

## From the Superintendent's Desk

Shauna Bilyeu, Superintendent

Happy June! This is the final newsletter of the school year! There are lots of fun and exciting events occurring in June. This is the month to celebrate! Please make sure to see the rest of this newsletter for details. In other big news....

We are thrilled to announce that on May 7, 2019 Governor Inslee officially signed House Bill 1604! This bill officially changes our agency name to The Washington State Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth (CDHY). It was a very exciting moment in our history and something that we are proud to have accomplished after 10 long years! Rick Hauan, Shauna Bilyeu, Erica Pedro, Julie Spigner, Krissy Walker, Kris Ching, Carly Leannah, and her civics students - Tess, Ethan, Raymond, Lorenzo, and Alondra, were all there to witness this moment and to thank Governor Inslee and our primary sponsor Monica Stonier personally, for approving and supporting the removal of culturally inappropriate terminology from our agency name.



It is also worth noting that this bill passed unanimously! After Governor Inslee signed the bill, he also signed "thank you" and everyone in the room applauded in ASL. It was a fantastic moment! Monica Stonier was kind enough to give us a brief tour of the House floor as well which was a special experience for our students. CDHY is now in the process of changing over all documentation and web-based information to reflect our name change so you will no doubt notice these changes as we tackle them one by one. The name change will be effective as of July 28th, 2019. Have a safe and happy summer!



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**Save the Date**

**Graduation**

**June 12!**

**Last Day of School**

**June 14!**

## Elementary Principal

April McArthur, ASL-English Bilingual Director & Elementary Principal

It is hard to believe that the school year is soon coming to an end. If you are looking for activities to do with your children this summer, check out local family get-togethers which are often posted in Facebook. For example, Vancouver's "Vancouver DHH Family Play Group" or "ASL Activities for Kids in and around Seattle." Families and community members often post "deaf-friendly" events on those FB pages such as library programs that provide interpreters or movie nights with closed captioning. Many community organizations such as movie theaters and bowling alleys often provide free or reduced prices for summer activities.

Also, you can check out the different camps for deaf children posted on American Society for Deaf Children's website: <http://deafchildren.org/2019/04/2019-camp-list/>. American Society for Deaf Children has many wonderful resources for family members so be sure to check out their website: <http://deafchildren.org/>

We are fortunate to live in the Pacific Northwest, near water and mountains. Get a group together with your children's friends and go to the beach together! Swap playdates! Any opportunity for your child to get together with friends will not only support their language and social development but also boost their self-esteem.

Our first day of school next year is **August 26th**. Don't forget to join us on registration day which is Sunday, August 25th. If you have any questions throughout the summer, feel free to email me at [april.mcarthur@cdhl.wa.gov](mailto:april.mcarthur@cdhl.wa.gov) or contact our elementary secretary, Mariel Schemp at 360-418-0414. Have a wonderful and safe summer!

## Secondary Principal

Jason Cox, Secondary Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This is the last newsletter for the 2018-2019 School year. I have had the pleasure of writing a monthly newsletter to parents about many things that have happened here at Washington School for the Deaf.

Over Memorial weekend, we had both boys and girls track teams compete at the State level. I am proud and excited to announce that the boys 4x100 relay received 7th place and girls 4x100 took 6th place. Thank you Tyler and Kelsey for being great coaches! Throughout the school year, our students have participated in many activities which were successful. I am proud of everyone including the coaches.

I want to thank everyone for another wonderful and productive year. I can't thank everyone enough for your endless hours of volunteering, chaperoning, reading, organizing, donating and doing whatever was necessary to support students both at home and at school. I want to especially thank parents for participating in the Family Academy Night - Secondary "FAN. 2". As usual you went above and beyond the call of duty to provide whatever was necessary to add to our students' already rich school experience. That experience could not occur without the endless energy, skills and devotion of Washington School for the Deaf staff. Thanks and well done to an incredible group of professionals.

Thank you all for your hard work throughout the school year. I am so honored to be your principal; you made me proud to be a Terrier. Best wishes to all the seniors, whom I will miss greatly. Please come back and visit. Everyone have a great and safe summer.

### Student of the Month

3 R Superstar

Kaja Stone

Abraham Castro

Momentous Motivation

Sierra Jones

Nic Moore

Roxy Lamarche

Etasha Stone

Ashantay Truong

Inspiring Improvement

Alexz Schaut

Gabrielle Grosnick

Sun Flaget

Raymond Singkeo

Kylee Miles

Stanity Jorju

Kaja Stone

Super Supportive

Bladi Tiburcio

Hunter Johnson

Astounding Attending

Iran Sanchez

Stupendous Spirit

Ethan Jacobs

Kylee Miles

Positively Prepared

Abraham Castro



## Calendar

June 6 - Superintendent's Dinner

June 12 - Senior Graduation

June 14 - Last day of school



*Congratulations Class of 2019!*

Terrier Cheerleaders Squad!  
2019-2020

Co-Captains:  
LeAnna Clearbrook  
Juliana Sanchez

Vets:  
Gabi Grosnick  
Tessa Williams  
Alondra Lopez- Alcaraz  
Ethan Jacobs

Congratulations to those who made it on  
the Cheerleaders/stuntmen/drummer squad:  
Jalina Miller  
Peyton "Jax" Barnes  
Jose Ramirez  
Juan Ramirez  
Yovany Barragan

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Your child will be arriving home with a **smoke detector** donated by the Vancouver Fire Department. These smoke detectors are part of a national safety grant that the Vancouver Fire Marshal received. *This smoke detector is free for your child and there is no obligation to ever return it.* These portable alarms are meant to be used by deaf and hard of hearing individuals in their homes or when they travel. The school has extra smoke detectors. If you have more deaf or hard of hearing individuals in the home, please contact us. We will distribute them on a first come, first serve basis.

For grant and audit purposes, we will inform the fire department of all students' names, but the information remains confidential. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Respectfully,

Shauna Bilyeu  
Superintendent



## Sports!

Tyler DeShaw, NBCT  
Secondary English Language Arts Teacher  
Academic Bowl and Track & Field Head Coach



The WSD Track and Field team sent nine athletes and three coaches to the **State Championships** at Eastern Washington University in Cheney from May 23-25. Juniors Jose Ramirez and Ramon Varaja represented WSD very well in the triple jump and 200m dash respectively. Junior Juan Ramirez and freshman Yovany Barragan duelled it out in the 400m dash. Senior Ashantay Truong was able to achieve a personal record in the 100m dash, an event in which she qualified for State four years in a row, and also ran the 200m dash. The boys 4x100m relay, consisting of Yovany, Juan, Jose, and Ramon, ran a season best in the preliminaries and entered finals for the first time ever, placing 7th in the state of Washington. The girls 4x100m relay, consisting of Ashantay with junior Emma McKinney and freshmen Juliana Sanchez and Peyton Barnes, also ran a season best in the preliminaries and entered finals, placing 6th in the state of Washington. What a great meet for us all!



## STATEWIDE EVENTS!

June 3, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Deaf and Hard of Hearing birth-5 Play Group for families.  
Location: South Sound Parent to Parent, 2108 Caton Way SW, Olympia, WA 98502.  
Krissy Walker, Family Engagement Specialist will be there for ASL support to families.

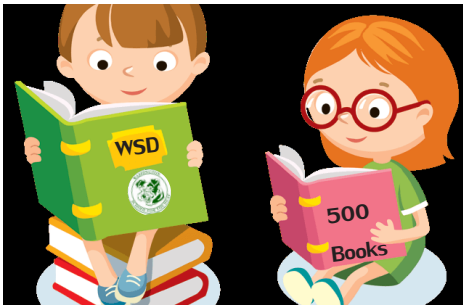


## Library News!

Ginger Speranza, Librarian

We had two great field trips for our 500 books celebration. The First to the Portland Children's Museum and the second to OMSI.

If your child has any books checked out please have them returned. iPads for Middle School and High School will be due June 7th. If you have a lost cord it will cost \$25.00 to replace it. Please let me know if you are missing a cord so we can order more for next year. Thanks and happy reading!



## ILS 5th Annual Cookie/Cupcake Contest!



### 1st Place

*Deer East*  
Chocolate covered strawberry  
on a chocolate cupcake!



### 2nd Place

*Watson West*  
White topping with Hershey  
on the top cupcake!



### 3rd Place

*Deer West*  
Ice-cream cone, beachy  
theme cupcake!



Judges: Stowe Beecher, Carey Price,  
Michelle Clark, Roxane Smith-Divine  
and Matthew Simmons.