

## From the Superintendent's Desk

Shauna Bilyeu, Superintendent

Terrier Families,

Hello spring! Warmer months are here and the campus is blooming. This is always one of my favorite times of year! 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.

**Our end of the year FAN is on May 8th.** All elementary and secondary families are welcome to join! It will be BBQ style outside under the picnic shelter beginning at 5:30! See you there!

**All Star Day is May 30th.** 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. 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! Elementary awards are in the morning, and secondary academic and sports awards are in the afternoon before dinner. 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.

This year we have a special presentation by from a deaf woman that works with NASA! Come hear about her journey! **Happy Spring and I hope to see you soon!**



## Congratulations to Allie Joiner,

Allie is on the Board of Trustees for Washington School for the Deaf.

*"The LCCF **Alice Cogswell Award** for valuable service on behalf of deaf citizens will be presented to Allie Joiner, class of 1957, of Lynnwood, Washington for her lifelong dedication to the deaf community and the human rights of deaf people worldwide. Allie is known for working towards a barrier-free, socially just, non-violent deaf-empowered community. In her nearly 50 years in the Seattle area, she has worked as a hotline, community individual, systems advocate, deaf service coordinator, deaf interpreter, teacher, and as a vocational counselor. At an age when nearly all of her contemporaries have retired, Allie continues to work as a senior citizen advocacy specialist with the DeafBlind Service Center in Seattle. She was instrumental in the establishment of a state office of services for deaf and hard of hearing people, and is at the forefront of advocacy effects throughout Puget Sound, Washington".*



## Elementary Principal

April McArthur, ASL-English Bilingual Director & Elementary Principal

My first and greatest teacher is my mother. When I was a child, my mother told my sister, brothers and I many stories about growing up on a farm in Nebraska. I was a reluctant reader and did not start reading books by myself until I was 5 years old, but it is my mother's storytelling that planted a seed in my heart and eventually led to my becoming a voracious reader in later school years.

Throughout my school career, I also had teachers who either had tremendous influence on me or became a role model. In elementary school, Jerene Callan was a teacher who saw my thirst for stories and gave me countless books to read. In high school, Janet Weinstock was one of my first deaf teachers at MSSD and she was a powerful role model in my journey finding my identity as a deaf person. In college, Barbara Boyd saw in me, a deaf teacher in the making. The one thing that the 3 teachers had in common: as my teachers, they all saw in me, what I could not yet see in myself, which was my potential and they worked hard to encourage and nurture me throughout my schooling years. That is the power of teaching and learning. I am forever thankful for all the teachers in my life, those who taught me and those I continue to learn from.

Every day, I see our WSD teachers, teacher aides, librarian, ASL specialist, ASL Specialist aide, SLP's, audiologist, school psychologist, and counselors, all working hard with WSD students to support them in their learning journey at WSD. I walk by students every day and marvel at their tremendous growth in language, social and emotional skills. I wonder what they will grow up to be and am excited for their futures. May 6th- May 10th is Teacher Appreciation week. This week is a great opportunity to thank a teacher in your life. Join us in celebrating our WSD academic staff and thank them for all their hard work!

### ICE CREAM FLOAT & MOVIE NIGHT

June 3, 2019

Monday

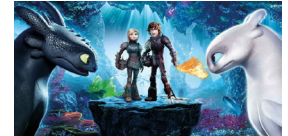
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Clarke Hall Basement

Movie: *How to Train Your Dragon 3  
The Hidden World*



\$3.00



All WSD students & families are welcome!



*Independent Living Skills  
students are having their  
5th Annual Cookie Contest*

*on*

*May 16 at 5:30 pm.*

## Secondary Principal

Jason Cox, Secondary Principal

May has arrived and students are looking forward to summer. Three of WSD's students went to Washington D.C. for the Deaf Academic Bowl (DAB) to compete in the Nationals against other Deaf Schools all over the United States, our students came back from D.C. with rich experience.

Our Terriers Track team will soon be headed to the District Championships. We hope to see some of our students qualify for the state this year. Go Terriers!

WSD will be having an All Star Day coming up on May 30th. All Star Day is a great day to get together and recognize students' growth and success throughout the school year. Please come and watch your child get awards.

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FOR THE DEAF  
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Washington School for the Deaf  
and 50% of your bill will  
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### Calendar

- May 8 - Family Academy Night (picnic)
- May 16 - Early Release
- May 27 - Memorial Day
- May 30 - All Star Day

**SAVE the DATE**  
**All Star Day**  
**May 30!**

**Reminders!**

**Graduation**  
**June 12!**

**Last Day of School**  
**June 14!**

**March Student of the Month**  
3 R Superstar  
 Janet Tuz-Martinez  
Momentous Motivation  
 LeAnna Clearbrook  
Inspiring Improvement  
 Juan Ramirez  
Super Supportive  
 Ramon Varajas  
 Ashlee Frye

### Library News!

Ginger Speranza, Librarian



Our final Lunch and Letters book club is May 16th. We will be reading “Deadly Class” by Rick Remender. A big Thank you to D.E.A.F for such a wonderful donation this year. We have had between 20 and 28 members at each meeting. Students have enjoyed the opportunity participate and to keep the book to add to their personal library. Thank you to Ashantay Truong and Etasha Stone for creating the slides with questions and leading our meetings. Read On.



### Sports!

Ron Spratlen, Athletic Director



High School **Track Season** has one regular season meet left and then the District Championships on Wednesday, May 15 at Naselle High School. Our track athletes have had an awesome season so far and we are looking forward to districts and hopefully sending some of them to the State Championships! End of the season Sports Awards for High School Students will be held on Thursday, May 30 on All Star Day in the Auditorium, 4:15pm-5:30pm. Please come and join us in honoring our Student Athletes!

## STATEWIDE EVENTS!

Greetings from the CDHL Outreach Team!

We are proud to announce that our new Center for Childhood Deafness and Hearing Loss agency website [www.cdhl.wa.gov](http://www.cdhl.wa.gov) is up and running! We are thrilled to have this platform to share news about Outreach services, family events, professional development opportunities, and WSD links. Speaking of family events, we have some coming up in May that we want to share. If you live in the following areas, please join us.

### Family Nights:

- Wenatchee Family Night - May 14, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Castle Rock Early Learning Center
- Pasco Family Night - May 15, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Rowena Chess Elementary School
- Burlington Family Night - May 23, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Salish Sea Deaf School
- Bremerton Family Night - May 30, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Armin Jahr Elementary School

### Conference:

- Infant & Early Childhood Conference - May 1-3 at Greater Tacoma Convention Center  
*Parent Scholarships available through Early Support for Infants & Toddlers (ESIT).*  
<https://www.ieccwa.org/2019/>

### Annual Event:

- Family Camp - May 3-5 (Friday evening - Sunday noon) at Lazy F Camp in Ellensburg  
For more information contact: [carol.carrothers@cdhl.wa.gov](mailto:carol.carrothers@cdhl.wa.gov)

We are very excited for Family Camp 2019, our annual event co-hosted with Washington Sensory Disabilities Services. This is an amazing family event full of activities for both children and parents. This year camp will include ASL immersion classes, parent & child panels, statewide updates from our Executive Director, Rick Hauan, ASL stories and s'mores around the camp fire, and much more! We have been co-running this event for 18 years and it is truly one of the most anticipated and exciting events of the year. Registration for 2019 is full, so we hope you've already signed up! If you haven't, please check our website calendar for more information and consider joining us next year.

## Myths Busted!

Stephanie Kesterke, ASL Specialist



### Myth:

American Sign Language is based on English.

### Fact:

ASL is not a subset of English. ASL developed independently from English and has its own linguistic structure. Signs are not always expressed in the same order as words are in English. This is due to the unique grammar and visual nature of the language.

<https://blog.ai-media.tv/blog/6-myths-about-sign-language>