



# Terrier Times

## From the Superintendent's Desk

Shauna Bilyeu, Superintendent

Mother Nature and I finally agree on something: **Spring is HERE!** There are lots of activities and field trips that are occurring this spring. Please be on the look out for field trip forms and other communications from the school. There are some classroom field trips that may incur a small fee. We will always inform you if that is the case and the school can assist with costs if need be. Please let us know if your child will need assistance. A student will not be denied attendance to an educational field trip due to costs.

Elementary and secondary students (grades 2 and up for MAP and 3 and up for Smarter Balanced) are wrapping up annual testing. Families will receive results for the Smarter Balanced in the mail, and MAP results at your child's IEP meetings. Contact Shannon Graham if you have any questions.

**Elementary Families:** Don't forget to attend Family Camp in Ellensburg, Washington on the weekend of May 6th. This is a state-wide event where children and parents from all over the state go for a weekend of workshops for parents and fun and games for children. We have posted fliers on our Facebook accounts, but have hard copies as well, please let us know if you would like one!

All Star Day for elementary families is May 31st. This is a change from what is printed on the school calendar. Parents are invited to come have lunch with their child, spend a short time observing in classes and celebrate with us in the afternoon with awards! The seniors will host a carnival after school, so plan on staying after school to have some fun! The Book Fair will also be open.

**Secondary Parents:** Mark your calendars NOW for All Star Day on June 1st. Look for a flier with more details soon. This is an annual WSD event that includes information for families related to classes, life after high school and shining the spotlight on our students' achievements! The Buy One Get One Free Book Fair will be in full swing. After dinner (served by WSD teachers and staff), we will have the annual awards. Come and join the fun! It will be important for parents to RSVP so that we can have an accurate count for food. I hope to see everyone there! Please recall that we have parent rooms available on the third floor of Clarke Hall. Please call Sharon Caton to reserve a room if you would like to stay overnight.

**Factoid of the day:** This April marked the 200th anniversary of deaf education in the United States, with the bicentennial celebration of American School for the Deaf in Hartford, Connecticut. We know more now than ever about how critical full access is to language acquisition. At WSD we continue to strive for the very best instructional practices. Thank you for entrusting your child to us. *If you didn't see the communication that went out just before spring break: Please join me in welcoming Jason Cox and Rick Whitney to their permanent positions as Secondary Principal and Director of Residential Services respectively. Both are long time members of the WSD family, and we are proud of them as they continue to support WSD in their respective roles. Happy Spring and I hope to see you soon!*

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## March Student of the Month

### 3 R Superstar

Juan Gayton-Arroyo  
Dared Redford

### Inspiring Improvement

Shania Jones  
Wylee Rodgers

### Positively Prepared

LeAnna Clearbrook



# Prom

## May 11

Firstenburg Center



## Secondary Principal

Jason Cox, Secondary Principal

### Hello Terrier Families:

Spring break is over and students have returned to school with a lot of energy, which reflects that they had a well rested spring break. WSD has a lot of exciting announcements to share regarding events that happened over the break. Three huge events that students were involved with were the [National Deaf Academic Bowl Championship](#), [Annual Math Team Competition](#) and the [Berg Seeger Track and Field Classic](#). Students returned with rich experiences and shared their stories inspiring other students to want to participate.

WSD is proud to share the update on how the Terriers team did at the National Academic Bowl Championship that took place March 31 in Washington, D.C. Coaches Tyler DeShaw and Piper Gallucci along with team members Kyle Culmer (senior), Annie Kvamme (junior), Tess Griffin (junior), and Cristian Martinez-White (sophomore) brought home a Team Sportsmanship Award. It was the first time in WSD history to qualify for nationals and participate in this prestigious event. According to Coach Tyler and Piper's announcement through campus email, they were proud to share about how students learned a lot and enjoyed sightseeing around D.C. They visited Arlington National Cemetery, the Holocaust Museum, and several famous monuments on the National Mall and of course Gallaudet University campus.

Another proud moment for WSD was when some of our middle school students flew to Rochester, New York to participate in a Math Team Competition that took place April 6th-9th. WSD competed against other Deaf schools from other states. Coach Stowe Beecher and math team members Nic Moore (7th grade), Enrique Jose (7th grade) and Ethan Jacobs (8th grade) were busy and worked hard during the competition. Coach Beecher was happy to announce that Enrique Jose's group came back with a first place win and won a bright orange backpack that says RIT on it. Despite returning tired, the team returned with new memories and new friends. Overall it was an exciting and enriching experience!

On April 7th-9th several members of the WSD track team flew to Austin, Texas for the 10th annual Berg Seeger Track and Field Classic. Coach Tyler DeShaw had the following to share, "This year was WSD's very first year attending the meet along with 16 other schools for the Deaf with 225 total athletes. This huge event was such a success and an eye opening experience for our athletes." Here are a few highlights:

- Sophomore Osvaldo Cruz exceeded his expectations by knocking off 54 seconds from his 3200m personal best! He also got a PR in the 800, WINNING his heat in an exciting race.
- Sophomore Ashantay Truong was the lone WSD medal winner, achieving 5th out of 24 shot putters. She did great in the preliminary and final throws! In addition, Ashantay entered the FINALS for both the 100m and 200m dashes.
- Sophomore Abraham Castro, junior Annie Kvamme and senior Jessane Rogers achieved personal bests in the discus throw! They have a bright future ahead of them in this event which is exciting.
- Senior Ricardo Pineda tackled his very first 300m hurdles race with vigor and surprised us all with a sub-50 second time; he's eager to lower his personal best at our next meet. Junior Taylor Payne threw a personal best of 34'4" in the shotput and freshman Ramon Varaja ran a personal best of 27.56 seconds in the 200m dash.

I want to thank all coaches and students for being exemplar role models and positively representing WSD on a state and national level. I also want to thank all our parents for giving their child/children the opportunity to be involved in such rich experiences here at WSD and for helping our students become the [B.E.S.T.!](#)

## Residential

Rick Whitney, Director of Residential Services



*"Whirlwind of activities happening at WSD!"*

It is always a whirlwind of activities from the time spring break is finished until summer break arrives and this year is no different. The students and staff are preparing for track meets, an overnight Biz Town field trip, Prom, ILS cookie contest, All-Star days, OMSI trip, spring football, volleyball workouts, Special Olympics Soccer Tournament, Senior tease, field day, senior trip, 2017 GRADUATION, and an 8th grade celebration on the last day of school just to name some of our activities!

With all the activities that are happening at this last part of the school year it is really important that the residential students start packing up their rooms and bringing their stuff home on Fridays from here on out. It is extremely difficult if everyone waits until the last possible travel day to take all their stuff home so the time to start is now. Summer is coming fast.

## Elementary Principal

April McArthur ASL-English Bilingual Services Director  
Elementary Principal

### Did you know?

Just like there are many audio technology devices, there are many visual technology devices! For people who hear, there are doorbells and radio alarm clocks. For people who are deaf, there are flashing lights and vibrations. Here are some tips for getting and setting up visual technology for your child.

### Closed Captioning:



Make sure the captions are on your TV 24/7. There are studies that show hearing people benefit from captions too! Captions help with reading and provides visual access to information. When watching a movie on a DVD, make sure you go to the “set up” menu and click on captions for SDH (Subtitles for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.) These captions are better than regular subtitles because they will caption the sounds too. Regular subtitles do not caption sounds.

### Bed Shaker/Alarm:

As soon as your child shows that they are ready to wake up on their own, go ahead and purchase a bed shaker/ alarm like the one here:

### Sonic Boom Alarm Clock:

Children can start learning how to use these alarms as early as 4th grade. They should be able to use these independently by middle school.

### Flashing lights for the door:

Just like the bed shaker alarm, there are many online sites that sell doorbell “flashing lights.” You can either use a device that comes with a light strobe or connect a device to your lamp that will make the lamp flash on and off.

### Movies:

Even though many movies now have caption glasses, these are not comfortable or easy to use for some deaf people. Some deaf people still prefer to go to Open Captioned (OC) movies. Check with your child to find out whether they prefer caption glasses or if they prefer to go to OC movies only.

For more information about visual technology devices, check out this link: [http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET\\_DYNAMIC\\_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=id\\_003399](http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=id_003399)

Please do not hesitate to ask your child’s teacher for more information about visual technology.

## WSD Library

Ginger Speranza, Librarian



### The Book Fair is coming! The Book Fair is coming!

In 6 short weeks we will be having our Buy One Get One Free book fair! We will be open for viewing only May 26th and then for purchasing May 29th to June 1st. Start saving your money to buy buy buy before summer!

On a side note we are at risk of losing the book fair. Our sale must earn a minimum of \$1500.00 in order to keep it coming back. Support literacy, our school, and students by buying some books to read this summer.

## Secondary Semester Celebration!

J. Piper Gallucci, Teacher & PBIS Coordinator

The secondary program celebrates students who meet a higher standard of personal and academic success. Recognition and celebration are both essential components of the Positive Behavior System. The celebration for second semester is to the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI), to see the general exhibits and the special exhibit, The Art of the Brick, showing the work of artist Nick Sawaya’s in **LEGO sculptures**. It is listed as CNNs top 10 exhibits to see in 2017.



Since the exhibit ends in May, grade expectations will be determined on April 28th. In order to attend the field trip celebration, students in Middle School must get a 3.0 GPA for the semester and High School students must have all As and Bs on their Semester Report on April 28. They must also be on time to class, being tardy only twice in the quarter, have no more than one level-1 discipline report (BR), and have at least 1 day of work leave available by May 22. All absences must be excused.

The trip to OMSI will be on May 23rd and the amount for general admission and for the special Art of the Brick exhibit is \$10.00 total. The Washington School for the Deaf will handle transportation and lunch.

## May 3

WSD Civics classes “field trip” to the Clark County Courthouse & Vancouver City Hall!

“LIKE”  
WSD’s Facebook!





# Calendar

- May 3 - Civics Class Field Trip
- May 3 - Track Meet @ King's Way Christian-3:30pm
- May 5-6 - Optimist Competition in Burnaby, B.C.
- May 5-7 - Family Camp - Ellensburg, Washington
- May 7 - Special Olympics Soccer Regionals Tournament-Puyallup
- May 9 - Family Academy Night (FAN)
- May 11 - Prom-Firstenburg Center
- May 17 - ILS Cook Night and Cookie Contest
- May 18 - Early Release Day
- May 18 - District Track Meet @ Naselle-3:30pm
- May 22 - ILS Rewards Trip - 5:30pm-10pm
- May 23 - 2nd Semester Celebration - OMSI
- May 24 - Last Day of Spring ASP
- May 25 - ILS Party/Movie - 10th/11th/12th Grades - 7pm-9:30pm
- May 25-27 - State Track Meet @ Eastern Washington University
- May 30-31, June 1-Spring Football and Volleyball Workouts
- May 30 - June 2-Book Fair
- May 31 - All Star Day and Carnival-Elementary Students
- June 1 - All Star Day-Secondary Students

## Family Academy Night (FAN) April 11 Vancouver Police Department visited WSD!



**SAVE The DATES!**  
**May 31, 2017**  
**Elementary All Star Day**  
**June 1, 2017**  
**Secondary All Star Day**

## Career/Transition Services Corner



Teresa Stotler-Martin, Career & Transition Coordinator

Is your child ready for the future? Does your child need job shadowing experiences? Do you want to send your child to a summer camp that specializes in STEM or Career Opportunities? Is your child 14 years or older? I strongly encourage you to set-up an appointment with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services. This agency may be able to provide services to access these opportunities. Need more information? Contact me at [teresa.stotler@cdhl.wa.gov](mailto:teresa.stotler@cdhl.wa.gov) or 360.334.5776

**May Celebrations!**  
 1 May Day  
 4 Star Wars Day  
 5 Cinco de Mayo  
 6 National Teacher's Day  
 14 Mother's Day  
 29 Memorial Day

Is your child wanting to go to college? Many colleges requires the **ACT Test** as part of the admission process. Your child can take the test now to see what scores he/she will generate to help with the college planning process. The next ACT test date (we test here on our campus over several days) will be the week of June 11th. Registration is online and must be completed by May 5th. If you are interested, contact me: [teresa.stotler@cdhl.wa.gov](mailto:teresa.stotler@cdhl.wa.gov) or 360 334.5776.

New this year, we are taking Cultural Diversity seriously. Teachers recently had a seminar with Soccoro Garcia, a Latinx presenter. It was powerful. We are now wanting to transmit what we learned to our students. WSD will be inviting other cultures beginning next school year to build-up our understanding of different cultures.

June 8th, WSD Secondary department will be involved in our annual "Day of Giving Back". We will be doing community service most of the day. Last year students provided services to; Silver Buckle Horse Ranch, Project Linus, Oregon Food Bank, City of Vancouver, to name a few. This is such a rewarding experience and the community learns more about us. Graduation is June 14th at 6:30 pm. Looking forward to seeing our stars graduate!



Congratulations WSD Cheer Squad  
2017-2018!

Leanna Clearbook, Juliana Sanchez,  
Gabi Grosnick, Ashantay Truong,  
Osvaldo Cruz, Mascot: Kyler Eagan,  
Alt: Tess Griffin, Alt: Chyann Wisdom



May 30-31, June 1  
Spring Football &  
Volleyball Workouts



May 7  
Special Olympics Soccer  
Regionals Tournament  
Puyallup, WA



May 25-27  
State Track Meet  
Eastern Washington University

