

Terrier Times

June 2010

Washington School for the Deaf

Sports Awards!

Maria Suarez
Lady Terrier of the Year
Vance Dutcher
Terrier of the Year

Volleyball Awards
MVP - Maria Suarez
MIP - Maria Chavez

Football Awards
MVP - Nick Ortiz
MIP - Justin Larson

Girls Basketball
MVP - Olivia Mackey
MIP - Maria Chavez

Boys Basketball
MVP - Team
MIP - Vance Dutcher

Cheer Team
MVP - KaSandra Madrigal
MIP - Shaylee Fogelberg

From the Principal's Desk

Bill Newell, Principal



The **All Star Day** held on May 27th was a smashing success. Our new Oliver Kastel Cafeteria building was filled to capacity with family, friends and staff to celebrate the success of our students in academics and athletics. Earlier in the day, students from all over the state of Washington converged on WSD for the annual ASL Poetry Competition. Students' creative work was simply astonishing and awe inspiring. Big hands waving to all the students who participated and to the staff who made this event happen. If you weren't able to make it this year, please put these events on your calendar now to join us next year. Flying Hands – ASL Poetry Competition will occur on March 24, 2011, and our All Star Banquet and Awards Ceremony will occur on May 26, 2011. I look forward to seeing all of our families and friends at these events next year.

We are almost to the end of another successful school year. WSD continues to grow and become stronger and stronger as a premier educational program in the state of Washington for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing students. We completed our first year of ASL-English Bilingual Educational training which is part of a three-year program to train our teachers in current, state-of-the-art educational best practices for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing children.

Our students live, learn and grow in a supportive, learning-focused educational environment at WSD. As parents, guardians and caretakers of our students, you play a vital role in your child's success. Elsewhere in this newsletter, Shauna Bilyeu, our Curriculum and Assessment Coordinator has pulled together many resources that you can use to continue language, literacy and math learning over the summer. Building background knowledge is vital to your child's success. Take field trips, visit zoos and museums, take every opportunity to talk about everything you do. This is how your child will develop the background knowledge that provides the foundation for learning in school.

Have a great summer. We will be ready to welcome you and your child back to WSD on Registration Day, August 29, 2010, and the first day of school **August 30, 2010**.



Library Libby Videos

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

Also link to preschool videos:

<http://www.wsd.wa.gov/preschoolvideo.aspx>

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Curriculum Assessment Coordinator

Shauna Bilyeu



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Summer is almost here! That doesn't mean that the learning needs to stop. There are educational websites listed on our WSD Homepage for both parents and students; these are listed under “Learning Links.” If you have internet access at home, please check these out. Students need to spend a minimum of 20-30 minutes a day doing activities that require using language. This kind of activity is paramount for your child's success when it's time to go back to school in the fall. However, you don't need the internet to stimulate your child. Encourage your child to read with you, or do a project that you can do together such as photo scrapbooking or planting a garden. If you work full time and can't stay home, leave a note that asks questions or gives directions that your child must follow.

For deaf and hard of hearing students, the summer months can be extremely challenging in terms continuing language development if families are not fluent in sign language. The important thing is to keep communication lines open with your child, however possible. In the fall we will be sending home a questionnaire for you to fill out with your student that will help us make more connections between home and school, so be on the lookout. We are determined to support and provide the best education we can for our students. Help us by providing a stimulating summer for your child. Read, read, read! Give your kids a boost!

- Read to or with your children every day. Kids who are read to become good readers. If you are unsure of your “signing aloud skills,” check out our homepage under statewide services: SRVOP-Shared Reading Video Outreach Project and contact Donna Sorenson, the Project coordinator, for resources. Donna works during the summer and is available.
- Read and discuss newspapers at home (just a Sunday subscription will offer reading material throughout the week).
- Use the library regularly. Get children their own free library cards as soon as they can write their names. Many libraries offer storytelling or book talks that families can attend. You can always request an interpreter for these events.
- Work on developing your child's interest in writing. Make a family journal, write letters to family members or postcards when they travel, or write a book together.
- Monitor television viewing. Limit viewing and video game playing. Remember that time spent viewing is time not spent in imaginative play, interaction with others, or in activities like reading and playing games.
- Help children build their vocabulary. Children can “collect” new words on a daily or weekly basis from things they've read or seen by writing them in a word journal. Discuss new words with older children.
- Have fun with your kids! Do activities together and don't forget that a child's level of development and age may prevent participation in adult activities. Model lifelong learning by exposing yourself and your children to new learning experiences.

-Tips from Literacy Connections-Vancouver Public Schools

Nurse Notes

Joyce Sjoberg, RN



As one year ends we start preparing for the new year to come. Summer is a great time to get a sport physical done for all students 8th grade and above if they are interested in playing a sport in the fall/winter. This includes cheerleading. Summer is also the perfect time to catch up on immunizations. Reminder letters have been sent home for immunizations.

We have been doing Team Nutrition this year to improve the health and nutrition of our students. We are sending home healthy ideas and nutrition hints at the end of the school year with your student.

Nurses always have tips to stay healthy and safe, and summer is no exception. Use sunscreen, drink plenty of water, get at least 8 hours of sleep at night, and above all have fun!

Upcoming Events for June

- June 8 Senior Trip
- June 10 Graduation
(FT Vancouver at 6:30pm)
- June 11 Middle School Spelling Bee
- June 14-17 (9th-11th) Final Exams
- June 16 Field Day
- June 18 8th Grade Graduation, Schools out!
- Travel Days-1,4,6,11,13,18



ASL Poetry & Art Competition

There were 88 participants this year from 4 different schools! Congratulations to all of the participants!



Library News!

Ginger Speranza, Librarian

We have had a very exciting spring. Forty-two students achieved their Accelerated Reader goal and had donuts in April and the numbers are higher (so far) for our June Ice Cream party. We also had several awards to hand out this year during awards night.



The student with the most read library books this year was Brandy Pietsch, she received a \$25.00 gift card after reading 216 books!

The top three highest AR points winners for the year were:

- Zacharias Descloux-353 points: He won a Barnes and Noble Nook (e-reader) and \$10.00 gift card.
- Olivia Mackey-261.3 points: She received a \$30.00 gift card for Barnes and Noble.
- Tanner Stinson-119.9 points: He received a \$20.00 gift card for Barnes and Noble.

NaNoWriMo Winners: Dared Redford, LaSinda Rivas, Zacharias Descloux, Mai Truong, Jonah Winninghoff, Jacob Tufton, Jeremy Descloux, Maya Ingram, Morgan Burger, Misty Johnson and Randall Smith. They are all published authors!

They were each given a copy of their first book. You can purchase your own copy through our web page link or here: <https://www.createspace.com/3442672>

Donations for the Nook were given by PSO and WSDAA. Gift Cards were given by Jane Mulholland and an anonymous frog loving teacher.



An Evening before National Deaf People of Color Conference

Presented by Lynn Dunn, Jeffrey Howard, Debi Duren,
Dan Pineda, and Laurene Simms

ASL Forever!

Thursday, June 24, 2010

7:00 PM (Door opens at 6:00 PM)

Age 0 - 5 - Free

K - 12 grades - \$10.00

Senior Citizen - \$10.00

College Students with ID - \$15.00

Adult - \$20 - Pay at the door

Doubletree Hotel Lloyd Center
1000 NE Multnomah Street
Portland, Oregon 97232

What: ASL (American Sign Language) Forever is a wide variety of storytelling, comedy, skits, poetry, mime, etc. exclusively in ASL. Since ASL is quite difficult to describe in spoken English during performance, THERE WILL BE NO INTERPRETATION PROVIDED. It will be a "golden" opportunity for you to show how ASL is presented in a visual way.

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