



From the Superintendent's Desk

Shauna Bilyeu, Superintendent

Terrier Friends and Families,

Welcome to 2020! We have been lucky so far, but there may still be snow lurking in the forecast. As we head in to the wintry weather months, I want to take this opportunity to remind families of our school's operating procedures. Because we are a residential school with approximately 60% of our student population residing on campus Sunday through Friday, it will be VERY rare for the school to close due to inclement weather. What this means for locally residing families: watch the news or other social media outlets for updates for your home school district. Our transportation for local students is provided through ESD 112. They will follow whatever the local school districts do. For example, if you live in the Battleground School District, and it closes due to inclement weather, there will be no transportation provided that day. However our school is still open and staff will report as normal. Parents are welcome to provide transportation for their child on that day. Please call us if you have questions. We will also try to post on the WSD Facebook page and our school website 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>

Your child's safety is always our highest priority. The school will notify you if travel to and/or from the school is deemed unsafe. There may be times that we cannot transport students either to or from school due to inclement weather. If this is the case, we will alert you and work on alternate means (either time or date) for safely transporting students.

2020

HAPPY NEW YEAR

In other news: this month brings the end of the 2nd quarter! January 24th is a non-school day. Residential students will remain on campus in cottages doing fun activities (normal departure time), and local students will not report to school that day. Teachers and staff will work on grades and other end of quarter reports. It's hard to believe we will soon be at the half way point in the school year!

We have a new Board of Trustees member: parent of a deaf daughter, Wesley Henson, joins our board from congressional area 10. This is the Olympia area. He replaces Board member Larry Swift who retired last June. Our Board of Trustees governs Center for Deafness and Hearing Loss, which oversees the school for the Deaf. There are 10 members on our board that represent 10 different congressional areas across the state. The board typically meets once a month and meetings are open to the public. I encourage parents and families to attend.

In case you missed it on Facebook: elementary counselor Wendy Schlitz and librarian Ginger Speranza passed the National Board Certification process! This is a rigorous program that awards the highest teaching certificate and is valid across the nation. We are very proud of them!

The Western States Basketball Classic Championship is also at the end of this month. This year the 5 deaf schools tournament will be in Salt Lake City, Utah. Go Terriers! Next up in February is the Deaf Academic Bowl and THAT is in Hawaii! Got your bags packed?



Elementary Principal

April McArthur, ASL-English Bilingual Director & Elementary Principal

Did you know that one of the fastest ways children develop language is through social interaction with their peers? This is why having a critical mass of peers is so important for children to develop their social, emotional, language and academic skills. At WSD, students have direct communication with each other and staff members. WSD is proud to provide our students the opportunity to learn both inside and outside the classroom. Each year, we participate in several competitions at the elementary, middle and high school levels. Participating in these competitions is a fantastic way for students to learn from their classmates and from peers outside of WSD.

In November, 3 of our students participated in the Battle of the Books competition against 3 Deaf schools/programs: Utah School for the Deaf, Verdano Middle School and Arkansas School for the Deaf. While we did not advance to the next round, WSD is extremely proud of our participants: Angel Castro (6th grade,) Angel Cruz (7th grade,) and Sara Johnson (5th grade.) They put in their best effort and we are always proud to represent WSD in national competitions such as Battle of the Books. For more info about the competition, check out <https://www.gallaudet.edu/youth-programs/battle-of-the-books>

WSD will be participating in a national Middle School Math Competition at Rochester Institute of Technology this March. We are thrilled to announce that one of our 6th graders, Kasey Lewandowski made the math team! Be sure to keep an eye out for news on the results of the competition. <https://www.rit.edu/ntid/mathcompetition/>

Save the dates:
February 5th and March 4th: Family Academy Night in Northrop Building from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

March 12, 2020. We will host our annual Flying Hands ASL Literary competition in Lloyd Auditorium. Students from WSD and other deaf programs around the state and from out of state will come together to compete in ASL poetry, ASL storytelling and De'VIA. Be on the lookout for more information on our website as the date draws closer. Happy New Years!

Secondary Principal

Jason Cox, Secondary Principal

Hello Parents/Guardian,

It is hard to believe that it is now 2020! I hope you all had a great holiday break with your child(ren). We love seeing their smiling faces back at school looking fresh with a renewed energy telling everyone how much they enjoyed their holidays with their family and friends.

I have some exciting news to share with you regarding activities that will be happening soon. Our **Deaf Academic Bowl (DAB) Team, which is sponsored by Tyler DeShaw, will compete this year at the Hawaii School for the Deaf on February 21st through the 24th** AND our Math Team, which is sponsored by Stowe Beecher, will be competing at the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) in New York on March 27th through the 29th! We are excited for the students who qualified to be on the Math or DAB teams and wish them the best of luck as they prepare for their upcoming competitions.

For more information about the DAB and Math team competitions please see the links below:
<https://www.gallaudet.edu/youth-programs/academic-bowl/future-ab-competition-dates>
<https://www.rit.edu/ntid/mathcompetition/>

Thank you and hope your 2020 is off to a great start!

Early Release Dates:
March 26
April 23
May 21



Reminder!

March 30-April 3

Spring Break



Calendar

- January 20 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 24 - Non-School Day
- February 17 - Presidents' Day
- February 5 - Family Academy Night
- Mid Winter Break - February 17-18
- March 4 - Family Academy Night
- March 12 - Flying Hands
- March 30-April 3 - Spring Break

Basketball!

Ron Spratlen, Athletic Director/After School Program

High School Basketball season is underway and we would love to have you come to a game and support the teams! Please see the game schedules posted on our WSD webpage. WSBC (Western States Basketball Classic) will be at Utah School for the Deaf this season and the teams are looking forward to playing and improving leading into the tournament. **ES/MS basketball seasons will start at the beginning of February**, more info coming after the new year. Happy New Year!



2020 Basketball Schedule

Girls - 5:30pm - Boys - 7pm

JANUARY

Thursday, January 9 vs. Columbia Adventist
 Saturday, January 11 @ OSD – Girls Game 2:00pm; Boys Game 4:00pm
 Tuesday, January 14 @ Columbia Adventist – Girls
 Tuesday, January 14 @ Firm Foundation – Boys
 Thursday, January 16 @ Fort Vancouver
 Tuesday, January 21 vs. Three Rivers Christian
 Thursday, January 23 vs. Jewell
 Monday, January 27 @ Columbia Adventist
 WSBC – January 30 – February 1 @ Utah School for the Deaf

FEBRUARY

Tuesday, February 4 vs. Hudsons Bay
 Thursday, February 6 @ Naselle



School Store Business Hours

Monday	8:30-9:30 am	1st period & 2nd period
Tuesday	8:30-9:30 am 1:15-1:45 pm	1st period & 2nd period 5th period
Wednesday	1:15-1:45 pm	5th period
Thursday	1:15-1:45 pm	5th period

Coffee and smoothies will stop orders 5 min before the end of shift
Closed on Early Release Thursdays (Nov 21, Mar 19, Apr 23, & May 21)

Videophone: (360) 553-4636

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ASL LITERATURE COMPETITION

FLYING HANDS 2020
WASHINGTON SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Save the date,
March 12th

Flying Hands 2020! Save the date!
March 12, 2020



Check out Washington School for the Deaf's FaceBook Page!



Honor Roll

Principal's List 3.5-4.0

Oswaldo Cruz
 Deborah Dennnis
 Kevin Diaz
 Sun Flaget
 Alise Hoffman
 Kylee Miles
 Briyana Moore
 Jadalene Moore
 Nic Moore
 Mukhsina Nabieva
 Grace Oxley
 Irazema Paez
 Caleb Plock
 Jose Ramirez
 Juan Ramirez
 Iran Sanchez-Villanueva
 Ella Stromberg
 Evan Stromberg
 Ramon Varaja

Honor's List 3.0-3.49

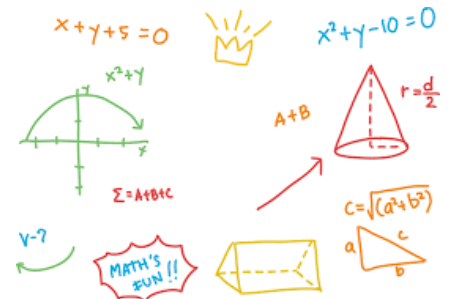
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 Ashley Balcazar
 Jorge Barojas-Hernandez
 Jayson Cabanizas
 Christopher Castro
 Jasmyn Chavez
 LeAnna Clearbrook
 Trinity Cook
 Angel Cruz
 Oswaldo Cruz
 Deborah Dennis
 Kevin Diaz
 Sun Flaget
 Ashlee Frye
 Tye Gonzalez-Woodbury
 Alise Hoffman
 Sierra Jones
 Enrique Jose
 Jace Lewandowski
 Alondra Lopez-Alcaraz
 Jadalene Malone
 Micaela Medina
 Kylee Miles
 Cody Moody
 Briyana Moore
 Mukhsina Nabieva
 Grace Oxley
 Irazema Paez
 Caleb Plock
 Jose Ramirez
 Juan Ramirez
 Abraham Reyes
 Julian Robinson
 Wylee Rodgers
 Juliana Sanchez
 Iran Sanchez-Villanueva
 Maya Schaut
 Ariana Sigeido
 Ella Stromberg
 Evan Stromberg
 Jalen Tracy
 Jennifer Tudor
 Ramon Varaja
 Jesse Walker
 Kwabena Whitestar
 Chyann Wisdom
 Orlando Zepeda

Middle School Math Team

Stowe Beecher, MS/HS Math Teacher

I am excited to announce this year's Middle School Math Team:
 Lorenzo Fortunato (8th grade)
 Julian Robinson (8th grade)
 Evan Stromberg (8th grade)
 Kasey Lewandowski (6th grade)

Math Team competes **March 27th and 28th 2020** in Rochester New York.



WSBC Basics

The **Western States Basketball Classic (WSBC)** is an annual basketball tournament held by Deaf Schools throughout the Western United States. There are usually 5-6 schools that participate. Students participate in basketball games, social activities, and fun events. Schools are also welcome to bring their Cheer Team!

Parents! Are you interested in being part of a parent focus group? OSPI is interested in setting up a focus group at WSD around transition for parents of students who are deaf/hh. Email Shauna Bilyeu if you are interested!



Library News!

Ginger Speranza, Librarian

We have completed our 16th year of **NaNoWriMo!** Our overall word count was 35,144 words! What a great year! These students had the special honor of taking home these coveted awards.

Elementary School

Most Creative- Abby Zepeda

Best Fiction- Sara Johnson

Most Dedicated- Arik Pelchie

Middle School

Most Creative- Jasmyn Chavez

Best Fiction- Julian Robinson

Most Dedicated- Mukhsina Nebieva

Best Graphic Novel- LaJuan Malone

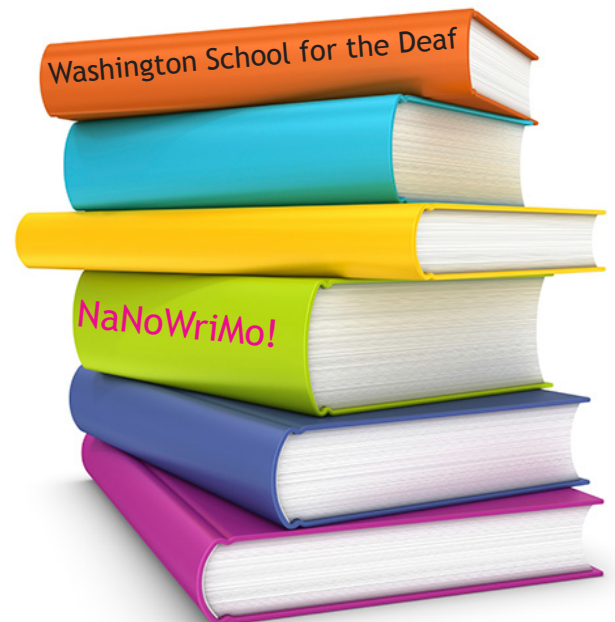
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Most Likely to Publish- Alyssa Messer

Highest Word Count- Lillian Hart



A special shout out to the teachers that encouraged, cajoled, and pushed students to keep on writing. We appreciate your efforts!



Greetings from the Outreach Team & Happy New Year!

Please join us for the following events in your area:

Monthly Family Nights:

Wenatchee Schools - 2nd Tuesday of the month 5:30-7:30pm (through May 2020)

Castle Rock Early Learning Center

January 14, February 11, March 10, April 14, May 12

Salish Sea Deaf School - 5:30-7:30pm

January 23, Feb 20, March 19, April 23, May 21

Other events:

Washington Hands & Voices - social event

Saturday Feb 8, 2020 12:30-2:30pm

Leading Edge Gymnastics Academy (LEGA) in Everett

Social event for families - open to the community

More info will be posted on the WA H&V Facebook page and website in 2020

<https://wahandsandvoices.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/wahandsandvoices>



Save the Date for the 39th Annual Statewide Disability Legislative Reception

January 22, 2020 Reception from 5:30-7:00

Opportunity to talk with your legislators in the Columbia Room on the first floor of the Capitol Dome

Deaf2Deaf Experience JA BizTown - March 18-19, 2020

Junior Achievement is the largest organization dedicated to giving young people the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success, plan for their future and make smart academic and financial choices. JA teaches skills in work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy—igniting the spark in young people to experience and realize the opportunities and realities of work and life in the 21st century. The Department of Social and Health Services' Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, and the Washington Center for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Youth have partnered to provide this opportunity for students who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind in middle schools and high schools statewide.

Registration for this event is available on our website www.cdhy.wa.gov - we hope to see you there!

Erica Pedro PhD

Program Specialist - Outreach Team

Washington Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth