

## Happy Holidays!

### From the Superintendent's Desk

Shauna Bilyeu, Superintendent

#### Happy December!

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 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.

On another note: Mark your calendars! DEAF is sponsoring Deaf actor, Josh Castille to come to WSD campus!! See the information for that elsewhere in this newsletter. Happy, happy holidays!

December 20  
Early Release!



**Santa Claus** is coming to WSD!

December 19th at 6:30pm

Pre-school/elementary students & families!

Clarke Hall Basement

611 Grand Blvd, Vancouver, Washington

**Winter  
After School Program  
December 3-January 23**



First Quarter Honor Roll  
Secondary Program

### Principal's List

3.5-4.0

- Raymond Singkeo
- Iran Sanchez Villanueva
- Ashantay Truong
- Nicolaus Moore
- Etasha Stone
- Alise Hoffman
- Tessa Williams
- Oswaldo Cruz
- Sun Flaget
- Peyton Barnes
- Kevin Diaz
- Jayson Cabanizas
- Kaja Stone





## Elementary Principal

April McArthur, Elementary Principal

*If your child is missing a coat or lunch bag, check out the lost and found items in our front office.*



Dear Elementary Families,

Have you noticed that your child sometimes comes home on Fridays with either a “PAW” stamp on their hand or a “PAW” ticket? At WSD, we practice the act of caring and supporting each other through our **3 Terrier Pup school rules: Show Kindness, Make Good Decisions, and Solve Problems.** Staff members give students a “PAW” ticket for supporting the school rules. Every Friday morning, we recognize students who received PAW tickets and celebrate their accomplishments.

Our elementary teachers share regular classroom news either through a class newsletter or through the SeeSaw app. If you have not received news from your child’s class, please contact your child’s teacher. Maintaining a home-school connection is important to us and we want you to know what your child is learning at school.

Research shows us that the more consistent your child’s school attendance is, the more likely they will have a successful school experience. Our dedicated teaching staff is committed every day to make sure your child receives the best education possible. Please make every effort to schedule your child’s appointments before or after school. However, if your child is sick, please keep them at home. If your child will miss school, please email Mariel Schemp at mariel.schemp@cdhl.wa.gov or call her at 360-418-0414 (Voice) or 360-334-5449 (VP.) We are so grateful to have you and your child as part of our Terrier Pups. We wish you a peaceful and joyful holiday season.

## Secondary Principal

Jason Cox, Secondary Principal

With the holidays coming soon, here are some tips on how to keep your child busy and safe over the holidays. Often times Deaf and Hard of Hearing students experience being left-out due to limited communication during family gatherings and holiday celebrations. It is critical for families and friends to do their best to involve the Deaf and Hard of Hearing child. Even if you don’t know sign language, you can use body gestures to help the child understand conversations and be included.

When your Deaf or Hard of Hearing child becomes bored and isolated, it can cause them to just run to their computer and use social media. Keep a close eye on your child when they are using any technology devices at home and monitor their social media. You should not only be concerned about your child but about strangers trying to get your child’s attention in an unhealthy way.

Because phones and tablets are becoming increasingly affordable, most of our children use a variety of social media apps to stay in touch with one another. There are pros and cons to each app in addition to benefits and risks. It is absolutely crucial that families monitor their child’s use of the various social media apps to make sure that the child is using them safely. Children need to be taught how to use the phone/tablet appropriately and how to protect themselves from bullying and online predators.

Social media apps such as Snapchat or Facebook allow users to send messages, pictures and videos to one another. Unfortunately, this format can allow users to share inappropriate personal information. There are many strangers out there that pretend to be a child or a teenager and they can convince an innocent child online to be their new friend, putting your child at risk. **Two of the most important things families can do to protect their child is to 1) educate their child on how to be safe online and 2) parents should randomly and frequently monitor their child’s activities online.** Below are some helpful website links that give ideas on how to support your child. As always, please feel free to contact us for some ideas as well.

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/01/25/health/social-media-red-flags-for-parents/index.html>

<https://www.common sense media.org/social-media>

<https://www.netnanny.com/assets/brochures/NetNanny-SocialNetworkingChallenges.pdf>

Varsity Girls Basketball

WSD vs. Hudson's Bay - December 5 - 5:30pm  
 WSD@Oregon School for the Deaf - December 8 - 2pm  
 WSD vs. Naselle - December 13 - 5:30pm  
 WSD vs. Battle Ground - December 18 - 4:30pm  
 WSD vs. 3 Rivers Christian - December 20 - 5:30pm



Varsity Boys Basketball

WSD vs. Hudson's Bay - December 5 - 7:00pm  
 WSD@Oregon School for the Deaf - December 8 - 4pm  
 WSD vs. Naselle - December 13 - 7:00pm  
 WSD@Firm Foundation - December 18 - 7:00pm  
 WSD vs. 3 Rivers Christian - December 20 - 7:00pm

Vancouver Association Of The Deaf Presents our 2018 Annual  
**Deaf Kids & ASL Professional's**  
**Signing Santa Holiday Party**  
**December 2<sup>nd</sup> (Sunday) 11:00am-2:00pm**  
**Register your Child (ren)**  
**Ages of 0-10 Years Old**  
**Free with Registration!!!**  
**Craft Booths Photo Booth**  
**Refreshments & Hot Drinks**  
**Entertainment in ASL**  
**Signing Santa & More!**  
**REGISTER BY NOVEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Email Your Child (ren) Name & Age**  
**VADYouth@yahoo.com**

This event is sponsored by the Vancouver Association of the Deaf, a nonprofit organization, and has no affiliation, sponsorship or endorsement with the Vancouver/Portland Public School Districts

*Holiday*  
**FOOD DRIVE**

**Barrel Locations:**

Northrop Elementary  
 Divine High School  
 Clarke Hall Front Entry  
 Student Health Center

All Food Donations will go to the

☺ 'Tis the Season of Giving ☺

*Sponsored by Washington School for the Deaf  
 Independent Living Skills Class. ~Thank you.~*

**Milkshake & Movie**  
 >>>>> Movie: "Small Foot" <<<<<<  
 Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
 6:30pm-8:30pm  
 Where? Clarke Hall Basement, WSD  
 Hosted by ILS Students and WSD Residential Staff  
 All WSD Students, Staff and Day-students are welcome!

Collect canned food or non-perishable food for families needing assistance during this holiday season. Donation will go to the SHARE.

**Vanilla Milkshake= \$4.00**  
**Bring canned food and the cost goes down!**

2 can = Milkshake will cost you \$3.00  
 4 cans = Milkshake will cost you \$2.00  
 6 cans = Milkshake will cost you \$1.00  
**8 cans= FREE Milkshake!**  
 (Topping is not included)

**Each topping= .50¢**

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**Residential Reminder**

Rick Whitney, Director of Residential Services

The year 2018 is soon coming to an end. We want to remind everyone that the Residential students will be going home for the winter break on December 21st. They will return back on January 6th, 2019. We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy winter break!

*Reminder Winter Break*

First Quarter Honor Roll  
Secondary Program

**Honorable Mention**  
**3.0-3.49**

- Shania Jones
- Chyann Wisdom
- Emma McKinney
- Savannah Cruz
- Aree Blackmer
- Lillian hart
- Jennifer Tudor
- Tye Gonzalez-Woodbury
- Stanity Jorju
- Caleb Plock
- Roxanne Lamarche
- Jalina Miller
- Jose Ramirez
- Rainee Wells
- Saray Fortunato Zamora
- Enrique Jose
- LeAnna Clearbrook
- Gabrielle Grosnick
- Ethan Jacobs
- Briyana Lyman-Whitney
- Julian Robinson
- Alexzander Schaut
- Juan Ramierz
- Janet Tuz-Manrique
- Maya Schaut
- Grace Oxley
- Chloe Anthony-Bennett

**Terrier Pride Attendance**

J. Piper Gallucci, Teacher & PBIS Coordinator

Attendance is a key factor in student academic success. Students with a strong attendance record tend to be more successful in school. They tend to perform well in tests and perform better academically than students who are frequently absent. Students with strong school attendance also show a higher rate of work and earnings success after graduation.

Chronic absenteeism is defined as missing 10 or more days a year. A child who is chronically absent disengages from their peers. Classmates tend to lose interest in socializing with a student who is often absent. Frequent absences also means fewer hours of classroom instruction which can lead to lower academic achievement and lower test scores. Research shows that students with chronic absenteeism have a higher dropout rate. Improving school attendance improves a child's academic and social success in school. A strong attendance record supports a strong foundation for success in school and for success in life after a child graduates.

**NEW!**  
**FAN for**  
**Secondary Parents**  
**December 4, 2018**  
**5:30 - 7:30 pm**  
**Location**  
**Devine Science**  
**Room 308**  
**\*Interpreter provide**  
**Coffee/Tea &**  
**cookies**  
**Please let us know**  
**if you can make it!**

Deaf Education Advocates Foundation (D.E.A.F.) presents...

# JOSHUA CASTILLE

A RISING BROADWAY STAR

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6**      **7:00-8:30 PM**

LLOYD AUDITORIUM @ WASHINGTON SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF  
611 GRAND BOULEVARD | VANCOUVER, WA 98661

**\*\* VOICE INTERPRETERS PROVIDED \*\***

## ABOUT JOSHUA



Joshua Castille is a Deaf performance artist based out of Los Angeles, California. Joshua strives to form meaningful collaborations that explore the boundaries of art. He has worked on various projects in different roles including ASL master, director, actor, set designer, and more. Joshua will be sharing the story of his journey from small town Louisiana to performing with Deaf West on Broadway.

## PRICING

[HTTPS://WSDDAEFEVENTS.BROWNPAPERTICKETS.COM/](https://wsddeafevents.brownpapertickets.com/)  
\* ONLINE TICKET ORDERS INCLUDE SMALL SERVICE FEE

\$10 ONLINE*   \$12 AT DOOR <small>K-12 STUDENTS &amp; SENIORS (Ages 12+ recommended)</small>	\$15 ONLINE*   \$17 AT DOOR <small>ADULTS</small>
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**HAVE YOUR PHOTO TAKEN WITH JOSHUA AFTER THE PRESENTATION!**  
PHOTO TICKETS AVAILABLE ON SITE  
**\*\* CASH ONLY \*\***

\$5 FOR 1-2 PEOPLE  
\$10 FOR GROUPS OF 3+

 This event is a fundraiser for D.E.A.F., a non-profit organization which provides funding for enrichment activities at the Washington School for the Deaf.



*National Novel Writing Month is nearly over. By the time this newsletter arrives we will already have winners. Please congratulate your child on participating in this world wide event! Keep writing!*