

Terrier Times

March 2010

Washington School for the Deaf



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March History!

March 10, 1862

The first issue of U.S. government paper money occurred as \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills began circulation.

March 31, 1968

President Lyndon Johnson made a surprise announcement that he would not seek re-election as a result of the Vietnam conflict.

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From the Principal’s Desk

Bill Newell, Principal



February 1 marked the beginning of our 3rd quarter and 2nd semester. Time flies! For students in middle school and high school this marks a “new start”. Class schedules may change, your child may have a different teacher and in the high school students will be looking forward to spring activities such as Prom, Senior Trip and for seniors Graduation. Talk with your student about getting a fresh start with classes, making a commitment to his/her school work and being a good citizen of WSD. Your involvement with your child’s teachers is important and will make a big difference. Be sure to contact your student’s teachers with any concerns or simply to say “hello” and check in.

Our girls and boys basketball teams and cheerleading squad represented WSD admirably at the WSBC and WSCC competitions. We are very proud of them. Read more about this event elsewhere in the newsletter. Our high school students participated in Deaf Academic Bowl the weekend of Feb. 4-7. Congratulations to these students as well.

As you may be aware, last year the Washington state legislature passed legislation creating a new agency called the Washington State Center for Childhood Deafness and Hearing Loss (WSCCDHL). The residential school for the deaf located in Vancouver is now a part of this state-wide agency. The WSCCDHL was charged with studying education of deaf, hard of hearing and deaf-blind students in the state and making recommendations next year (2010-2011) for addressing needs for comprehensive services throughout the state. On Tuesday, February 2 the Core Group created by WSCCDHL to hold meetings across the state was in SW Washington and at WSD for a full day of meetings. As part of these meetings WSD middle school and high school students met with this study group. No teachers or administrators were permitted in the meeting room. Approximately 20 students were selected from both MS and HS to meet. The message I received after this meeting was that the Core Group was very impressed with the testimony our students presented. This is another indication of the social and leadership activities that your child can be involved with as a student of WSD.

Way to go WSD students. We are proud of you!

See our website for past issues of the Newsletter at
www.wsd.wa.gov

DAB (Deaf Academic Bowl)

Mary Beth Meyer, Teacher

Deaf Academic Bowl was held at Sulphur, Oklahoma, on February 4-7, 2010 at the Oklahoma School for the Deaf. The team players were: Daniel Laurion, Brittany Randant, Olivia Mackey, Kelly Lanning and the coaches were: Mike Kellett and Mary Beth Meyer.



The competition was fierce but WSD's spirit was still good and high. We lost 7 games and won 1 game. We came home with the "Best Sportsmanship" award and each team member got a trophy and certificates. Next year, the DAB competition will be held at Gallaudet University in March 2011.

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WSBC/WSCC

Ron Spratlen, Athletic Director

Results from the 34th annual WSBC/WSCC Tournament; hosted by ASDB in Tucson, Arizona!

Cheer

- Team Cheer Competition - 2nd place
- Individual Jump-Off - 1st place, KaSandra Madrigal
- First Team Honors - Porfiria Rodriguez and KaSandra Madrigal
- Second Team Honors - Maria Suarez

Boys Basketball

- 6th place
- Second Team Honors - Justin Larson

Girls Basketball

- 4th place
- First Team Honors - Olivia Mackey
- Second Team Honors - Jasmine Burnham

WSD Teams

- 1st place Sportsmanship Award!

2011 WSBC/WSCC will be hosted by USDB, Utah School for the Deaf and Blind.

Please congratulate our student athletes for representing WSD!

March 17 Saint Patrick's Day

**Shared Reading Project**

Donna Sorensen, Distance Ed Coordinator

Come One, Come All

First Monthly Shared Reading Project "Read With Your Child" Night

Wednesday evening, **March 24, 2010**

5:30pm-7:30pm (dinner provided)

Children encouraged to attend with Parents!

Northrop Building

Practice your ASL reading skills and borrow a couple of Shared Reading Project book bags.

This event will focus on reading books using ASL for children up to 2nd grade!

RSVP by emailing Donna at donna.sorensen@wsd.wa.gov or Tiffany at tiffany.gay@wsd.wa.gov



2010

March 2	Running Start
March 9-10	ACT Testing
March 10-12	Youth Leadership Retreat
March 16, 17, 18	High School WASL
March 17	Saint Patrick's Day
March 24	Shared Reading Project <small>(see pg 2)</small>
March 29- April 2	Spring Break
March 5,7,12,14,19,21,26 Travel Days	



Stories/Drama Nature Hikes Wacky Olympics Boat Races
Camp Fires



2010 Camp "Hands Up"

July 31-August 3
for Deaf kids
ages 6-15



Junior Counselor Program
Ages (16-18)

Held at Camp Touchet... close to Dayton
Contact Sheila Coles at 509-967-5345
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www.sewscdhh.org

Library Libby

Ginger Speranza, Librarian

We have gone WEB!

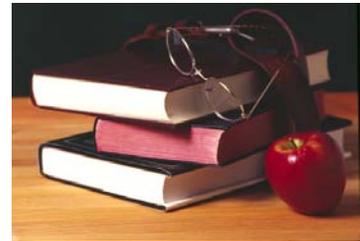
Some of you may know my alter ego “Library Libby.” She brings friends (book characters) to school and does a read aloud for Elementary and Middle school students. This year’s Library Libby is now available via our website. Click into the library link and you will see front and center the icon for Libby. It is also on you-tube! I only have done one this year so far but hope to post previous years and the ones I can still get done this year . Please see the links below.

http://www.wsd.wa.gov/school/library_libby/librarylibbyalways.aspx

You can get to it from

http://www.wsd.wa.gov/school/your_childs_school.aspx

Watch and enjoy.



Reminder!
Contact
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**Youth Leadership
Retreat
March 10-12
WSD DAY Students
6-8 grade**

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