

From the Principal's Desk

Bill Newell, Principal



Parents of deaf and hard of hearing children can benefit from support of other parents and professionals. There are many resources on the internet. A good place to start if you are looking for information or support is The American Society for Deaf Children (ASDC). CDHL/WSD is a member organization of ASDC. You will find good information and other resources at this website: <http://www.deafchildren.org/>

Reading over the summer is very important to help your child maintain the literacy skills he/she is developing at WSD.

Does your child have a library card? If not, why not make it a goal to take your child to your community library to obtain his/her own library card. Having a library card and understanding how to use the local public library is an important skill that you can teach your child. Taking your child to the library frequently, checking out and reading books yourself and helping your child check out, read and be responsible for library books is an important literacy skill.

Plan a trip to your local commercial bookstore; for example, Borders, Barnes & Noble etc. Explore each section of the bookstore. Talk with your child about the kinds of books that are in each section of the bookstore. Find books of interest to your child. Use "buying a book" as a reward for working hard in school or being especially helpful around the house. Take your child with you when you buy a book. Talk about what kind of book it is and why you are buying it or reading it.

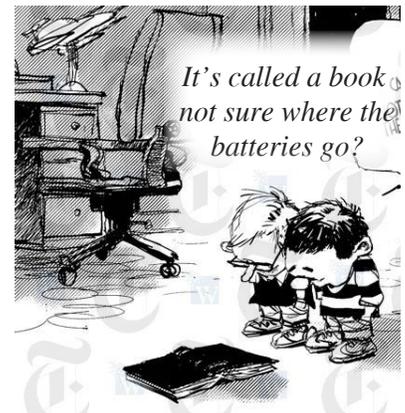
Conversation with your child about your own interests in reading, the types of books you enjoy reading and actually setting aside time in your schedule to read yourself and to read with your child will act as important examples and motivators for your child to develop literacy skills.

At WSD we have a strong emphasis on literacy. Right now we are in the midst of our annual 500 books spring reading event. Your child is being encouraged to read at least 10 books in the month of April. Help your child reach this goal and the goal of becoming a literate adult. Some of the practices I have outlined above can go a long way towards helping your child reach this goal.

WSD will hold our spring Book Fair on **May 27th** from 8:15 to 1:00 in our school Library. This would be an excellent opportunity for you to visit WSD and explore all of the wonderful and interesting books that will be on display and available for purchase. Please join us for All Star Day, ASL Poetry Competition - Flying Hands, Spring Carnival, Family/Staff Dinner and our Book Fair on May 27th. Mark your calendar.



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Independent Living Skills

Dan Crady, Student Life Counselor

Hello, my name is Dan Crady and I am the Post High School (PHS) Counselor and Independent Living Skills (ILS) Coordinator working with junior and senior students.

In March, the ILS students learned about family planning and how to be a good parent. The ILS team taught the students to:

- Define family planning and identify reasons for family planning.
- Identify the most reliable methods of preventing pregnancy.
- Define terms of all pregnancy
- Identify prenatal development and prenatal healthcare
- Identify emotional and physical changes that occur during pregnancy
- Identify healthy practices during pregnancy like exercise, nutrition/supplement
- Identify decisions and preparations to make before the baby's birth
- List the signs of labor and identify what to do when labor begins.



For the month of April, we learned about baby care; helping students learn to be responsible parents when taking care of their own baby in the future. We focused on:

- Identifying and filling out the birth certificate.
- Demonstrating procedures for care of baby's physical health and needs.
- Listing physical responsibilities involved in baby care.
- Learning to fill out the Social Security Card Application forms for the baby.
- Proper methods of physically handling infants.
- Identifying potential dangers to infants.
- Identifying cost of baby's needs which included a field trip to different department stores

Students have received their "life-like" babies. Students will be required to take the baby home on the weekend so parents can see how their own child takes care of their baby. WSD staff will not interfere with students care of baby. Students must learn to communicate and negotiate with their partner on how to care for their baby.

Our Family Planning unit concludes with the students learning about newborn characteristics, infant nutrition, safety precautions and environment, essential needs for infants, and childhood diseases.

Happy Spring Time!



May 2010

- May 20 - Prom
- All Star Day - May 27
- ASL Flying Hands - May 27
- Book Fair - May 27
- Spring Carnival - May 27
- Family Dinner - May 27
- Memorial Day - May 31 (no school)
- Travel Days 2,7,9,14,16,21,23,28



Memorial Day is a patriotic holiday in the United States of America, usually celebrated on the last Monday in May.

It is a celebration of remembrance for the brave service of men and women who gave their lives for their country.



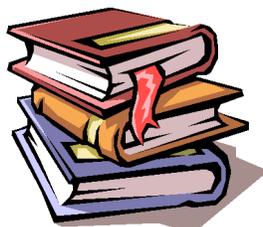
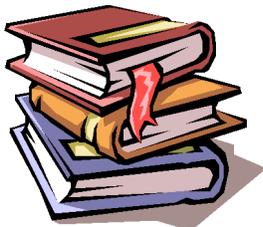
500 Books Celebration!

Ginger Speranza, Library

Our annual 500 books celebration is in full swing for elementary and middle school. We started with a wonderful opening ceremony. Library Libby invited one of her best friends Max from *“Where the Wild Things Are”* to run the show. He in turn brought a multitude of buddies. Everyone from Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to Pippi Longstocking made an appearance.

The stars of the show though were Katniss and her chaperone Effie Trinket from the *“Hunger Games”*. Middle school jumped and screamed so loud we all thought the building might tumble.

The goal is to read 10 books before May 28th. We will be having our field trip June 3rd. If you have any questions please feel free to speak to your student’s teacher for details.



WSD's Special Olympics Team

Jayne King, Student Life Counselor

Saturday we traveled to Tacoma for the Regional Soccer Tournament. Our first game was a nail biter. We won 2-1.

As we waited to play our second game the weather changed from cloudy, sun breaks and chilly to a wind storm and pouring rain. We had parents and athletes holding the poles to our tent so it would not blow away. One of the other team's tent did just that..BUT they do not have Jeremy. He rigged weights (athlete's bags with water bottles in) for the front poles to hold the tent stable.

Even though our athletes were wet and cold, they played their best game ever. We ended in a 2-2 tie, sudden death overtime. The game went back and forth, both teams fighting for that score. Antonio kicked the perfect pass to Keysi who kicked the winning goal. A 3-2 WIN and the GOLD!!!! What a game. All these athletes played their best. Alicia had her best game ever. No one got passed her in defense. Jeremy is awesome as goalie with those long legs and arms. Patrick and Ashley attacked and stole the ball many times as did Cesar. Tanner and Rose played good at defense.

We are off to the state tournament at Fort Lewis on [June 4-6](#).

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