



Love

From the Superintendent's Desk

Shauna Bilyeu, Superintendent

Dear Terriers,

February is traditionally the month of love. We love our students, families, staff and all of our fans! The old saying is that, "...it takes a village..." Yes, it does. WSD would not be the special place that it is without the love and care of many people, and I would like to personally thank the staff for all that they do. Teachers and related services staff are always looking for ways to make lesson plans and classes exciting and fun. Student Life Counselors (SLC's) are our "front lines" people. They work to develop close relationships with the students, while the Business Office staff make sure that student accounts are up to date and the facilities crew keep the buildings warm, lighted and efficient. Nutrition Services staff provide healthy meals and the Student Health Center keeps everyone healthy! (On a side note, please make sure to pay attention to Student Health Center announcements regarding the Measles outbreak in Clark County. It is important that we have your child's current immunization records, so that in the event of a case on campus, we don't have to exclude your child from school.)

Last, but not least, I want to thank our on-profit fundraising group: D.E.A.F.! Deaf Education Advocates Foundation (www.deaf-wa.com) continue to support our school in a myriad of ways. This past fall, they brought Deaf actor Joshua Castille to WSD for a special performance and fundraiser, partnered with a local brewery for a 1 night fundraiser, joined Clark County's "Give More 24!" fundraiser, gave a thank you dessert for the staff and gave out over \$10,000 in mini-grants for staff to purchase enrichment materials for our students. Additionally, DEAF wrote a grant to the TODAY foundation and won \$5,000 to re-surface our gym floor in time for the Western States Basketball Classics tournament that we hosted in January. DEAF continues to amaze me with their support and love for our school. I am truly grateful for their support.

You will see elsewhere in this newsletter the various upcoming events that will occur this month and in the near future. Please remember that parents are welcome to stay free of charge in our parent rooms in Clarke Hall for school events. Call Sharon Caton to reserve a room. You are always welcome to come and see what's going on in your child's school.

WSD will be going under accreditation review next fall. In preparation for this, we will be sending out some stakeholder surveys this spring. Please be on the lookout for those.

Reminder - February 18th - Presidents' Day - No School



Elementary Principal

April McArthur, Elementary Principal

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that we are already more than halfway through the school year! We have several exciting programs and events coming up so be sure to mark your calendar!

Tuesday, February 12: ASL Community Class. We are bringing back our 10-week ASL community class that will meet on Tuesday evenings from 6pm-7:30pm. If you are interested, please contact mariel.schemp@cdhl.wa.gov. The class is free for parents of WSD students. Space is limited, so be sure to sign up quickly! If you do not live in the Vancouver area, there may be ASL classes at your local Deaf center or local community colleges. In addition, don't forget to check out SignWise for Kids- they screen different apps and programs to help you find quality signing resources online. <https://signwise4kids.com/>

Wednesday, February 13: Annual FAN Valentine's Dance 5:30pm-7:30pm: for our elementary students and their families. After dinner, we will have Valentine's treats and fun dancing games hosted by our very own WSD cheerleaders!

Thursday, March 14: WSD Flying Hands ASL Literature competition in Lloyd Auditorium. Every year, we host this ASL Literature competition at WSD. Our students showcase their artistic skills in art (De'VIA), poetry and storytelling along with deaf students from other schools and programs from all over the Northwest, including students from Vancouver, B.C.! Bring your friends and family! We look forward to seeing you at these events.

Secondary Principal

Jason Cox, Secondary Principal

Secondary Family Academy Night 2 (FAN2) is an exciting event where parents can get to know each other and learn about their child being deaf or hard of hearing.

Secondary FAN – FAN2

1st Thursday of each month

5:30-6:00pm potluck

6:00-7:30pm informational w/interpreter

February 7, 2019

March 7, 2019

April 11, 2019

May 2, 2019

June 6, 2019

5:30-6:00pm room open for potluck and social time
Interpreters available 6:00 – 7:30

Western States Basketball Classic



WSBC Awards – 2019

Cheer Jump Off

-Boys – Pablo Maya – Utah

-Girls – Ashantay Truong – WSD

Skills Competition – Team Lay-ups

-Boys – Tucson

-Girls – OSD

Entranceprime Team
20/11/2014

Free Throw Team Competition

-Boys – Tucson

-Girls – WSD

Manager Skills Competition

-Boys – WSD

-Girls – OSD

Boys All-Tournament Team

-Juan Ramirez

Girls All-Tournament Team

-Ashantay Truong

Boys Sportsmanship Award

-WSD

Girls Sportsmanship Award

-Phoenix

Spirit Stick

-Utah

Boys 3rd Place

-Phoenix

Girls 3rd Place

-WSD

Boys 2nd Place

-OSD

Girls 2nd Place

-OSD

Boys Champions

-Tucson

Girls Champions

-Phoenix



Measles OUTBREAK Information & Guidelines

Timothy Vander Ploeg, Nurse



Clark County is currently experiencing an **outbreak of Measles**. Just a quick note and some important points to remember about measles.

There are no cases of measles here at WSD and we do have plans in place in case we do get a student with a suspected case of measles. If there is any exposure, WSD will contact parents and/or guardians right away.

You will get some good information sent home with your child, but there are some good things to keep in mind: The most comforting news is that 2 doses of MMR vaccine is 97% effective at preventing measles (Washington State DOH, 2018). If your child had any issues with their immunization record, the Student Health Center would have called you. For other family members, you can call your doctor's office to make sure everyone is up to date. **Symptoms** - Measles often begins with a high fever, cough, runny nose, and red, watery eyes. After 3-5 days, a rash usually begins on the face and spreads to other parts of the body (Washington State DOH, 2018).

How it spreads - You can catch measles from an infected person as early as 4 days before they have a rash and for up to 4 days after the rash appears. You can get measles just by being in a room where a person with measles has been. The measles virus stays in the air for up to two hours after that person has left the room (Washington State DOH, 2018).

If you think someone in your family has measles - call your doctor's office or hospital **before** you go. Because measles is very contagious, the clinic or hospital will let you know what to do to keep the measles from spreading (Washington State DOH, 2018).

If you have the measles - Please stay at home until your doctor says it is safe to leave the house and/or have visitors to your home (Washington State DOH, 2018).

MAP Testing

Shannon Graham, Curriculum & Assessment Coordinator

Give me an M, give me an A, give me a P. What does that spell? MAP! MAP! MAP!

Yep, it's almost time for spring testing! Oddly it's my favorite time of year because it is one tool that identifies your child's progress in math, reading, and language. While MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) is not the only tool we use to measure your child's academic development, it is an assessment that has been adopted and vouched for by many deaf schools across the country. I had the opportunity to go to Phoenix in November for a workshop on using MAP with deaf and hard of hearing students. There were administrators and assessment coordinators from 21 deaf schools/programs: Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, Virginia, and Wisconsin. Oh, and of course Washington! It was not surprising we had shared concerns on using an English-based assessment, designed for hearing, mono-lingual students with access to incidental learning, for deaf, bilingual learners. However, MAP is by far the best tool to date that aligns with state standards and can be used to help communicate academic achievement and progress.

MAP testing is scheduled for the last two weeks of March. Students in grades 7 through 12 will take the reading, math, and language tests during the week of March 19-22. Elementary students (grades 2-6) will do this the following week, March 26-29. This can be a stressful time for your child. Please encourage your child to do their best on these tests. Make sure your child is rested and has a good breakfast on scheduled test days. If you want more information on MAP, check out the parent toolkit developed by MAP (<https://www.nwea.org/parent-toolkit/>) or reach out to us.



**"Congratulations to our Nationally
Board Certified teachers!"**

**Tyler Deshaw,
Shannon Graham and
Stowe Beecher"**

Calendar

February 7 - Family Academy Night (FAN 2)

February 13 - Family Academy Night (FAN)

February 14 - Early Release

February 14 - Valentine's Day

February 18 - Presidents' Day No School



CDHL Outreach Team!

Greetings from the CDHL Outreach Team! We hope that 2019 has been good to you thus far and that it continues to be a great year. Just in case you are not familiar with our team and what we do, here is a brief overview. The Outreach Team here at CDHL serves deaf and hard of hearing students who do not attend WSD, no matter where they live in Washington State. Our team provides both in-person and virtual support to students and families, as well as educators in the field of Deaf Education. We have a multidisciplinary team of specialists that includes: teachers, school psychologists, educational audiologists, counselors, speech-language pathologists, and family engagement specialists, just to name a few. We are committed to making sure that all deaf and hard of hearing students in Washington reach their full potential, regardless of where they live or attend school.

So far this school year, the Outreach Team has directly served over 150 students throughout the state and it's only February! Some of the students we may visit only once or twice, however; many of them we serve multiple times as ongoing support. This allows us to create meaningful relationships with the students, their families, and the educators who serve them, and to build community partnerships so vital to our work. We are watching our student requests grow daily, let's see if we surpass last year's total of 390.

In other news, we are looking forward to the release of the CDHL Outreach Team's new logo and website coming soon! Our website will be a much needed resource for parents, educators, community members, and students. More updates to come.

February Events:

Families in the Walla Walla area, please join us on February 5, 6-7:30 p.m. for the Better Together Interactive Learning Opportunities presentation: Deaf Culture. The Outreach Team's Family Engagement Specialists will share experiences from their upbringing as Deaf individuals. In addition, they will share ASL stories and make time for Q & A. This will certainly be an informative, fun, and community rich learning opportunity. This event will be held at the Walla Walla Valley Disability Network. ASL-English interpreters will be provided as well. We hope to see you there!

Families in the Pasco area please join us on February 6, from 6-8 p.m. for Family Night. CDHL has partnered with Pasco School District and Washington Hands & Voices to provide this event, and you're invited to an evening of socializing, crafts, dinner, and great learning opportunities. We will have activities for the kids while parents have a chance to discuss some important topics. This event will be held at Chess Elementary in Pasco and we will have ASL and Spanish interpreters as well. Come join us!

Student of the Month

3 R Superstar

Lillian Hart

Momentous Motivation

Ashantay Truong,

Ethan Jacobs

Etasha Stone

Kaja Stone

Roxy Lamarche

Jalen Tracy

Emma McKinney

Oswaldo Cruz

Lora Torres

Tessa Williams

Inspiring Improvement

Enrique Jose

Grace Oxley

Super Supportive

Grace Oxley

Astounding Attending

Iran Sanchez

Stupendous Spirit

Chyann Wisdom

Positively Prepared

Kwabena White Star

Janet Tuz-Martinez

Deborah Dennis

Yarizbeth Aparicio

**Special Olympics
Basketball WSD**
will be participating in
the annual Regional
Basketball Tournament
at Foss High School in
Tacoma, on
Sunday, Feb 10.