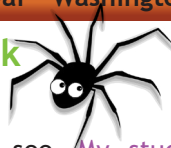


From the Superintendent's Desk

Shauna Bilyeu, Superintendent



We are back in person! It was thrilling to see students come back through our doors on August 30th! There have been and will be some bumps as we continue through this pandemic; however, we are working hard to maintain consistency for all of our students. I appreciate parents reaching out with questions and concerns. We try to stay on top of communications, but you are always welcome to reach out and ask questions or let me know of issues and/or concerns. Please make sure that we have your most current contact information, as email continues to be one of the primary ways I will share school-wide information. Please review the following COVID FAQs and feel free to contact me with any questions.

What if my child has symptoms or has been exposed to someone with COVID-19? To keep all kids safe, families must keep kids at home when they are ill. If students' symptoms are improving (without aid of medication) after 24 hours, students may return with a negative rapid antigen test unless given alternative diagnosis by a health care provider. If symptoms do not improve, a negative PCR test will be needed or the child will need to stay home for ten days from symptom onset.

Please notify the school office immediately if a known exposure to COVID-19 occurs outside of school. Refer to the Clark County Public Health student symptom flowchart, found in this newsletter to determine if/when your student can attend school.

My child is feeling ill--when should I keep them at home? If your child is experiencing a fever of 100.4 or higher, chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, headache, body aches, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea, they need to stay home from school. See the flowchart to determine how/when they can return.

Please note: If these symptoms are connected to a known issue, such as allergies or being prone to migraines, you need to bring a note from your doctor that explains the situation and allows your child to be able to stay in school.

What happens if my child begins feeling ill at school? If your child reports or staff notice the symptoms described above, they will be brought to the office, isolated from others, and sent home immediately.

My student tested positive for COVID-19; when can they return to school? If a person tests positive for COVID-19, they can return to school when the following criteria are met:

- 10 days since symptom onset, or since positive test specimen collection date if no symptoms are present (up to 20 days for those who are severely ill or severely immunocompromised), AND
- 24 hours after fever resolves without the use of fever-reducing medications, AND
- Symptoms have improved

This isolation guidance applies regardless of vaccination status.

Who has to quarantine and for how long?

According to current requirements, students and staff who have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 must begin quarantine and receive diagnostic testing.

Unvaccinated persons must quarantine for 14 days after the last close contact with the COVID-19 positive person. This is the safest option. Monitor for symptoms during this time, and if any COVID-19 symptoms develop during the 14 days, get tested:

- If a person who is in quarantine has no symptoms, quarantine can end after Day 10. (Day 1 is the first day after exposure.)
- If a person who is in quarantine receives a negative molecular COVID-19 test and has no symptoms, quarantine can end after Day 7. The person must be tested on or after Day 5, and quarantine cannot be discontinued earlier than Day 8. Even if a negative test is received before Day 8, the quarantine period must still be a full seven days.

Quarantine exceptions include:

Vaccinated or previously infected persons who are close contacts of someone with COVID-19 are not required to quarantine if they meet the following criteria:

1. Are fully vaccinated (at least two weeks have passed since their second dose (or single J&J dose) and must provide proof of full vaccination. (These individuals should get tested 3-5 days after exposure)

-or-

2. Were previously infected with COVID-19 within the past 90 days and have completed isolation AND have no symptoms AND must provide a copy of positive test results.



Elementary
Halloween Parade
Wednesday
Oct. 27th
2pm-3pm

Any close contacts who test positive for COVID-19 or who have symptoms must begin isolation regardless of vaccination status or prior infection and follow the above protocol. Vaccinated or previously infected persons (within the last 90 days) who are close contacts of someone with COVID-19 AND have one or more symptoms may return if they receive a negative molecular test.



Additional resources and the latest information on the local COVID-19 response are available on the Clark County Public Health website, www.clark.wa.gov/public-health/novel-coronavirus.

Elementary Principal

April McArthur, ASL-English Bilingual Director & Elementary Principal



Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! We are so happy to see all of our Terrier Pups at WSD! If you have not gotten a copy of our [Elementary Quick Guide](#), please contact our administrative assistant, Jackie Valadao (jackie.valadao@chdy.wa.gov or 360-334-5449.) In this quick guide, we have included all of the important school information and dates to mark on your calendar for the year. You can also find updated school information on our WSD website www.wsd.wa.gov Please make sure we have your most up-to-date phone numbers and email addresses.

Our school rules are the “T3” which are “Show Kindness,” “Make Good Decisions,” and “Solve Problems.” On Friday mornings, we have our weekly PAWS Zoom assembly in which we share announcements about school events, recognize student birthdays and celebrate student achievements. Our teachers have set up their SeeSaw classes-if you have not get logged into your child’s class account, please reach out to your child’s teacher.

We continue to follow protective measures in school. All students and staff are required to wear masks and social distance. We encourage students to wash their hands throughout the day and to bring their own water bottles. We also provide small water bottles at school if students are not able to bring their own water bottles. If your child is sick, please keep them at home and follow our COVID screening chart instructions.

In September, we celebrated Deaf Awareness Week during the week of September 20th-24th. Each year, WSD joins the World Federation of the Deaf in their work to raise awareness about Deaf people and signed languages all over the world. WFD is celebrating their 70th anniversary this year! You can learn more about WFD and DAW here: <http://wfdeaf.org/iwdeaf2021/>

We celebrated with a “Kick-Off” assembly on Monday morning with our Vancouver Mayor, Anne McEnerny-Ogle, reading the proclamation announcing that the city of Vancouver would recognize and celebrate DAW with WSD. We also had the wonderful honor of having world-renowned Urban Jazz Dance Company with us all day on Wednesday. They provided FUN dance workshops for all of our students and a magnificent performance for the community on Wednesday night (see pictures.) Company Director, Antonine Hunter, reminded us that Deaf people CAN dance and the WORLD can dance! <https://www.realurbanjazzdance.com/>

If you missed the chance to sign up for our [Fall ASL Community Classes](#), don’t worry! We will offer the next class in late winter. Classes are free for parents of WSD students and only \$75 for community members! Be on the lookout for the next flyer. Also, be sure to check out American Society for Deaf Children. The mission of this organization is to provide support and resources to parents of deaf children. You can sign up to subscribe to their newsletter. <https://deafchildren.org>. If you have any questions or comments, please don’t hesitate to reach out to me.

Parents! Mark your calendars!

Meet your child’s teacher(s)!

Virtual Curriculum

Information

4-5 pm or by appointment

with teachers

October 27th:

Secondary

October 28:

Elementary

You will receive more

information via

communication from

the school

Secondary Principal

Jason Cox, Secondary Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Since School opened August 30th, it has been a blessing to see all students on campus excited to meet peers, staff and just being motivated to be in school ready to learn.

Now that it is October we will be celebrating several events, including Homecoming on Oct. 14th and Unity Day on October 20th. Everyone will be wearing orange shirt to recognize Bullying Awareness. For the month of October, we will have weekly guest speakers’ talk to students about bullying. This is a great opportunity for students to be aware and learn about bullying not being acceptable. Each year all other schools participates in this event which is called National Bullying Prevention Month. If your child has an [orange](#) shirt please have them wear it on October 20th. Look for more information from Amy Blades in this newsletter.



Residential Department

Rick Whitney, Director of Residential Services

October 27!

Elementary
Halloween

The Student Life Department (Residential) is hoping that we can start up the After School Program (ASP) in the near future. The ASP is not running right now due to our efforts to minimize the risk to exposure to COVID for both our day and residential students as well as staff.

party starting at
3 until 4:30pm

Secondary
Halloween party
starting at
7 until 9pm

The cottage students who are not involved in sports will still participate in a new program we call CAT. CAT is short for Cottage Activity Time and it takes place on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 in the afternoon until 5 PM. Cottage students on these days can choose to join an activity set up by the Student Life Counselors (SLCs) for outdoor activities such as hiking, community games like kickball, or art as one of several options to pick from. There will be one group that will be planning the upcoming Halloween social for all WSD students. The purpose of CAT is to get our students out of the cottages for group activities and putting away their phones.

When restrictions are loosened and COVID cases are on the decline we will be returning back to the After-School Program for all students.



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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers:

Greetings! We hope this letter finds you and your family in good health. We are excited to share with you that our school community will be celebrating Unity Day on October 20th this year at WSD. In effort to combat bullying, we will be participating in National Bullying Prevention Month for the month of October. We will be having weekly guest speakers from Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services (ADWAS), Vancouver Police Department, and Deaf role models from the community. WSD Middle and High School students will be engaged in group discussions on bullying and on how we all could prevent bullying. The school counselor will provide Bullying Prevention group work and collaborate with the students' teachers, aides, coaches, and residential staff in providing a safe space.

Unity Day is an annual event occurring during National Bullying Prevention Month in October that promotes joining together to create healthier communities through kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. It was started by PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center in 2011 and is now celebrated around the world. Please have your child wear an **orange shirt** of any kind on **October 20th**. All of WSD staff and students will be wearing orange shirts on that day. You are welcome to join in with us in our Unity Day march!

We hope you'll take this opportunity to talk to your children about bullying prevention and all the positive things we can do to make healthier communities. For more information on the history of Unity Day and its impact, please go to <https://www.PACER.org/bullying/about/history.asp>.

Please view the student video of Unity Day announcement in both American Sign Language (ASL) and Lengua de Senas Mexicanas (LSM) using the QR below:

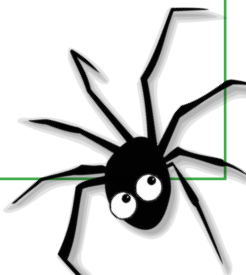


Here is the ASL version of this letter using the QR below:



Sincerely,

Amy Blades
School Counselor for Middle School and High School
VP: 360-553-4628



Picture Day is on October 18th!

Below are the new updates LifeTouch had to make due to Covid-19 restrictions:

No retake day can be provided.
Parents that are unhappy with their portraits will get a full refund.
No classroom groups or class composites.
No Staff packages.

No Longer available at this time:
Student ID cards, Staff badges, Photo Stickers, Photo Directories.
Everything will be online/digital. You will be given information to access online portal to view your child's pictures.

Homecoming is October 14th

Sports!

Ron Spratlen, Athletic Director

Welcome back!

We are almost halfway through our Fall sports season of Volleyball, Football and Cross Country. Come out and support our Terrier teams; sports schedules can be found on our WSD webpage. Our Homecoming football game is Thursday, October 14 at 3:00pm. Admission is \$5.00 for 12 years old and up; free for ages 11 and under (WSD students are admitted for Free).

Please be on the lookout for a **Homecoming Flyer** being sent out soon with additional information. We look forward to seeing you at one our games!



SPIRIT WEEK

October 11-15

Monday: Color War Day

Senior- Red

Junior- Orange

Soph- Yellow

Freshmen- Green

8th- Blue

7th- Purple

Elem (all) - Pink

Staff- White

Tuesday: Duo Day

Wed: Through the Decades-

1920s, 1930s, 1940s, 1950s, 1960s,

1970s, 1980s, 1990s, 2000s

Thurs: Terrier Pride!

Green, Black & White

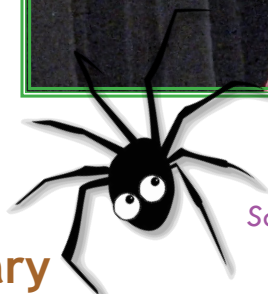
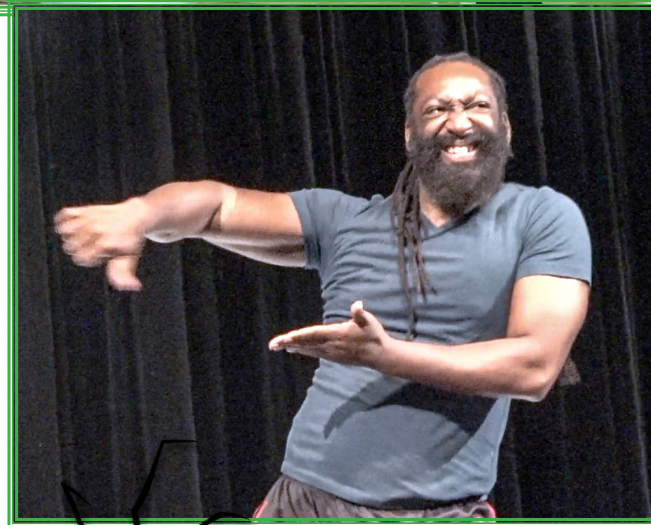
Friday: PJ days!





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-April McArthur



Check Out
Washington
School for the Deaf's
Facebook page

WSD Library

Ginger Speranza, Librarian

As we welcome students back to school we are working hard to make sure technology is ready to go home if it ever becomes necessary. If you have not already signed the parent responsible use agreement please do so. It was sent home in paper form and through email as a DocuSign document. Students that do not have forms signed will have to give back iPads in the upcoming weeks.

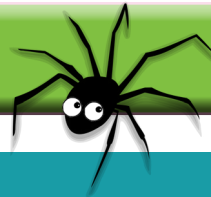
We are also looking forward to our first book fair in 2 years! It starts October 8th and runs until the morning of the 15th. Please consider purchasing books for holiday and birthday gifts and support our book fair.



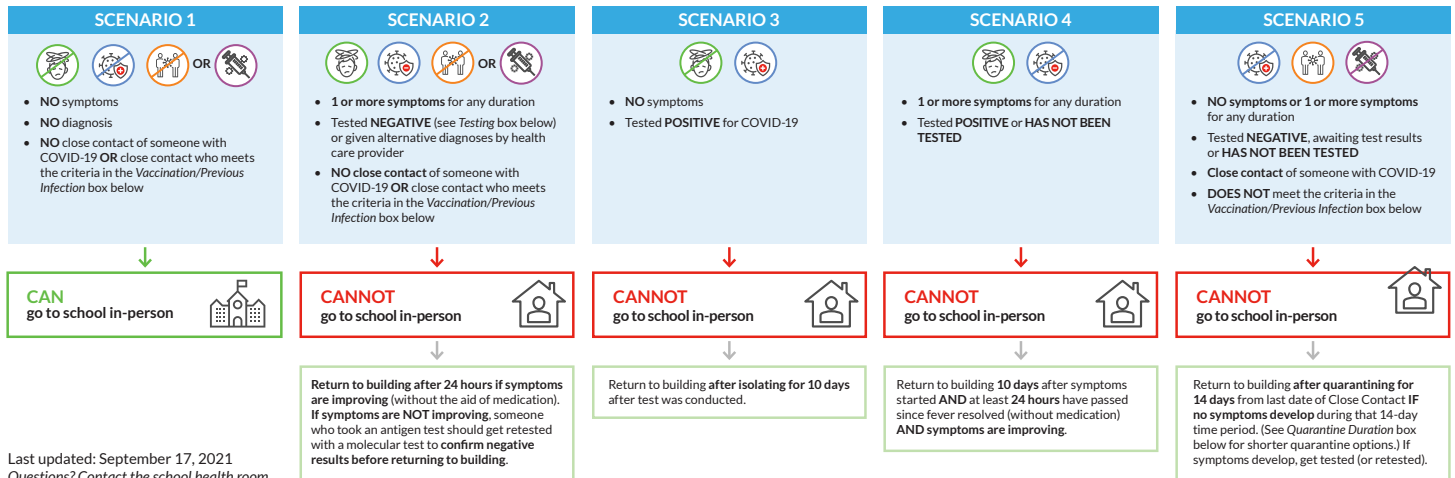
SAVE the DATE
November 25-26
Thanksgiving Break



SAVE the DATE: Winter Break - December 20-31, 2021



COVID-19 Student Symptom Flow Chart



Last updated: September 17, 2021
Questions? Contact the school health room.

QUARANTINE DURATION	SYMPTOMS*	TESTING	CLOSE CONTACTS	VACCINATION/PREVIOUS INFECTION
<p>If recommended duration is not possible, these two options are acceptable alternatives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If a person who is in quarantine has no symptoms, quarantine can end after Day 10. (Day 1 is the first day after the last known exposure date.) If a person who is in quarantine receives a negative molecular COVID-19 test and has no symptoms, quarantine can end after Day 7. The person must be tested on or after Day 5, and quarantine cannot be discontinued earlier than Day 8. Even if a negative test is received before Day 8, the quarantine period should still be a full seven days. 	<p>Fever (defined as subjective or 100.4°F or higher)</p> <p>Chills</p> <p>Cough</p> <p>Loss of sense of taste and/or smell</p> <p>Shortness of breath</p> <p>Fatigue</p> <p>Headache</p> <p>Muscle/body aches</p> <p>Sore throat</p> <p>Congestion or runny nose</p> <p>Nausea or vomiting</p> <p>Diarrhea</p> <p><small>*That are not explained by an existing condition, such as allergies or asthma.</small></p>	<p>Several types of COVID-19 tests exist, with varying degrees of accuracy. The less accurate antigen tests are suitable for screening purposes or for quick results. To confirm a negative antigen test result in someone who is not a close contact and whose symptoms are not improving after 24 hours, the test performed must be a molecular test, such as a PCR test. If someone with one or more symptoms is awaiting test results, follow Scenario 4. If someone is a close contact, follow Scenario 5.</p>	<p>"Close Contact" means being within 6 feet of a person (of any age) with COVID-19 with or without a mask for 15 minutes or more over 24 hours. One exception: In a classroom, masked students can be as close as 3 feet to one another before being considered close contacts. Members of a household are considered to be close contacts if one member tests positive for COVID-19. Ultimately, local health departments determine possible exposure and quarantine requirements during their investigation.</p>	<p>Vaccinated or previously infected persons who are close contacts of someone with COVID-19 are not required to quarantine if they meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are fully vaccinated (at least two weeks have passed since their second dose (or single Johnson & Johnson dose) OR were previously infected with COVID-19 within the past 90 days and have completed isolation. Tested negative with a molecular test if they have 1 or more symptoms (see COVID-19 Testing box). If no symptoms, vaccinated/previously infected person should get tested 3-5 days after exposure.

Approved by Alan Melnick, MD, MPH and Steven Krager, MD, MPH, Public Health Officers for Clark, Cowlitz, Pacific, Skamania, Wahkiakum Counties and by Amy Person, MD, Public Health Officer for Klickitat County

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Demo Update: The old cafeteria and the red barn are gone. Only the part of the Old Boiler House and Epperson remain.

- Early Release
- October 21
- November 18
- February 17
- March 31

November 11
Veterans' Day
No School
November 11 & 12

UNITY DAY
October 20, 2021
Wear & Share
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To Prevent Bullying and Promote
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Acceptance
Inclusion

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