

Terrier Times

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Washington School for the Deaf

From the Principal's Desk

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This school year our teachers will be engaged in an exciting professional development program called ASL-English Bilingual Professional Development (AEBPD). This training program is affiliated with the Center on ASL-English Bilingual Education and Research (CAEBER) at Gallaudet University. This past summer four of our teachers, Shauna Bilyeu, Jenn Christiansen, April McArthur and Raye Schafer attended training at Gallaudet to become mentor teachers. These four teachers will be providing ASL-English bilingual education training to our entire teaching staff throughout the school year.

As we implement an ASL-English bilingual educational approach at WSD, we want to support the parents and guardians of our students in practicing effective communication techniques at home as well. For our younger students in pre-school through 4th, grade parents may find this short video explaining about the use of an "activity chart" useful. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_X0LP7IUyme&feature=related

We look forward to an exciting school year and want you to be a part of your child's education. Please be sure to contact your child's teacher through email or by telephone and communicate frequently with your child's teacher. Schools are most effective when parents and teachers work together. Welcome to the 2009-10 school year.

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WSD Registration





Nurse's Corner

Joyce Sjoberg & Linda Meier, School Nurses

There are some changes in the Student Health Center this year. Due to the widespread concerns of swine flu epidemic, we have some new illness guidelines. The Washington State Department of Health advises you to “stay home when sick”, and so it is with our students.

Specific Health Conditions that Exclude your Student from School:

- Fever of 100 degrees or higher (recommendation from the Center for Disease Control) - must be fever free for 24 hours prior to returning to school
- Widespread untreated rash
- Vomiting and/or persistent diarrhea
- Draining, red, or matted eyes
- Serious respiratory infections with persistent cough, fever, and/or large amounts of green/yellow drainage
- Chicken Pox - may return to school when all blisters are scabbed over and student is fever free for 24 hours
- Untreated lice or scabies

When your child has a specific health condition that excludes them from school, you will be requested to take your child home. We will be doing flu shots in October. If you have not returned your child's flu shot form, please do it soon. We will also be doing swine flu shots. More information will be coming. As always, stay healthy and wash those hands!!!!

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Welcome back to WSD

Ice Cream Social

August 31, 2009



Upcoming Events for October

Football

- October 1 3:30 pm Away Mary M Knight
- October 8 3:30 pm Home Wishkah
- October 15 3:30 pm Home Lake Quinault
- October 22 7:00 pm Away Oakville
- October 29 7:00 pm Away Taholah

Volleyball

- October 1 7:00 pm Home Vancouver Christian
- October 8 7:00 pm Home Three Rivers Christian
- October 13 7:00 pm Away Seton Hall Catholic
- October 15 7:00 pm Home Morton
- October 16-17 TBA At **WSD TERRIER INVITATIONAL**
- October 20 7:00 pm Away Vancouver Christian
- October 22 7:00 pm Home Seton Hall Catholic
- October 27 7:00 pm Away King's Way Christian
- October 29 7:00 pm Home Columbia Adventist

October 31, 2009
Halloween Celebration

Let's Communicate!

The staff at WSD wants to have good communication with you during the year. The easiest way to contact us is through email. WSD no longer has a "case manager" system. Please contact the specific teacher or staff person you need to talk with and that person will get back to you as quickly as possible.

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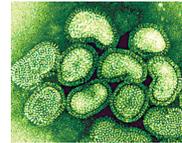
Swine Flu Update

Swine Flu is a respiratory disease. It is spread from person to person through cough and sneezes. People may also become infected by touching something, such as a surface with flu virus, and then touching their mouth, eyes or nose.

The symptoms of Swine Flu are similar to all influenza. They include fever, cough, and sore throat; and may also include fatigue, lack of appetite, runny nose, and occasionally vomiting and diarrhea.

To protect your health:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it. Wash your hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people
- Try not to touch surfaces that may be contaminated with the flu virus
- IF YOU GET SICK STAY HOME. Limit contact with others. If you are sick with flu like symptoms, the CDC recommends you stay home for 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care.
- Be prepared in case you get sick and need to stay home for a week or so. A supply of over-the-counter medicines (Tylenol, Ibuprofen), alcohol-based hand sanitizer, tissues and other related items could help you reduce the amount of trips in public while you are sick and contagious. The key to staying healthy is WASH YOUR HANDS and stay home if you get sick.



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