

Terrier Times

November 2010

Washington School for the Deaf

From the Principal's Desk

Bill Newell, Principal



On October 15th, WSD celebrated Homecoming and held our first Open House for the school year. You will read details and see pictures elsewhere in this newsletter regarding these events. It was great to have a large turn out of parents join us that day.

November we will celebrate NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month) as we do every year at WSD. This is an opportunity for students and staff to get their creative juices flowing and write their own original short stories and novels. Winners in various categories will be announced at our end of the year All Star Day.

As you have probably heard, CDHL/WSD is facing difficult times with the economy in Washington state and in the United States. Information about how WSD is dealing with budget reductions is available on our website. The most visible impact as of the date I am writing this communication will be the closure of WSD during Thanksgiving week, November 22 - 26, and Memorial Day week, May 30 - June 3. Our agency and school will be closed for the entire week during those two holidays. Despite these closures, WSD will meet the requirement to provide 1000 hours of instruction for the school year. Closing school for these two weeks provides a significant savings in meeting the \$552,000 dollars we need to cut from this school year's budget. Other reductions are shown on our website. We have had to lay off five of our staff and take other cost saving measures. Every staff person that worked in these positions provided service to student(s) and the loss of their services will be assumed in other ways by staff who continue to work at WSD. Be assured we are doing all in our power to carry on with essential educational services to your children.

There is a possibility of more budget reductions to come. If the economy of the state does not improve, the Governor or the state legislature may call for more cuts from state agencies. Parents have the power to potentially influence decisions about the budget of CDHL/WSD. For information about how you can be involved, contact Tricia Feik of the Parent/Staff Organization at rtjsmtfeik@msn.com

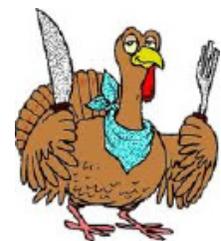
Be assured the staff at WSD is keeping our focus on our mission to educate your children and to serve the needs of deaf and hard of hearing children throughout the state of Washington. We are doing all we can to focus our energies on serving your children and not being distracted by these serious economic conditions. We appreciate your support.

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Thanksgiving Week
No School
November 22-26



Veterans Day is an annual United States holiday honoring military veterans.

Library News!

Ginger Speranza, Librarian

With a total of 2,738 checkouts so far this year we are well on our way to making this year our best reading year yet. Students are patiently waiting for ninety-two new titles that were ordered in September. We are focusing on completing several book series as well as ordering some lower reading level, high interest books for reluctant readers. We are always on the hunt for current titles to add to our library so keep us in mind when you finish reading that recent book purchase.



BOOK FAIR 2010!

The book fair was a great success! Our final sales total was \$1708.15, which gave us \$683.00 to purchase books for teachers and the library. Thank you to all that shopped and volunteered.



Nurse Notes

Joyce Sjoberg, RN & John Tannler, LPN

The UP and DOWN of Height, Weight and BMI screening!



“The BMI is a measure of body weight based on a person's weight and height.”

The nurses here in the Student Health Center take pride in providing primary healthcare for our children as well as staff. What primary healthcare means to us is everything from PREVENTATIVE healthcare to potential health problems. We have always screened our students for height and weight. We purchased a new scale last year which calculates Body Mass Index, called BMI. The BMI is a measure of body weight based on a person's weight and height. Though it does not actually measure the percentage of body fat (that takes a different tool,) it is used to estimate a healthy body weight based on a person's height, assuming an average body composition.

A frequent use of the BMI is to assess how much an individual's body weight departs from what is normal or desirable for a person of his or her height. The weight excess or deficiency may, in part, be accounted for by body fat (adipose tissue) although other factors such as the amount of muscle also affect BMI significantly. The World Health Organization (WHO) regard a BMI of less than 18.5 as underweight and may indicate malnutrition, an eating disorder, or other health problems, while a BMI greater than 25 is considered overweight and above 30 is considered obese. BMI measurement does not predict overall health.

Abnormal growth according to the growth charts is only a sign of a potential problem. Your doctor will determine if it represents an actual medical problem or if the child's growth simply needs to be watched carefully. Because of individual variations in genetics and hormones, growth charts are not an accurate predictor of a child's future, full grown height.

Upcoming Events for November!

- November 1-9 - DAPE Testing (Selected students - 11/12th grades)
- November 1-2 - Starkey Hearing Fittings
- November 4 - Fall After School Program (ASP) ends
- November 4 - WSD Football Game - 2:30 pm - Home/Taholah
- November 11-12 - Veteran's Day Holiday
- November 18 - Family Academy Night (FAN) workshop
- *November 22-26 - Thanksgiving Week Break
- November 30 - Winter After School Program (ASP) begins

*Important Notice!

Due to budget cuts school will be closed on November 22-24!
 New Transportation Days November 19 and November 28!

CONGRATULATIONS!
 WSD 2010 Homecoming Court



- Dustin Rock-King**
- Nick Ortiz
- Antonio Guijarro
- Jonah Winninghoff
- Trevor Dockter
- Olivia Mackey-Queen**
- Maria-Isabel Chavez
- Maya Ingram
- Brittany Randant
- Eun-Young Park

*Special THANKS
 to
 Kerianne Christie
 for her hard work!!*

Silent Auction - Results are Released!!!

The numbers have been tallied and...
 Our Silent Auction was a huge success!
 Between the online and live auction bids
 (and after fees were paid), we raised \$8,518.51!!!
 Those dollars will be placed in a "Family Event" fund
 that we can use to support events for families
 (like our Fall Family Weekend that we are planning to hold next year).



Homecoming Game
 WSD vs. Marry M. Knight
 Final Score
 WSD-14
 Mary M. Knight-42



Spirit WEEK at WSD!



ACT (American College Test)

Teresa Stotler-Martin, (WASL Assessment)

If college is in the future after graduation from high school, a college entrance exam is needed. Many colleges require the **ACT (American College Test)** scores for admission. **ACT** will be administered to interested High School students the week of December 11, 2011. WSD will be administering both the general **ACT** and the **ACT Writing Plus**. The **ACT** is more than a college admission exam. The exam also tells the students if they are ready for college - it helps them plan for life after high school. The **ACT** also shows their strengths and weaknesses in the subject areas tested, so students can better prepare for their future. The writing test also provides insight as to how well the student is able to write and provides areas of where improvement can be made. WSD has been approved to provide this test with special education accommodations. A form will be sent home for signatures of students under the age of 18.

Registration must be completed by November 5th in order to take the test. Late registration will be accepted with a late fee. For more information regarding the **ACT** and **Writing Plus** test, go to www.act.org. You may register on-line at www.actstudent.org. Our high school code number is 481-481. **ACT** test costs \$33.00. The **ACT** plus **Writing** costs \$48.00. Late fee is \$21.00

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