

# Terrier Times

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Washington School for the Deaf

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## From the Principal's Desk

Bill Newell, Principal

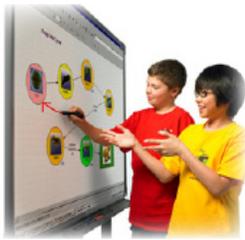
**September 20 - 24** saw our school as a whole celebrate *International Deaf Awareness Week*. Two school assemblies on Monday and Friday provided students with insights into the Deaf Community worldwide. The theme this year was "A New Era" because of the announcement this summer from the International Congress on Education of the Deaf (ICED, which apologized for the organization's 1880 pronouncements regarding the superiority of the oral method of education and the call for "A New Era" of cooperation and respect between all persons interested in the education of deaf and hard of hearing students. You can read more about the ICED and the new accord for the future here: <http://www.iced2010.com/index.php>

Homecoming and Open House activities are planned for **October 15, 2010**. Please join us to visit classrooms with your student, meet with teachers, attend the school wide pep rally, have lunch, participate in various special activities, and celebrate our homecoming by attending our football game.

Given our need for larger classroom spaces for our elementary students, we moved our elementary program back to the Northrop building. Donna Sorensen was appointed as Assistant Principal and is overseeing the elementary program. If you have questions about our elementary program, please contact [Donna.Sorensen@wsd.wa.gov](mailto:Donna.Sorensen@wsd.wa.gov).

During the summer we installed seven Smart Boards in classrooms, with several more to be installed this school year. We look forward to using this innovative, interactive technology to enhance instruction and to make learning more engaging and interactive for students. When you visit us for Open House you will be able to view a demonstration of this exciting technology.

The school year is off to a good start. We look forward to a successful school year for your child/children. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions. Family support of students is a key to their success. WSD is in partnership with you to provide the best education for deaf and hard of hearing students.



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## New Staff 2010-2011!

April Lynch, HR Manager

**Administration** - Sarah Barker, Special Education Secretary.

**Academic Department** - Stowe Beecher, Math/Science Teacher; Amy Ellis, Elementary Teacher; Todd Murano, PE/Health Teacher; Shanda Miller, On-call Teacher; Christopher Palaia, ASL Specialist; John Thuahnai, Math Teacher; Shauna Ward, On-call Teacher.

**Residential Department** - Kara Brown, On-call SLC; Mike Gay, On-call SLC; Rose Lidfors, On-call SLC; Jonathan Tannler, LPN; Alina Vorobets, On-call SLC; Jim West, On-call SLC.

**Outreach Department**- Carole Kaulitz, Speech Language Pathologist; Jane Tabor, Audiologist.



*Deaf Awareness Week, held annually the last full week in September, has been around since 1951 to commemorate the first meeting of the World Congress of the Deaf.*

## Curriculum & Assessment News

Shauna Bilyeu, Curriculum Assessment Coordinator

### Spotlight on: Science!

Our science classes from Kindergarten through 8th grade are using FOSS kits to teach science. These kits include everything that teachers need to teach hands-on science. I recently went to a teacher training on how to implement these kits in the classroom and saw for myself how hands-on and comprehensive these kits are. With lots of visuals and experiments, they are perfect for our students! The kits are aligned with Washington State standards. If you are interested in learning more about these kits, please go to this website: [www.fossweb.com](http://www.fossweb.com).



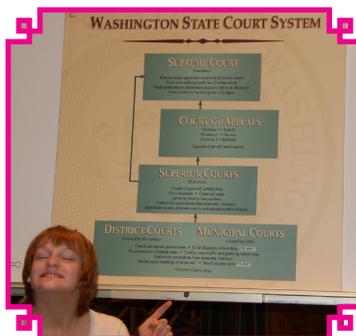
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### Other news: MAP time!

The month of October brings our district assessment: Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing window. We will be assessing all students in grades 3 through 12. This computerized adaptive assessment helps us measure progress that our students are making academically. We will be discussing student assessment results with parents on an ongoing basis at annual IEP meetings. Please refer all questions to: Shauna Bilyeu at [shauna.bilyeu@wsd.wa.gov](mailto:shauna.bilyeu@wsd.wa.gov).



Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)



**Congratulations  
Madeline Forbes!**

## Washington State American Board Of Trial Advocates Honored Madeline Forbes!

On Friday, September 20th **Madeline Forbes**, a high school sophomore at WSD, received a certificate of recognition for her dedication and hard work in Social Studies.

The Washington State American Board of Trial Advocates honored Madeline, along with other high school students from Washington State, at the Temple of Justice in Olympia. Students met Washington's Supreme Court justices at a catered reception. Following the reception they attended the James Otis Lecture Series. At the lecture series the justices spoke to students about the Constitution, the Founders, and the history of the justice system.

Madeline earned her recognition because of her love for history, social studies and her dedication to her studies. Congratulations Madeline!

## Nurse's Corner

Joyce Sjoberg, RN

The changing weather has happened! Are you prepared for the rain? For the snow? For the Flu?

The Student Health Center has endured the Swine Flu (aka-H1N1) season last year. We are now ready with a vengeance! We will be doing the flu vaccination here for the student in October. The flu vaccine will include protection for both seasonal and the H1N1 flu. When receiving your child's flu shot form-please fill it out and return the form immediately. When the student is showing any of these symptoms shown below, that student WILL NEED TO STAY HOME:

- 100 degrees or higher and **MUST BE FEVER FREE** for 24 hours prior to returning to school- (Center for Disease Control's recommendation)
- Vomiting and/or constant diarrhea
- Serious respiratory infections with persistent cough, fever, and/or large amount discharge

There is another serious disease that is on the rise of occurrence-Pertussis (otherwise known as Whooping Cough). Pertussis is shown mostly in very small children when they cough-cough-cough-cough-then breath in very hard with a loud "whooop". For years, children have been receiving DpT vaccination against Diphtheria, Pertussis and Tetanus. As they become teenagers and adults, their bodies do not have that same protection as they had before. We encourage you to check with your doctor about getting a booster for DpT. Whooping cough is not as serious in adults as it is in children due to their very narrow airway that puts them at risk. By protecting yourself with the DpT booster you can protect your family and friends.

School Nurses



Care for Kids

*We at the Student Health Center want you to have the healthiest season by a) washing your hands, b) coughing into your sleeve c) get plenty of sleep and fluid, and d) get vaccinated against flu and pertussis!*

## Calendar of Events for October

- October 1 - Board of Trustees Meeting
- October 4-29 - MAP Fall Testing
- October 15 - Open House (8-12pm)
  - Parent Teacher Conference (12-2pm)
  - Scholastic Book Fair (12-2pm)
  - Silent Auction (12-2pm)
  - Homecoming (3:30pm)
- WSDAA Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser (6pm)
- October 21 - FAN (5-7:30pm)
- October 28-November 16 - NaNoWriMo
- October 31 - Halloween
- October: Travel Days 3,8,10,15,17,22,24,29,31

### Volleyball!

- October 5 - 7:00 pm - Away - Three Rivers Christian
- October 7 - 7:00 pm - Home - King's Way Christian
- October 12 - 7:00 pm - Away - Seton Catholic
- October 14 - 5:00 pm - Home - Three Rivers Christian
- October 19 - 7:00 pm - Away - Vancouver Christian
- October 21 - 7:00 pm - Home - Seton Catholic
- October 26 - 7:00 pm - Away - King's Way Christian
- October 28 - 7:00 pm - Home - Columbia Adventist

### Football!

- October 7 - 3:30 pm - Away - Lake Quinault
- October 15 - HC - 3:30 pm - Home - Mary M Knight
- October 21 - 7:00 pm - Away - Lyle
- October 28 - 1:00 pm - Home - King's Way Christian

## MSP/HSPE State Testing

Teresa Stotler-Martin, State Assessment Coordinator



Student results from the Spring MSP/HSPE state testing is in the process of being mailed home. This report shares how your child performed on the state test at his/her grade level. WSD's 5th graders have been selected to be part of a pilot testing process. Currently students in grades 4th, 7th and 10th are tested in Writing. Students must meet standards in Writing in the 10th grade as one of the requirements for graduation. The state is now in the process of adding another series of Writing tests. This test will be given to the 5th graders between Sept. 27th and Oct. 8th. Students will take 2 different writing prompts on 2 separate days.

Students in the 11th and 12th grades who did not meet state standards on their 10th grade HSPE and based on the recommendation of the IEP team, will be taking an alternative assessment test called: Developmentally Appropriate Proficiency Exam (DAPE). The IEP team will determine which level would be more appropriate to measure the student's academic level. If student meets the standards on the DAPE, it will be considered meeting the state assessment requirement. If a student does not have an IEP goal in a subject area (reading, writing, or math), the student will not be allowed to take the DAPE. The DAPE will be administered November 1 - 9th, 2010.

If you have questions about the MSP/HSPE/DAPE, contact: [teresa.stotler@wsd.wa.gov](mailto:teresa.stotler@wsd.wa.gov), or VP: 888.753.6495 or call the academic office to leave a message: 360.418.4341.

ACT (American College Test) will be given Nov/Dec 2010. If interested in having your high school child take this test: Contact: [teresa.stotler@wsd.wa.gov](mailto:teresa.stotler@wsd.wa.gov). Test without the writing portion- \$33.00. Test with the writing portion- \$48.00. Pre-Registration is required.

## CDHL/WSD Silent Auction

Kerianne Christie, Early Intervention Specialist

Please check out the Silent Auction on Friday, **October 15th from 12:30-7:30pm** at the Oliver Kastel building at the Washington School for the Deaf. Bidding tables will be set up during the WSD Homecoming celebration. Bidding ends at 7:30pm at the [WSD Alumni Association Spaghetti Feed](#).

Proceeds go to the Center for Childhood Deafness & Hearing Loss (CDHL) and WSD to support family events in Washington. Auction items range from vacation getaways to donated items guaranteed to delight and surprise!

Browse the current listings and check the website often as items will be added daily right up to October 15th. Register online to get updates on auction listings you bid on. Online bidding will end on October 14th at 10:00pm.

For more information, contact: Kerianne Christie at [kerianne.christie@wsd.wa.gov](mailto:kerianne.christie@wsd.wa.gov) or Kris Ching [kris.rydecki@wsd.wa.gov](mailto:kris.rydecki@wsd.wa.gov).



WSD is excited to have two new **Washington Reading Corps** members with us this year. They will be providing one-on-one reading support with all our students up to the 6th grade. It is always great to see new faces in our buildings working with our students. Here is a tidbit about each member.



### Welcome Caitlin Williams

Caitlin Williams- I am the second oldest of four children. My older sister is Hard of Hearing, and I have two brothers, younger than me, who are hearing. Partially because of my sisters hearing loss, my mother decided to homeschool the four of us. I majored in ASL Interpreting during college, upon graduating I became the youngest Interpreter for the Deaf/HH in Nashville, TN.

The most popular question I'm asked is "What made you want to become an Interpreter?" and I truly have no response to that question. I never had an "aha" moment. I knew early on what I wanted to do with my life.

For the past three years I have contracted full time with public schools, interpreting for various age ranges. When my contract ended I had planned to return to college for a second degree, in Special Education, and eventually my masters in Deaf Education. Instead I chose to put it on hold and I eagerly accepted the position offered to me, at Washington school for the Deaf, by Washington Reading Corps, which required me to uproot from Nashville, TN and move across the country.



### Welcome Julie Mason

Julie Mason-I recently joined the Washington Reading Corps as an AmeriCorps member and Reading Tutor. I am very excited to be working with other deaf children and share my love of reading.

I was born deaf and became a very avid reader thanks to my parents learning sign language and signing at least one or two books to me every night. Sometimes I would insist on reading more than just two or three books! My love of reading led to a strong interest in creative writing, poetry, and plays. I became involved in the theatre, first as an actress and then as a stage manager.

I graduated from the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, NY, and then went on to work at Gallaudet University's theatre department. My other interests include drawing, sewing, fashion design, hiking, cooking, filmmaking and video editing, graphic design, animals, photography, and of course, reading!

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