

Terrier Times

From the Superintendent's Desk

Shauna Bilyeu, Superintendent

Dear Terrier Families,

Happy Spring! I sent home a letter March 8th outlining the changes in school guidance as they relate to the expired masking mandates in school. We are excited to move forward with optional masking because it will allow for better communication access for both staff and students. **The only masking required is for students and staff riding charter buses through mid-April and students and staff entering the Student Health Center on campus.** There is no longer a 3 foot/6 foot rule for physical distancing in place; however we continue to monitor ventilation and adhere to strict cleaning procedures as required by the Department of Health. You can find the new school guidance released in its entirety here: <https://doh.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2022-03/821-165-K12SchoolsChildCare.pdf>

Additionally, we are still required to offer testing to individuals who have been potentially exposed to COVID and to do limited contact tracing. If you suspect your child has been exposed to COVID, or is exhibiting symptoms, please follow this updated decision tree: <https://doh.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2022-03/820-229-SymptomExposureFlowchartK12SchoolsChildCare.pdf>

I am hopeful that we will soon return to more normal activities with this school guidance in place. Please let me know if you have questions.

Speaking of normal activities: Our 15th annual Flying Hands is in the books! See elsewhere in this newsletter for information and pictures! It was great fun and so good to see the students perform!

We are planning to bring back **All Star day in May!** In person! It may look a little different from years past, so stay tuned!



Spring Break!

April 4-8, 2022

**“All Star Day
in May!”**



*“Students at **Washington School for the Deaf** get lesson in design, drones Construction company shows kids how technology will help build new school.”
The Columbian -
March 16, 2022 Issue*



*“Fifth-grader D.J. Wilkins, left, and sixth-grader Urijah Fischer, get a chance to experience a toy drone during a presentation from Skanska, an international development and construction company, at the **Washington School for the Deaf** on Monday morning. The school is beginning the initial stages of its expansion and using it as an opportunity for students to engage with a new form of technology to help in the project.”
(Amanda Cowan/The Columbian)*



Elementary Principal

April McArthur, ASL-English Bilingual Director & Elementary Principal

Our elementary students have been having a blast for the past two months! On **January 25th**, we got to meet a Tooth Fairy! His name is Malcom and he taught us how to take care of our teeth. Library Libby is back! With the help of Library Libby, our seniors read, "Are You My Mother?" on **February 3rd** and "The Hair of Zoe Fleefenbacher Goes to School" on **March 3rd** to all elementary students. On **February 23rd**, Clark College and the NERDGirls Club hosted a STEM day for K-6th grade students in honor of national Engineers week. We got to learn all about physics, gravity, and the laws of motion. We even got to make our own lip balm. **On March 10th, some of our elementary students showcased their poetry talent at our 15th annual Flying Hands ASL Literature competition.** We were thrilled to have students from Oregon School for the Deaf and Montana School for the Deaf join us in the competition. This year's theme was "emotions" and we were blown away by our students' performances! You can see pictures of all these events on our WSD Facebook page. We will have our annual 500 Books Competition this spring- be on the lookout for more information from your child's teacher!



Secondary Principal

Jason Cox, Secondary Principal

Hello Parents/Guardians,

Spring is here! Speaking of spring, the 3rd quarter is near the end—it will be on April 1st. Please remind your child that the 3rd quarter is almost over and to make sure they complete their assignments on time. **If you wonder about your child's grades or missing assignments you can check Skyward and see your child's grades. If you do not remember your password you can ask for one by reaching out to our secretary Rima.Nandakumar@cdhl.wa.gov**

As you all know wearing a mask in Washington State is now optional. Students and staff have the option of wearing a mask. We will still offer free masks to anyone that wants to wear one. The only time students will be required to wear a mask during school hours is when they go see the nurse or if they are riding on a charter bus (or plane) and are a residential student. Since fall, we have had high school students get their lunch and walk over to the gym to eat in the gym due to social distancing guidelines regarding COVID. Middle school always ate in the cafeteria due to a limited number of people allowed in the cafeteria at one time. As of March 14th, we are able to change the procedures and now all secondary students are eating in the cafeteria again. It is so nice that we are almost back to normal and have students able to interact with more peers during lunchtime.

Just a friendly reminder that Spring Break is near. **WSD's Spring break will be the week of April 4th through the 8th.** Students will return to school on April 11th. Have a great spring break and go Terriers!

Student Life Department

Rick Whitney, Director of Residential Services

Slowly but surely we are returning to the campus life as we knew it before the pandemic hit.

For most of this school year the residential students have been having their dinner in their cottages and at one point they could only eat in their bedrooms. That started to change a little over a month ago when Nutrition Services opened up the cafeteria to serve dinner but due to the restrictions on the number of people allowed in the building they could only serve half in the dining area while the others had dinner "to go". The mask mandate was lifted this past weekend and today, March 14th, the cafeteria will now be open to all of the residential students for the first time since March 13, 2020. This is the one time a day where the entire residential student body from pre-school to the senior class are together in one place at the same time. It will be great to see this again.

Speaking of seeing things again... We will be bringing back the After-School Program (ASP) for all the students starting the week after spring break! On Mondays and Wednesdays, students will have the opportunity to join a variety of ASP activities that are ran by our Student Life Counselors (SLCs) such as hiking and bowling as well as games. Please look for more information about this next month.



Sports

Ron Spratlen, Athletic Director

Winter sports for our girls and boys high school basketball season have ended and we have started our spring season. The Middle School basketball season is halfway through and the teams current record is 4 wins and 2 losses. Games are on Monday's and Wednesday's through March 30, game times are 6:00pm at WSD in Hunter Gym. High school track season has started and our first meet is Thursday, March 17 at Kalama; schedules for track can be found our WSD webpage. Thank you for supporting our teams and Go Terriers!



WASHINGTON SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF 2022/2023 School Year

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Mark Your Calendars!

Deaf Awareness Week

Sept. 19-23, 2022

WSBC/WSBCC

ASDB: January 18-22

All Star Day

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Graduation

Thursday, June 8, 2023

All Staff Safety Training: August 22 and 23
Academic department meetings/set up day: Aug 24-26; classroom close out: June 16

Legend

- First/last day of school
- Non-school days
- Early Release Dates
- Residential Travel days

Early Release: 10/20; 11/17; 2/16; 3/16

Residential students to cottages, day students ride bus home

*Teacher Planning Days: 11/4/22, 1/27/23, 3/31/23

No school, residential students leave at noon from cottages

Registration Day*	Sunday, August 28, 2022	President's Day**	Monday, February 20, 2023
First Day of School	Monday, August 29, 2022	Spring Break	April 3-April 7, 2023
Labor Day*	Monday, September 5, 2022	Memorial Day**	Monday, May 29, 2023
Veterans' Day	Friday, November 11, 2022	Last Day of School	Thursday, June 15, 2023
Thanksgiving Break	November 25-26, 2022		
Winter Break	December 19-January 2nd, 2023		
Martin Luther King Jr. Day**	Monday, January 16, 2023		

*No transportation provided on Registration Day
**Holiday and travel day

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)

Shannon Graham, Curriculum & Assessment Coordinator



Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) is coming soon for students in grades 2 and up.

MAP is one tool we use to measure your child's academic progress in reading, language use, math, and science. We administered fall testing in October. Spring testing begins mid-March. Students will complete two of the four test sessions during the week of March 14 and the remaining two test sessions in the following week (March 21). Test completion time ranges from 30 to 60 minutes.

This can be a stressful time for your child. **Make sure your child is rested and has a good breakfast on scheduled test days. Please encourage your child to do their best.** If you want more information on MAP, check out the parent toolkit (see link below) or reach out to me.

<http://nwea.org/the-map-suite/family-toolkit/>

FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

PARENTS OF SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS: It is not too early to start planning to update your student's immunizations. Washington State requires a Tdap booster to be given after the eleventh birthday and before entering seventh grade to be able to attend school. Don't wait until summer, beat the rush, and help your student transition into seventh grade smoothly. Make a well-child appointment for immunization after their eleventh birthday so they are ready to start school in the fall. Records can be faxed to the Student Health Center (SHC) (360) 418-4383.

If you have any questions please contact the SHC (360) 597-8223.

No insurance? Call SeaMar Clinic: 360-852-9070

Ask for an appointment to receive school immunization and bring your child's immunization record with you when you go. Their address is 14508 NE 20th Ave, Suite 102, Vancouver.

Parents...

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Additional Info:

- Large open main compartment
- Reinforced handle
- Supportive bottom board

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- BY AL ROKER

WASHINGTON SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
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