

Terrier Times



From the Superintendent's Desk

Shauna Bilyeu, Superintendent

Welcome to school year 2022-2023! As usual, we are hitting the ground with all paws running! (A little terrier humor there for you!) We kicked off the school year with a fantastic ice-cream social with a llama and an alpaca in attendance! Fun was had by all; truth be told, I think that staff had just as much fun with the animals as the students!

International Deaf Awareness Week was Sept. 19-23rd. The theme this year was, "Building Inclusive Communities." Special guest Melissa Yingst came and shared her life experiences as well as what she has learned through her work as a social media influencer. You can catch her show on Youtube under "Melmira." We are always working to show our students that they are a unique, special part of the world and that with the right tools, such as fluency in ASL and English print, they can do whatever their heart desires. It is ok to be different, in fact, it is better to be different.

Are you aware of our non-profit foundation? Deaf Education Advocates Foundation, D.E.A.F.? This group advocates, support and fundraises for our school. They do an annual 24 hour online fundraiser every September called Give More 24! This year they are trying to raise money for new playground equipment for our new academic building. By the time you read this, that particular fundraiser will be complete, however, you can also have a portion of your Fred Meyer rewards go to D.E.A.F, or your Amazon purchases! After you have your account linked to DEAF, you don't have to do anything except shop! Please see their website at: <http://www.deaf-wa.com/home.html> for more information.

We are mostly complete with schematic design for our new school. On October 8th, our design team will be at the Homecoming football game with big poster boards illustrating what our new school will look like! If you are interested, come on down to Devereaux field at 3:00 pm to cheer on our Terriers and see the plans for the future school!

Please make sure we have your most up-to-date contact information. Most school communications will be shared electronically through Skyward. It's going to be a fantastic school year, and we want to be sure you get all of the news!



Benny the Llama & Napoleon the Alpaca visit!





Spirit Week
October 3 - 7
Monday
CHARACTERS' DAY
Tuesday
TERRIER PRIDE
Wednesday
TRIOS DAY
Thursday
SPORTS' DAY
Friday
PJ'S DAY

Elementary Principal

William (Bill) Newell, Elementary School Principal

What's Happening in the BEST! Bilingual ASL/English Elementary School
We are off and running...

I trust most/all parents/guardians of our elementary Terrier Pups are aware that April McArthur, former Elementary Principal left at the end of last year to pursue her career at the California School for the Deaf, Riverside. We all here at WSD miss her but wish her well. And WSD has earnestly been recruiting for a replacement that will carry on the leadership of our elementary school. Wanting only the best leadership they are continuing the search process to find that person. In the meantime, WSD administration asked if I would come back from retirement to lead the Elementary program. I am happy to do so. Some of you may know that I was the former Principal of the Secondary department and retired 9 years ago. It has been great to be back and I look forward to leading the Elementary program this school year.

Library News!
Book Fair
October 3-7!



National Novel
Writing Month starts
November 1

Currently we have fifty students enrolled in our Pre-school through 6th grade. We accept students year-round to our program. If you know any families who want to know more about WSD and may be considering enrolling their deaf or hard-of-hearing student with us, please have them contact Jackie Valadao at Jackie.valadao@cdhy.wa.gov or call 360-334-5449. We will be happy to have families visit our campus to get to know what we offer.

Now that COVID is somewhat behind us (naturally always following Department of Health guidelines), we are bringing back our very popular **Family Activity Night (FAN)**. FAN is an opportunity to visit our campus and engage with our staff and with other families in fun and educational activities. It is a way to connect and get support from other families with deaf and hard-of-hearing children. Stay tuned for more information on FAN.

Our Terrier Pups very much enjoyed meeting and interacting with **Melissa Yingst (Melmira)** at our Deaf Awareness Week (DAW) kick off on September 19. A group of our students became school Ambassadors to visit Harney Elementary school which is just across the street from WSD. These students represented WSD well in sharing some signs with students at Harney. This was part of the nationwide "Say Hello" program as part of the Sandy Hook Promise initiative. See more about this at: <https://www.sandyhookpromise.org/our-programs/start-with-hello/start-with-hello-week/>



"Say Hello"

September was busy and we are off to a great start to our 2022/23 school year. Please feel free to contact me at any time with concerns, questions or compliments. We have a great staff and we are here to serve your child to the best of our abilities. My VP number is 360-553-4612 and my email is bill.newell@cdhl.wa.gov



Be on the lookout for Elementary Halloween Parade date!

Secondary Principal

Jason Cox, Secondary Principal


September has gone by fast! October is just around the corner. A lot has happened the last several weeks. We had a Deaf Awareness Week (DAW) kick-off. During DAW week we had different activities for students. Each day activities involves in educating students about Deaf Awareness from around the world.

Now that October is here, our Secondary School Counselor will participate with staff and students on National Bullying Awareness Month. All schools from all over the nation participate each year on the **National Bullying Awareness month**. We will teach students many different things, especially about cyberbullying through social media. Nowadays with social media more and more people are using it to bully others. We look forward to continuing to educate students on the ethical use of social media.

As a Secondary Principal, I want to share with you all on how proud and excited I am for Dana Miles. Dana won 2022 Teacher of the Year award in our region of ESD 112. She was selected to go to Olympia to compete with other teachers from all over Washington State who also won Teacher of the Year for their school district. Dana Miles was the only Deaf teacher among all hearing teachers there. While Dana was at Teacher of the Year ceremony up in Olympia, the group of teachers selected Dana as a 2023 Teacher of the Year award for Washington State! Washington School for the Deaf (WSD) is a unique school and not only Dana but all other teachers at WSD are amazing teachers that wants best for your child. Please join me in congratulating Dana Miles.

Dana Miles
2023 Washington State
Teacher of the Year!



Congratulations & Thank You
for making magic happen!

WSD Staff
Hogwarts Deputy Headmistress

Sports

Ron Spratlen, Athletic Director/After School Program

Fall Sports and ASP are off to a great start; keeping all of our students busy and active! Games have started for our High School Volleyball and Football teams, please come see a game and support the teams. [Schedules can be found on our WSD Webpage](#); please check regularly as the schedule does change sometimes. Our elementary soccer teams have also started playing games and they play Wednesday's at 5:00pm. The Terriers team play at our football field and the Pups team plays on campus between the cottages and cafeteria. We are halfway through our Fall ASP session with students enjoying Art, Hiking, Games and more! Stay healthy, active and safe!!

Homecoming Football Game

October 8th at 3pm on Devereaux field!

Homecoming king and queen will be announced at half-time!

Come support your Terriers!



Academic Leadership Team

Our accreditation is up for review in spring 2023! This is a time for us to reflect on our work with staff, families, students, and community members. We are asking all members of our WSD family and other stakeholders for feedback as we work to achieve national accreditation. Your input will be valuable. Please take a moment to complete the survey below. Your responses will be confidential.

Survey in English and Spanish

<https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#!/action/200236/30985>

We look forward to your feedback! Thank you.



Check out

WSD's

FaceBook Page!

Terrier Systems of Support

J.Piper Gallucci, NBCT

At the Washington School for the Deaf we recognize that a child's social-emotional health is crucial for their academic success. We recognize students have diverse needs and that "one size does not fit all" when it comes to academic achievement and social success. The Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) is a framework many school districts use. This includes the Washington School for the Deaf. Included in our MTSS framework are: Trauma-Informed approaches (TI), Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS), Bully Prevention, Anti-Bias Education (ABE), and more.

PBIS is a school-wide approach that provides a framework of school-wide expectations and recognitions. Students are taught expectations at the beginning of the school year and review these expectations as needed. Students are recognized daily for their success. More formal recognition includes the Friday assemblies in the elementary department and Student of the Month assemblies in the secondary department.

WSD ASL Classes!

Oct 4-December 6!

Each class will have a maximum of 8 participants - first come, first served.

Beginner classes will be in person and meet once a week at WSD on Tuesday evenings.

Classes are free to parents of current WSD students.

Community Member Cost is \$75.

For more information please contact: jackie.valadao@cdhl.wa.gov or

Residential Department

Rick Whitney, Director of Residential Services

It is always nice to see the returning students and staff along with some new faces at the beginning of a school year but recently for the past two school years, it has been more of a blessing due to the fact we are just coming out of a pandemic. Now we are almost two months in and we are rolling along!

Parents/guardians of our cottage students please refer to your parent letters on the best ways to contact your child's Student Life Counselors (SLCs) and please direct any questions regarding transportation needs to our Administrative Assistant Residential/Transportation, Sharon Caton, for the Student Life Department. If you have any questions about our sports program or after-school activities please do contact our Athletic Director/After School Coordinator, Ron Spratlen, and he will be happy to help.

All juniors and seniors in the cottages are part of the Independent Living Skills program. They attend classes on Monday evenings that cover a range of subjects to help them beyond school. They will also be planning to a dinner meal once a month for their cottage families. Day students are welcome to join the program and should contact our ILS/WaCAD Program Supervisor, Toni Stromberg, about enrolling.

By the way, since October 31st is coming up we will be having our annual spook fest Halloween party soon. Be sure to look out for details! The ILS students will be running this fun event.

We have two Student Life Deans that oversee the SLCs outside of school hours. Carey Price works in the afternoons and evening times. Roxane Smith-Divine takes over at midnight and is on campus until the students are back into school. I am looking forward to the rest of the year and the memories that will be made! Please stay safe.