

From the Superintendent's Desk

Shauna Bilyeu, Superintendent



Dear Terrier families and friends,

Welcome to the first Terrier Times of the new school year! School is in full swing. We have lots of updates and news to share, so grab a beverage of your choice and settle down in a comfy chair. This newsletter is the first of four editions. Yes, you read that right. In keeping with the times, we are reducing the frequency of our lengthy written newsletters and going more digital. Did you know that we have multiple social media accounts (official school FB page: Washington School for the Deaf)? In addition to social media, we have a WSD website and CDHY website. Research shows that consumers prefer short tidbits of information at a time. In response to this, we are making a concerted attempt to make frequent short posts on social media to keep you informed of school happenings. If possible, please make sure you are digitally connected! We will continue to provide the longer newsletter and email it out four times a year: October, January, April and June.

Enrollment at WSD continues it's upward trend. At the time of this printing, the total student count including WaCAD is 129. The elementary department has seen the largest growth, but the numbers in all departments are rising. This is phenomenal and is a testament to the dedicated staff and the stellar programs they work hard to maintain. We appreciate the trust that families extend to us in their child's education. Thank you!

WSD Staff updates: Kelsey Ernste, secondary SLP, relocated back to Minnesota to be closer to her family. Secondary teacher Carly Leannah resigned and currently teaches ASL in the Evergreen School District. Long time SLC Shari Nichols retired. We miss them and wish them the best of luck!

WSD Academic Department welcomes three new teachers in addition to a teacher re-assignment. Virginia (Ginny) Black joined the elementary department. Ginny teaches a 3-6th grade class called STRIVE. Structured Teaching Reinforced in a Visual Environment. This class is a blended 3-6th grade class that serves students who are deaf with additional needs. This is a pilot program we are hoping to expand that will eventually serve students at all grade levels. Michelle Clark, former secondary science teacher, was reassigned to the elementary department to meet the needs of the growing student population there.

Teacher Drew Treacy joined the secondary department. She teaches middle school science and English Language Arts. Jenna Frink is the newest SLP to join the secondary department. She also hails from Minnesota! Several new aides and on call SLCs have been hired as well. There are many new faces around campus, so please be sure to reach out to the principals or residential deans and director if you have any questions.

Upcoming Events!

Sports, sports, sports! High school fall sports include football, cheer, volleyball and cross-country! We also have soccer at the middle school and elementary levels. Check out the schedules on our website.

Mark your calendars for October 10th! Parents and families are invited to attend an Open House and the book fair during the day and at 3:30 pm, we kick off our homecoming football game against Lake Quinault. We have a special halftime show presentation honoring the volunteers that gave our football stadium a new coat of paint and a fresh face-lift this summer. I would love to have a packed stadium for that. Please be there if you can!

Elementary Principal

April McArthur, ASL-English Bilingual Director & Elementary Principal

Elementary Program News!

Welcome to the new 2019-2020 School Year! Our elementary program continues to grow. We are very happy to see our returning students back to school and we are thrilled to meet our new Terrier Pups! If you have not gotten a copy of our WSD elementary "Quick Guide", please stop by our office to get a copy or contact our front office to request a copy to be sent home with your child. You can contact our administrative assistant, Mariel Schemp through email at mariel.schemp@cdhl.wa.gov or call her at 360-696-6525 ext 0414. In this quick guide, we have included all of the important school information and dates to mark on your calendar for the year.

Our school rules are the "T3" which are "Show Kindness," "Make Good Decisions," and "Solve Problems." Each class has made a video to show each other how we can follow the T3 rules across our campus, whether we are in the classroom or in the auditorium. On Friday mornings, we have our weekly PAWS assembly in which we share announcements about school events and celebrate student achievements. Our WSD Student Handbook provides a comprehensive explanation of rules and expectations for all WSD students. If you do not yet have a copy, please stop by our front office and request a copy.

We love to have our parents visit our school! If you would like to visit your child's classroom, please contact your child's teacher ahead of time. We have many school events throughout the year so please check our school website at www.wsd.wa.gov and be on the lookout for reminders from school. All elementary classes are using the SeeSaw app which is a fantastic way for you to see what is happening in your child's classroom. If you do not yet have access to your child's classroom SeeSaw, please contact your child's teacher. If you would like to volunteer at WSD, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Sharon Caton at sharon.caton@cdhl.wa.gov / 360-696-6525 ext. 4361.

This year, I have set up a group called, "Terrier Pups Advisory Group" ("TPAG.") I will be meeting weekly with a group of 5th and 6th grader students who will act as advisors to me and work with me in making our elementary program better for all students. This will be a great opportunity for students to further develop their leadership and advocacy skills and I look forward to working with our Pups!

Secondary Principal

Jason Cox, Secondary Principal

Hello Parents/Guardians, 2019-2020 school year is already an exciting start! We have started the school year with quite a number of new secondary students. In the secondary department, I am excited to announce that we have two new staff. One is a teacher, Drew Tracey and the other is a Speech Language Pathologist, Jenna Frink.

One of the exciting things that is happening this year is Cross Country which we have never had a Cross Country team here at Washington School for the Deaf. Just last weekend, we had three cross country runners place in the top 3 which is exciting.

Last year, we had a great Family Activity Night (FAN) with parents and children getting together. This year we are doing something new. We will have FAN for both Elementary and the Secondary Departments. The reason for that is because we have some parents who have children that attend both Elementary and Secondary. This is a great opportunity for students and parents to meet. I look forward to seeing you all at FAN.

Thank you everyone for giving your child an opportunity to attend the best school that provides and ASL-English Bilingual approach to all Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Let's make it a great school year.

Family Academy Night
For parents of Deaf & Hard of Hearing children
All ages welcome!
Fun Activities! Parent Program!
Dinner Included!

Wednesday Evenings!
5:30pm-7:30pm - Northrop Gym

FAN

October 2
November 6
December - No FAN
January - No FAN
February 5
March 4
April 8
May 6

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Early Release Dates:
October 17
November 21
March 19
April 23
May 21

Calendar

October 2 FAN
 October 4-11 Book Fair
 October 10 Open House
 October 10 Homecoming
 October 31 ILS Halloween Party

School Pictures

Oct 1
Retakes
Nov 12



Bilingual Department News

We have American Sign Language classes for families starting the 1st week of October:

- Beginner's level will be on Thursdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm
- Intermediate Level will be on Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm
- ASL Class for Spanish speaking families on Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm

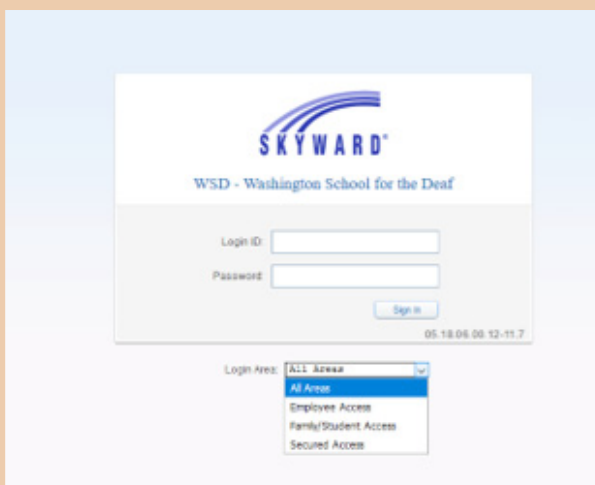
Please be sure to check our WSD Facebook page for the flier/registration form. Classes fill up quickly so don't delay! Classes are free for parents of WSD students. Community members may take the class for only \$50. Sign up your family and friends!

To access Skyward

Please contact David Martin at david.martin@cdhl.wa.gov and an account will be set up for you. Please include your child's name. Once you have your account information follow directions below:

Click on this link or type it in your browser:
<https://www2.swrdc.wa-k12.net/scripts/cgiip.exe/WService=wcdhls71/seplog01.w>

This will take you to the Skyward home page
 Make sure you select the Parent/Student Access in the drop down.



Once you log in it will take you directly to your child's page.

Homecoming GAME
October 10 at 3:30 pm, we
kick off our homecoming
football game against
Lake Quinault.

ILS students will be hosting a

Halloween Party

Clarke Hall Basement

October 31th; Thursday

7:00 PM-9:30 PM

7th grade -12th grade



Library News!

Ginger Speranza, Librarian

Book Fair is on its way! We will be open for business October 4th-11th. We have something new this year called eWallet. It is a secure way for you to allow students to shop at the store without the trouble of sending cash. Two great features are that you can set a limit and only pay for what was actually purchased. We will post this on Facebook when it is available. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Sharon Caton at 360-418-4361 or sharon.caton@cdhy.wa.gov.

REMINDER!
NaNoWriMo
is coming soon!



WSD celebrating kick off of Deaf Awareness Week with Washington State Representatives! Bryan Stebbins, Legislative aide to Patty Murray, Sharon Wylie, 49th District and Larry Hoff, 18th District.

MAP Testing

Shannon Graham, Ph.D. Curriculum & Assessment Coordinator

Our fall district assessment is happening soon! We use Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) two times a year to monitor reading, writing, and math progress for students in grades 2 and up. This year we are adding science! This is a perfect time because we will be adopting a science curriculum next year. MAP results will help us re-design our science program and select the best materials for our students. Because there are 4 test sessions, there will be a 2-week window with two sessions per week. Students will take the reading and language use tests on October 15th and 16th. The math and science tests will be administered the following week, October 22nd and 23rd. This can be a stressful time for your child. Please encourage your child to do their best on these tests. Make sure your child is rested and has a good breakfast on scheduled test days. If you want more information on MAP, check out the parent toolkit: <https://www.nwea.org/parent-toolkit/> or reach out to me: shannon.graham@cdhl.wa.gov.

Myths Busted!

Stephanie Kesterke, ASL Specialist

True or False?

There is only one sign language in the world.

False!!!!

Tsk... Actually, there are over 136 possible sign languages in the world! (For example, American Sign Language, British Sign language, Korean Sign Language, Japanese Sign Language & more...)

MYTHS
BUSTED



Volleyball Schedule WSD 2019

September 9	Columbia Adventist - Jamboree	5:00pm	AWAY
September 17	Fort Vancouver	5:00pm	AWAY
September 19	Lake Quinalt	6:00pm	HOME
September 24	Fort Vancouver	6:00pm	HOME
September 26	Mary M Knight	6:00pm	AWAY
October 2	Columbia Adventist	6:00pm	HOME
October 4/5	Spike Out Tournament - Riverside, California		
October 8	Firm Foundation	6:00pm	AWAY
October 9	Naselle	6:00pm	HOME
October 15	3 Rivers Christian	6:00pm	AWAY
October 22	Columbia Adventist	6:00pm	AWAY
October 24	Firm Foundation	6:00pm	HOME
October 28	Naselle	6:00pm	AWAY
October 30	3 Rivers Christian	6:00pm	HOME

Football Schedule WSD 2019

Sept 19	Lake Quinalt	4:00pm	HOME
Sept 26	Mary M Knight	3:30pm	AWAY
Oct 4	CSDR Riverside, CA	7:00pm	AWAY
Oct 10	Lake Quinalt HOMECOMING	3:30pm	HOME
Oct 19	NMSD Santa Fe, NM	5:00pm	AWAY
Oct 24	Taholah	3:00pm	HOME
Oct 30	Oakville	3:00pm	HOME



Cross Country 2019

October 1	Toutle Lake	3:30pm	AWAY
October 15	Mossyrock	TBA	AWAY
October 22	Valley Christian (Oregon)	3:45pm	AWAY
November 2	District Meet Onalaska	10:00am	AWAY

Thanksgiving Break
November 28-29, 2019

Winter Break
December 23- January 20, 2020

Positive Behavior Supports

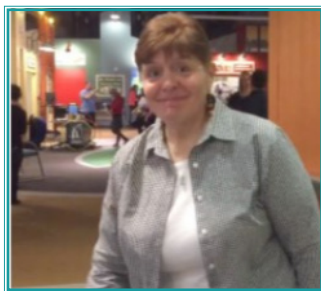
J.Piper Gallucci, PBIS Program

At WSD our goal is to provide a safe and predictable environment in order for students to be successful today and in the future. We use the Positive Behavior Supports (PBIS) framework in order to instruct students on expected academic success and behavior success in a variety of environments like the classroom, hallway, playground and bus. The emphasis is on instruction, modeling, reviewing and recognizing success, as well as providing natural consequences in order to support positive behavior decisions.

The elementary school's expected behaviors are to Show Kindness, Make Good Decisions, Solve Problems. The secondary students behavioral expectations are to Respect Self, Respect Others and Respect Property. PBIS framework establishes a common language to support students in their academic and behavioral successes. The PBIS framework believes that recognizing students for following expected behaviors enhances and increases positive behaviors.

Greetings from the CDHY Outreach Team!

We would like to congratulate our Outreach consultant **Cathy Corrado** on her amazing work with Junior Achievement of Washington and creation of the Deaf2Deaf experience! She is being given the Inaugural Year's Award for her work!



CDHY OUTREACH Family Engagement Events to announce
Please join us if you live in the area.

Burlington - Salish Sea Deaf School Family Fun Night 5:30-7:00pm

Location: 1043 Goldenrod Rd #101 Burlington, WA 98233

Dates:

- Oct 24 - Hearing Speech & Deaf Center (HSDC)
- Nov 21 - Craft Night
- Dec - TBD

RSVP to maria@salishseadeafschool.org or text 360.419.6946 - please include number of children and their ages

Wenatchee - Family Night (2nd Tuesday of the month) 5:30-7:00pm

Location: Castle Rock Early Learning Center 112 South Elliott Street, Wenatchee WA 98826

Dates:

- Oct 8th - this event will include dinner
 - Hands and Voices: Christine Griffin, Parent Advocacy IEP
 - Check out Books with North Central Washington Library Bookmobile (NCRL)
 - ASL lesson with Twina Paulus
 - Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM) Family fun Activities (NCRL)
- November 12th - this event will include dinner
 - Department of Vocational Rehabilitations (DVR): Ashly Schweiger
 - Check out Books with North Central Washington Library Bookmobile (NCRL)
 - ASL lesson with Twina Paulus
 - Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM) Family fun Activities (NCRL)
- December 10th Holiday Party!
 - Signing Santa
 - Performance family art with Foothills Middle School Art Teacher Kaya McLaren

For more information contact carvitto.justin@wenatcheeschools.org

Check out our website www.cdhy.wa.gov for other upcoming events in your area or to get in touch with us anytime.
Have a wonderful remainder of 2019! CDHY Outreach Team

THE INAUGURAL YEAR'S AWARD GOES TO CATHY CORRADO

Cathy is a trainer and consultant for Washington State's Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth (CDHL). Her focus is literacy including reading, writing, and content areas. Before arriving at CDHL, Cathy taught in a self-contained deaf and hard of hearing elementary classroom for 28 years, in the Tacoma Public School District.

Cathy recognized the need for deaf and hard of hearing students to participate in critical life-skills learning outside of the classroom, and worked with JA of Washington to adapt JA programs to enable these students to experience *JA BizTown* and *JA Finance Park*. There, students are given a life scenario requiring them to successfully create a budget for themselves and their family simulation. In addition, they have the opportunity during their visit to the Capstone facility to participate in mock job interviews, and to learn from successful adult mentors who, like them, are deaf or hard of hearing.

Thanks to Cathy's efforts, each year hundreds of local deaf and hard of hearing students are given the opportunity to learn about business, economics, finances, and life skills at a unique two-day Deaf2Deaf Experience in collaboration with the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, held at JA's Auburn Capstone facility. In addition, Junior Achievement affiliates across the country are now looking into replicating the program for students in their area.

*Junior Achievement of Washington congratulates Cathy Corrado
on this well deserved honor.*

