw how poor kids live in Africa, Romania, and Mexico and wanted to help them. So we decided to make **Hope Kits** for the kids. The kits have things like toothpaste, soap, pencils, paper, etc. We read in our SSR class and got pledges for donations from many people. After we collected all of the money, we bought nearly 40 kits and delivered them to Medical Teams International in March of 2011. We think our kits will help many kids and families around the world.



*Bethany Barrett, Tricia Moore
Michelle Wei, Arlette Cervantes,
Maria Chavez, Selina Martinez,
Tiana Servis, Andrea Ramirez,
visiting Medical Teams International.*

April 2011



April 4-8, Spring Break
April 19, Spring After School Program
April 24, Easter
Travel Days: 1, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29



WSD 500 Book Reading Contest KickOff!

NEW DATE!!
"SEE WHAT I'M SAYING"
The Deaf Entertainers Documentary
www.seewhatimsayingmovie.com

Wednesday, April 20th, 2011
6:00pm



*Sponsored
by WSD!*

Skyview High School
1300 NW 139th Street
Vancouver, WA 98685



Tickets: Sold at the door
\$10 General Admission
\$5 Student Admission
(must show school ID)

Upcoming Statewide Events

Deaf Carnival – April 29th 5-7pm
(performance 7:30-8:30pm)

Where: Roger's High School Commons - 12801 86th Ave E, Puyallup
Contact info: [Joan Lockyer-lockyejm@puyallup.k12.wa.us](mailto:Joan.Lockyer-lockyejm@puyallup.k12.wa.us)

Spring Family Retreat – April 30th – May 1st
Where: Lazy F Camp outside of Ellensburg
Contact info: [Carol Carrothers-carolc@cwu.edu](mailto:Carol.Carrothers-carolc@cwu.edu)

WA State Hands & Voices Family Fun Walk – May 21st 10am
Where: Lincoln Park – Seattle
Contact info: www.wahandsandvoices.com
Register online: www.firstgiving.com/57087/event2011walkathon

Black Sand Movie in ASL with English subtitles – May 14th
Where: Southridge High School
9625 SW 125th Ave, Beaverton, OR
Doors open 5:30pm, Movie starts 7pm
Admission: \$11 cash only. Contact info: [Shanda Miller-shandamiller@gmail.com](mailto:Shanda.Miller-shandamiller@gmail.com)
Proceeds to benefit Mildred Johnson Memorial Library & NW Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf

Family Fun Day in Spokane! – June 4th
Where: Eastern WA Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (EWCDHH)
1206 N Howard St, Spokane. Contact info: emily@ewcdhh.org
Free event for all children who are deaf or hard of hearing
Water activities, outdoor sports, games, special appearance from the Fire Dept and Emergency Response Team Information booths for parents and families

DATE? APRIL 1ST

WHAT? Signing Time's Rachel Coleman coming to Mt. View High School
FOR? Showing the need for children to learn ASL

WHERE: MOUNTAIN VIEW HS in the auditorium

TIME: 6:30- 8PM

WHO SHOULD GO: EVERY ONE!

Your brothers and sisters; moms and dads get the word out to start teaching children ASL at a young age.

WANT TO SEE RACHEL COLEMAN BEFORE YOU COME? Go to YouTube and type in Signing Time... her videos will pop up.

website:

<http://swcdhh.org/files/SWCDHHFlyer.jpg>

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2011 Math Competition!

Stowe Beecher, Teacher



Hello, my name is Stowe Beecher and I am taking 4 Middle school (6th, 7th, and 8th grade) students to Rochester, New York on April 6, 2011, for a middle school math competition. I recently graduated from the Rochester Institute of Technology and I knew about the competition. I thought about it and decided with all of the budget cuts happening at WSD we could not afford to go. With only 4 or 5 months before the event we didn't have time to fundraise. However, after Christmas I was contacted by a woman who is running the program. She said there were funds available for our students to go free of charge. I immediately jumped on board and started recruiting students. I gave a 20 min quiz and any students that scored points moved on to the second round of elimination. I then had staff help me interview the students and decide who should go. I selected the top four students and since then I have met with them after school three days a week to practice.

The math competition consists of an initial 3 rounds (Target round, individuals complete 30 word problems in 40 min; Sprint round, individuals complete 4 sets of 2 word problems in 24 min; Team round, 3 or 4 students complete 10 word problems in 20 min as a team) and then 2 count down rounds if students make the top 10 individuals and or the top 5 teams.

This competition is held every year at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf. It is a Deaf and hard-of-hearing event only. Students from deaf schools and mainstream programs come from all around the US to compete and socialize. Students stay in a hotel for the weekend and have a very busy schedule.

I am happy to be able to give these students the opportunity to fly across the country at no cost to them. This is truly a once in a lifetime opportunity for these kids and I am glad I can share that experience with them. Here is a link to the website: <http://www.ntid.rit.edu/prospective/mathcounts/>

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