

Terrier Times

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Washington School for the Deaf

From the Principal's Desk

Bill Newell, Principal



Thank you to the many parents who joined us in September for the Open House, Oliver Kastel building grand opening, and homecoming. It was a wonderful day and we enjoyed having all of you here to visit in the classrooms and get a close up look at your child's educational program. Teachers and parents working together is so important to the success of our students. As you know, first quarter ends November 3. If your child is in danger of not receiving a passing grade, you were notified by your child's teacher. If you have questions or concerns about classes, grade, homework or other academic issues, please contact the teacher directly.

Student behavior and ensuring a safe, positive learning environment has been a focus since the start of the 2009-2010 school year. Unfortunately, over the last month we have had a breakdown of trust within our school with the disappearance of several items from teacher classrooms and from student backpacks. We are, as a school, talking with our students about the importance of trust and honesty and how when these characteristics are violated, it affects the climate of the school. Meetings were held with students to discuss the recent incidents and school-related, non-academic activities like class meetings and fund-raising for special events have been suspended until further notice. Students will be engaged in further discussions and come up with strategies to restore a climate of trust within our school.

We would appreciate you discussing with your child the importance of trust, honesty and respect for property. If WSD is to be a school where we celebrate learning and living together, students need to act with respect for self, respect for others and respect for property. Please discuss these concepts with your child in support of our school.

During October all students in 2nd through 12 grades took the MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) test, which is our school-based standard assessment in reading, mathematics and language mechanics. We administered the MAP test last Spring and will now have results for this fall to compare with. We will administer the test again in Spring, 2010, near the end of the school year. You will learn more about MAP testing and how we are using this to monitor your child's progress in the IEP meetings you will have with teachers. Please feel free at any time to contact your child's teacher or Shauna Bilyeu, our curriculum coordinator, if you have questions about the MAP test and how we use this test to monitor your child's progress.

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WSD
Spirit week!



Billy Miles



Tiana Servis

Nurse's Corner

Joyce Sjoberg & Linda Meier, School Nurses



Sports help strengthen a child's mind, body and spirit. Unfortunately, sport's injuries do happen from time to time. The American Academy of Pediatrics has some injury prevention tips that can help parents promote a safe sports experience for their child.

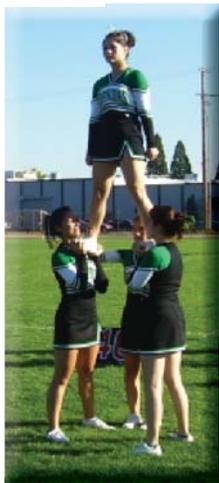
The more contact a sport has the greater the risk of injury. Most injuries occur to the ligaments (connect bones together), tendons (connect the muscles to the bones), and the muscles. Only about 5% of sports injuries involve broken bones. The most frequent sports injuries are sprains (injuries to ligaments) and strains (injuries to muscle) caused when abnormal stress is placed on the tendons, joints bones and muscles.

To reduce injury:

- Wear the right gear- appropriate and proper fitting protective equipment
- Strengthen muscles - conditioning exercises' before games and during practices
- Increase flexibility - stretching exercises can increase flexibility
- Use proper technique - reinforced during playing season
- Take breaks - rest periods during practice and games
- Play safe - rules are there for a reason
- Stop the activity if there is pain.
- Avoid heat injury - drink plenty of fluids before and after and during the game/practice.



WSD Homecoming!



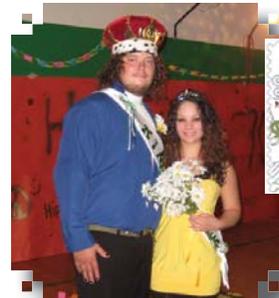
WSD Cheerleaders



WSD vs Kingway Christian



"70s Theme"
Homecoming Dance



King & Queen
Daniel Laurion &
Porfiria Rodriguez



Upcoming Events for November

- November 3 Quarter Ends
- November 2-4 DAPE (Developmentally Appropriate Proficiency Exam)
- November 2-6 DAW (Developmentally Appropriate WASL)
- November 5 WSD vs Easton Football Game
(Home Game 2:30pm)
- November 5 Fall Electives End
- November 9-13 Veteran's Day Week (No School)
- November 19 Picture Retakes
- November 20 Middle School Honor Lunch
- November 26-27 Thanksgiving Break



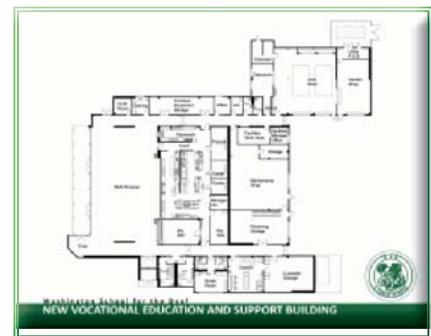
November 1, 6, 15, 20, 22, 25, 29 Travel Days

Oliver Kastel

Vocational Education & Support Building Grand Opening Ceremony



*Director Rick Huan, Mrs. Anna Kastel
(wife of Oliver Kastel), Nancy Fitta
(daughter of Oliver Kastel)*



*Rick Huan, Ray Ayala,
Jane Mulholland, Larry Petersen
and Archie Stack
Past & Present WSD Superintendents*



*Oliver Kastel Grand Opening
Refreshments*

Washington School for the Deaf Alumni Association

Hello!

This year WSDAA has brought a whirlwind of new energy and changes. The next BIG reunion will be held at WSD in the summer of 2011. Please check the WSDAA website <http://www.wsd.wa.gov/about/wsdAA/wsdAA.aspx> for the latest information so you can plan ahead.

If you have not been receiving the WSDAA Newsletter and are interested in subscribing print and complete the membership form and mail it, along with the \$10 check to WSDAA. Form can be found at: http://www.wsd.wa.gov/about/documents/WSDAA/WSDAA_membership_form.pdf

Things are definitely growing around here and we want to encourage you to stop and smell the roses with our many opportunities, events, and more. Thank you for your support! Without you, there would be no WSDAA on the Terrier Territory!

Warmly,
WSDAA Crew



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