



## D.E.A.F.

### DEAF EDUCATION ADVOCATES FOUNDATION - D.E.A.F.

*is a non-profit foundation supporting students & programs at the Washington School for the Deaf.*

#### *D.E.A.F.'s Mission:*

*To enhance the education of all Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing children and youth in Washington State.*



**Reminder!**  
**Mid-Winter Break**  
**February 16-20**

### From the Superintendent's Desk

Shauna Bilyeu, Superintendent

Parents, Students and Friends of WSD, Our school does not have a robust Parent Teacher Organization that many other schools do, but did you know that WSD has a very special group of people that actively raises money for our students? This group is Deaf Education Advocates Foundation also known as D.E.A.F. The D.E.A.F. Board meets on a regular basis and discusses ideas for fundraisers and other ways to support WSD. Every year they support staff with funds to purchase items that are used to "enrich" the curriculum or for activities and items used during residential time. Some items purchased this year include:

- Trikes for elementary students
- Books for book club luncheons
- Lego sets for math classes
- Entrance fees to cheerleader camp
- Prizes for 500 books (a month-long read-a-thon in the spring)
- Strollers for an Independent Living Skills unit on childcare
- Fidgets for self-regulation during class time
- Sports warm-ups for basketball teams

D.E.A.F. also supports students with scholarships to Youth Leadership Camp, math team competition fees, Deaf Academic Bowl airfare, and graduating seniors. Parents and friends of WSD can help D.E.A.F. in 3 distinct ways:

1. Join the Community Rewards program through Fred Meyer. This is easy to do and can be done through Fred Meyer's website, you only need your Rewards card number. You only need to sign up once and then you never have to think about it again. Please go to this link for more information and to sign up: <https://www.fredmeyer.com/topic/community-rewards-4>
2. Purchase Amazon items through Amazon's Smile website with a small percentage of your item costs going to support D.E.A.F. Here is the website: <https://smile.amazon.com/>
3. Attend fundraisers sponsored by D.E.A.F. or make a one time donation. You can learn about these opportunities at the D.E.A.F. website: <http://www.deaf-wa.com/>. **Thank you for supporting our school!**

*"Terrier Totality"*

## Elementary Principal

April McArthur, Elementary Principal

On Thursday, **March 8th**, WSD will host our annual **Flying Hands ASL Literature competition**. This is will be our 12th year and we are looking forward to hosting this exciting event for deaf and hard of hearing students not only from WSD but all over the Northwest. The event will start at 9am in Lloyd Auditorium. Students in preschool through 12th grades will showcase their creativity and talent in ASL Storytelling, ASL Poetry and De'VIA art.

Like any other language, ASL is a language with a rich and intricate structure. Our students study ASL every day in the classroom. They view ASL poetry and stories from master ASL users. They study and analyze how people use ASL for expression. They learn that ASL literature has complex layers and rules. The Flying Hands competition gives our students an opportunity to show their understanding and creativity. Many of our students shine at this event and we can hardly wait to see them show us their talent on stage!

De'VIA stands for Deaf View Image Art, which is a genre of art where deaf artists incorporate and express their views and experiences as deaf people, Deaf culture and sign language. Did you know that WSD has some De'VIA on display around campus? On the outside of Clarke Hall, you can see artwork by Ann Silver. Inside Lloyd auditorium, you can see artwork by WSD Alumni Guy Wonder and even artwork from our very own WSD students! See you on March 8th!



**Flying Hands  
March 8!**



**February 19!**

## Secondary Principal

Jason Cox, Secondary Principal



**SPORTSMANSHIP**

Its 2018 and your child has successfully completed their first semester of the school year! The second semester officially began on January 29th. Also, starting off 2018 right is our WSD Terrier basketball players and cheerleaders who recently arrived home from competing in the **Western States Basketball Classic** in Phoenix, Arizona where they brought home the "Spirit Stick" award. We are very proud of the students who worked hard to earn the privilege to compete in this annual tournament and even more proud of the way they represented WSD, displaying good team work and sportsmanship throughout the competition!

## CookBook Fundraiser!

**YOU** Parents, Staff, Students, as well as other groups affiliated with WSD are invited to submit your favorite "Recipes" for inclusion into our very own **WSD COOKBOOK!**

**YOUR** participation will be needed to help make it a success!

Let's earn some money for our  
**Special Olympics Teams**

Cookbooks will be available for purchase **April 1, 2018** for \$8

Fundraiser hosted by WSD Administrative Assistants!



Recipe Submissions: **Due by March 15, 2018**. Please include your Full Name, Recipe Title, Ingredients & Instructions. Email or send Recipes to Kelly Moore at [kelly.moore@cdhl.wa.gov](mailto:kelly.moore@cdhl.wa.gov) or WSD - 611 Grand Blvd - Vancouver, WA 98661

## What Every Parent Needs to Know about Their Child & Social Media

Special Guest Presenter:

**Rob Givens, Detective for Digital Evidence  
Cybercrime Unit**



**Wednesday, March 14th  
6:00pm-7:15pm  
Lloyd Auditorium**



Children's Program available for children ages 0-12  
ASL and Spanish Interpreters will be provided  
**Please join us for dessert afterwards!**

Washington School for the Deaf - 611 Grand Blvd, Vancouver, Washington

### Calendar

February 14 Valentine's Day  
February 16-20 Mid Winter Break  
February 19 Presidents' Day  
Travel Days 2, 4, 9, 11, 15, 20, 23, 25

**Reminder:**  
**Girls Basketball PLAYOFFS @ Taholah**  
**Wednesday, February 7 – 6:00pm**

### Sports - WSBC 2018!

Ron Spratlen, Athletic Director

Girls and Boys Varsity Basketball and Cheer Teams traveled to sunny Phoenix, Arizona for WSBC! The teams played great and represented WSD proudly. The girls basketball team placed 4th and the boys basketball team placed 3rd. Two of our seniors and one junior were selected to the All-Tournament Teams, Annie Kvamme and Taylor Payne for basketball, and Ashantay Truong for cheerleading, hands waving! The award I'm most proud of is WSD was picked the Most Spirited School! Our girls and boys teams are awesome and we are very proud of them.



**WSD Special Olympics Team** traveled to Foss High School in Tacoma on February 3. WSD played two great games!

The first game was very close. The players were a little nervous because the team they were playing against had a lot of tall players and they were very good at shooting. The game was a nail-biter with back and forth leads. By the end WSD lost by only four points, 28-32.

The second game was much easier, we had the taller team and were more skilled. WSD did a great job shooting, passing and stealing, which boosted our self-confidence. All players scored in this game. **WSD won the BRONZE Medal! 64-23!**

## PBIS IN THE HOME

J. Piper Gallucci, Teacher & PBIS Coordinator

Many schools have found student behavior and academic success when using the Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) program including the Washington School for the Deaf. Did you know that PBIS can be used at home? As parents and guardians, you are the primary teacher of your children. You know your children best. You have first-hand knowledge of your home culture and values. Using PBIS can be used to strengthen and support the kind of behavior you want to see in your children.

Below are some basic steps to implementing PBIS at home:

- Develop Simple Rules
- Teach the Rules
- Positively recognize when rules are followed
- Apply meaningful consequences when rules are not followed

If you are interested in learning more about using PBIS at home the Pacer Center is an excellent resource.

For more information go to [www.pacer.org](http://www.pacer.org). This article was derived from the following link:

<https://www.pacer.org/pbis/trainingmods/pdf/04-SW-PBIS-Using-PBIS-at-Home-and-in-the-Community.pdf>

## WSD Library

Ginger Speranza, Librarian

NaNoWriMo National Novel Writing  
Month Winners

### Elementary

Most Creative

Kedar Yerkes

Best Fiction

Sara Johnson

Most Dedicated

Deborah Dennis

Most Improved

Urijah Fischer

Best Graphic Novel

Jalina Miller

### PLAQUE

Most Likely to Publish

Zara Kelly

Highest Word Count

Roxanne LaMarche

Up and Coming

Sara Johnson



**We are continuing to work on our iPads and the functionality at home. Please email me at [ginger.speranza@cdhl.wa.gov](mailto:ginger.speranza@cdhl.wa.gov) if you continue to have issues. A screen shot is really helpful. Press power button and the home button at the same time.**



**Terrier World** is a student-run school store that incorporates an integrated project-based learning opportunity for english, math, and communication classes.