

Terrier Times

From the Superintendent's Desk

Shauna Bilyeu, Superintendent



Dear Terrier Families and Friends,

Welcome to February! WSD is a busy place! It will soon become even busier. Construction work is slated to begin this spring. Staff and students will need to walk the perimeter of campus to get from one end to the other. The center of campus will be impassable. This ALSO means that parking will be severely impacted. It will look very similar to the parking situation when we went through demolition. I will have more information to share as we get closer to the date, but please take this as your first warning: **expect changes to parking and drop off spots this spring and all of next school year.**

Our high school students enjoyed **Western States Basketball Classic tournament** at our sister school for the deaf, Oregon School for the Deaf over the weekend of January 18th-22nd. We are super proud of both of our boys and girls' basketball team—they are both champions of this year's tournament. Even more importantly, our students showed a lot of Terrier pride, class and great sportsmanship. We are very proud of them! We are returning to OSD for **Deaf Academic Bowl** February 9-11th and we are sending a group of middle schoolers to the national **Battle of the Books** competition at Gallaudet in March! Very exciting all around!

Our next PSO meeting is February 28th. PSO stands for Parent Staff Organization and functions similar to the traditional PTA. We would love to have more parents join! Please contact Cynthia Duncan for more information at psoforwsd@gmail.com

February 28th is an important meeting date for PSO as they will be meeting with **our school accreditation visiting team.** WSD is a fully accredited school, which means that we meet strict standards set by a national oversight group for deaf education and for general education. The evening of the 28th, a group from the deaf education oversight group will be meeting with parents to get their feedback on our school. The meeting is at 6:00 pm in Clarke Hall 150. We would love to have as many parents there as possible.

If you have not seen the **Skyward announcements** that we frequently send out regarding school activities, please take a moment to make sure that your contact information is up to date with Rima Nandakumar or Jackie Valadao. They can be reached at: 360-334-5618 and 360-334-5449 respectively.

We may not be done with the **wacky winter weather.** As a reminder, please check our website, your email (look for a Skyward announcement) for updates on our operations if inclement weather hits. We will also try to post on the **WSD Facebook** page any updates about school closures. A helpful link to bookmark on your computer that displays all school closures by county in the Southwest Washington area is: <http://www.flashalert.net/region.html?RegionID=1>

Presidents' Day
February 20,
2023
No School



Happy 137th Birthday
WSD!

www.wsd.wa.gov



What's Been Happening

William (Bill) Newell, Elementary School Principal

Where did time fly?

Can you believe it? Half the school year is behind us. Time flies when we are having fun and when we are about the serious business of educating your child. Our school staff remain strong and dedicated to this work. [Thank you for being a partner with us in your child's education.](#) Elementary students engaged in many fun Holiday activities and in their classrooms, they learned about the many traditions from around the world to celebrate during the winter.

[School Attendance is Important](#)

As a parent or guardian of our Terrier Pup I know you want your child to succeed and achieve to their maximum potential. Our Terrier Pups are at the age where they are eager to come to school, eager to learn and open to achieving their full potential. Please partner with us to take advantage of their enthusiasm for school. Please emphasize the importance of attending school every day. Please plan doctor appointments, vacations and other family business for weekends and holiday breaks, not during school time. By your example you can show your child that school attendance is an important value in your family. Research shows that there is a direct correlation between attendance (meaning time in school and time on task while in school) and lifetime achievement and success. (See: <https://nces.ed.gov/pubs2009/attendancedata/chapter1a.asp>). Naturally, if your child is sick you should keep them home to help reduce the spread of illnesses but in every other way always make school attendance a priority.

[Family Activities Night \(FAN\)](#)

Our very popular **Family Activities Night (FAN)** is back. We kicked it off on December 7 with our Holiday celebrations. Families enjoyed fun and educational activities together. Plan to join us for our next Valentines themed FAN on February 15. RSVP Kelly Souhrada kelly.souhrada@cdhl.wa.gov letting her know that you plan to come. Look forward to seeing you at FAN.

[Tooth Fairy Experience](#)

On February 9th we will be visited by the Tooth Fairy Experience. Our elementary students learn about oral hygiene from the signing tooth fairies. It is fun and educational. For more information about the [Tooth Fairy Experience](#) please visit: Tooth Fairy Experience at <https://toothfairy.deltadentalwa.com/?fbclid=IwAR1DTn-5a7xUkXMbECxh1L9UnlKi4ILQJzhnXfDdfqBJhG2E30jgTBY4l84>

Spring is just around the corner. Learn the signs of spring. [The Signs of Spring](#) at https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=9RE2NLd_Sgw

NaNoWriMo Winners 2022



Elementary School

Most Creative- Zuri Rodriguez
Best Fiction- Jesselle Knipp
Most Dedicated- Yao Keller
Most Creative- Teegan Clifford
Best Fiction- Logan Johnson
Most Dedicated- Lee Studer

Middle School

Most Creative- Milez Robison
Best Fiction- Sara Johnson
Most Dedicated- Jordan Angel
Best Graphic Novel- Rosalene Scott

PLAQUE

Most Likely to Publish- Nathan Yerkes
Highest Word Count- Kade Mathisen
Up and Coming- Olivia Carr





Secondary Principal

Jason Cox, Secondary Principal

As always, time really flies by fast. **Next week January 27th will be the last day of second quarter!** January 30th students will start the 3rd quarter. I am always proud to see students learning in class and teachers working hard to meet students' needs in school.

As you all know, I mentioned in the last newsletter about secondary teacher Dana Miles. She won Teacher of the Year award for Washington State. **January 18th, we had a group of people who work for Bill Gates come to WSD and film Dana's class as well as Terrier World store.** January 26th Washington Education Association (WEA) was on our campus also filming in Dana's class. WSD will be featured in both videos. Dana is touring and giving presentations around the state as of January 30th. Her intern, Maya Penn, will be taking over Dana's class. We will miss Dana, but we are excited for her and can't wait to have her come back in the fall!

February is an exciting month. February 9th-12th Craig Joseph will bring 4 students to Oregon School for the Deaf for Deaf Academic Bowl. If they succeed in the tournament then they will be qualified to go to Washington D.C. to compete for the national tournament. On February 22nd, Piper and I will be bringing 4 students to Washington, DC to talk with U.S. Senators about Deaf and Deaf Blind Education. We all are excited for the experience many of our students will receive in the next couple months.

MS Honor Roll

(3.0-3.49)

Jordan Angel
Sara Johnson
Michael McCullough

MS Principal's List

(3.5-4.0)

Jazmina Zepeda
Alyssa Messer
Dimas Zepeda-Montoto

Perfect Attendance

Jalina Miller
Michael McCullough
Alyssa Messer
Connor Pancoast

Battle of the Books

Ginger Speranza, Library

We had two **Battle of the Books** teams for 2022!

On November 16th the Blue team competed against three deaf teams from across the country. They won all three matches and moved on with the other top 9 teams to the Playoffs.

On November 17th the Bison team also competed with 3 teams and won 2 of the three but did not move into the playoffs. We are very proud of all of our readers!



The Blue team

Kade Mathisen
Alyssa Messer
Sara Johnson



The Bison team

Dalton Wilkens, Olivia Carr, Ruby Miles, Trenton Gay, Esther Nelson, Rosalene Scott

Update: Our Blue Team will be traveling to Washington DC to compete in Nationals. They will be getting 4 new books to read at the beginning of February and leaving around March 31-April 3. Jenn Christianson and Ginger Speranza were the co-sponsors this year and are so proud of all these three have accomplished. If you see them please congratulate them and wish them the best of luck in their future competition.

HS Honor Roll

(3.0-3.49)

Jorge Barojas-Hernandez, Ariana Siqueido, Jesse Walker, Savannah Andersen, Angel Cruz-Ramirez, Janet Tuz-Manrique, Jalina Miller, Leo Figueroa, Ashley Andersen, Kadyr Carver, Tye Gonzalez-Woodbury, Julian Robinson, Thein Mana, Enrique Jose

HS Principal's List

(3.5-3.99)

Orlando Zepeda-Montoto, Damien Dieckhoff, Deborah Dennis, Briyana Moore, Savannah Cruz, Sun Flaget, Connor Pancoast, Trinity Cook, Evan Stromberg

(4.0) - Kasey Lewandowski



Sports

Ron Spratlen, Athletic Director/After School Program

WSD Girls and Boys Basketball Teams were excited to be invited for the first time to participate in the **Road Runner Classic at New Mexico School for the Deaf**. It was a new and great experience for our teams to participate in the tournament.

The four schools were NMSD, WSD, Utah School for the Deaf and Blind and Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind.

Both our girls and boys WSD basketball teams won the championships! WSD Girls beat NMSD 21-18 in the championship game. WSD Boys beat NMSD 44-33 in the championship game. Girls MVP of the tournament was WSD senior Janet Tuz-Manrique WSD boys MVP was senior Alexz Schauts. Also honored for the Girls All Star Team was Sophomore Jadalene Malone and Boys All Star Team was Kwabena White Star.

WSBC (Western States Basketball Classic) tournament was back after two years due to COVID. Oregon School for the Deaf was tournament host this year and the six participating schools were OSD, WSD, Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind, Idaho School for the Deaf, Phoenix School for the Deaf and Blind and Utah School for the Deaf and Blind.

I'm thrilled to announce that both our girls and boys basketball teams won the championships! WSD Girls beat Phoenix School for the Deaf 39-15 in the championship game. WSD Boys beat Arizona School for the Deaf 66-28 in the championship game. This was the first time in the history of the WSBC tournament that both girls and boys teams won the championship in the same year!

Tournament MVP for the girls was Sophomore Jadalene Malone and tournament MVP for the boys was Junior Julian Robinson. Also honored for the Girls All Star Team was Senior Janet Tuz-Manrique and Junior Deborah Dennis. Boys All Star team was Senior Alexz Schaut and Junior Damien Dieckhoff. Congratulations to all the players and coaches; we are proud of you all! Thank you all for supporting our teams, Go Terriers!

See next page for **WSBC HIGHLIGHTS!**



WSBC

Boys Basketball Team

Damien Dieckhoff
Julian Robinson
Evan Stromberg
La'Juan Malone
Nathan Yerkes
Kwabena White Starr
Kasey Leandowski - Manager
Jorge Barojas-Hernandez
Alexz Schaut
Lorenzo Fortunato
Tye Gonzalez

WSBC

Girls Basketball Team

Janet Tuz-Manrique
Savannah Andersen
Jadalene Malone
Irazema Paez
Ashley Andersen
Sara Johnson
Angel Cruz - Manager
Jalina Miller
Stanity Jorju
Briyana Moore
Deborah Dennis

WSD Cheerleaders

Connor Pancoast
Lilly Hart
Janet Tuz-Manrique
Irazema Paez
Ashley Andersen
Stanity Jorju
Deborah Dennis

Deaf Academic Bowl Team

Craig Joseph, Secondary Teacher

This year WSD will be returning to Gallaudet University's 27th annual Deaf Academic Bowl (DAB) competition. DAB is an all-subject, time-based academic quiz competition for quiz bowl teams consisting of Deaf and hard-of-hearing high school students from all across the country. **This year's West Regional DAB competition will take place at Oregon School for the Deaf from February 9th to 12th.** Our DAB team roster this year is filled with all junior boys - Damien Dieckhoff, Lorenzo Fortunato, Julian Robinson, and Evan Stromberg.

We are looking forward to display our academic excellence and enjoy the social opportunities and collegiality among students. If we ranked in the top 5 out of 20 teams at the Regional competition, we would be qualified for the National DAB competition at Gallaudet University in Washington DC in late April.



WSBC Highlights!



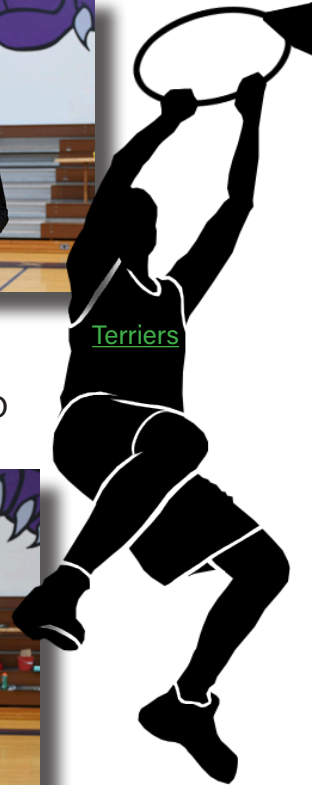
Most Valuable Player Award

GIRL: Jadalene Malone, #13 of WSD
BOY: Julian Robinson, #2 of WSD



BOYS All-Star Awards

Alexz Schaut, #15 of WSD
Damien Dieckhoff, #12 of WSD



WSD Cheerleaders



GIRLS All-Star Awards

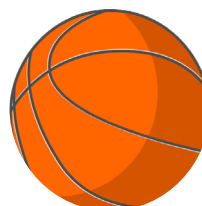
Janet Tuz-Manrique, #31 of WSD
Deborah Dennis, #14 of WSD



1st Place - WSBC Championship
Washington School for the Deaf
GIRLS - Lady Terriers



1st Place - WSBC Championship
Washington School for the Deaf
BOYS - Terriers



STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Persistent Perseverance

SEPTEMBER

Connor Pancoast

NOVEMBER

Kasey Lewandowski

Momentous Motivation

SEPTEMBER

Alyssa Messer

Sara Johnson

OCTOBER

Jorge Barojas-Hernandez

Trinity Cook

Kasey Lewandowski

NOVEMBER

Nathan (NJ) Yerkes

Inspiring Improvement

SEPTEMBER

Jadalene Malone

Irazema Paez

Angel Cruz

OCTOBER

"Lupita" Maria Guadalupe Villa Recendiz

Super Supportive

SEPTEMBER

Savannah Anderson

Jesse Walker

Gracias Muraya

OCTOBER

Savannah Cruz

Michael McCullough

NOVEMBER-

Jonathan Hysons

Sergio Sanchez-Hernandez

Gracias Muraya

Trinity Cook

Sun Flaget

Kylee Miles

Aunnalia Cates/Hayes

Faith Conger

Hailey Devan

Jazmina Zepeda

Astounding Attending

SEPTEMBER

Jayden Rathje

OCTOBER

Dimas Zepeda

NOVEMBER

Jadalene Malone

Alyssa Messer

Stupendous Spirit

SEPTEMBER

Zoey Hibbard

OCTOBER

Thein Mana

Positively Prepared

SEPTEMBER

Kasey Lewandowski

NOVEMBER

Leo Figueroa



Winter Holiday Celebration from around the World - Student Life



MTSS Corner

J.Piper Gallucci, NBCT

ATTENDANCE AND TRUANCY

Children who regularly attend school feel more connected to their peers and the school community. Graduation rates are higher for students with regular attendance. However, for some students, COVID-19 has negatively impacted school attendance.

Now more than ever, school attendance is important. A ten percent absentee rate can have a significant impact on a child's social development and academic performance. **Chronic or frequent absenteeism may indicate a child is struggling with school work, dealing with a bully, or facing other challenges.**

According to [attendanceworks.org](https://www.attendanceworks.org), there are things you can do if your child frequently misses school. Maintain a regular routine and emphasize the importance of attending school. Help your child stay engaged at school by making sure your child feels safe and academically successful. Be aware of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to a child missing school, and lead to them feeling disconnected and isolated. Seek support or help from the school staff. We want children to feel safe and inspired at school.