

January 2018

Terrier Times

Washington School for the Deaf - Center for Childhood Deafness & Hearing Loss

2018



From the Superintendent's Desk

Shauna Bilyeu, Superintendent

Terrier Families:

Welcome to 2018! Although we are just starting 2018, we are 4 months into the school year, with only 5 months left to go before June. (Honestly, it feels like time is speeding up every year!) I'd like to look ahead to share some upcoming events: at the end of January, our basketball and cheerleading teams will head down to Phoenix, Arizona to participate in the annual Western States Basketball and Cheerleading Classic tournament. The end of January also marks the end of 2nd quarter and 1st semester. At that point, we will be halfway through the school year. In addition to holidays and breaks in January and February, 2018 has a couple of big events that I would like you to mark your calendars for now:

March 7th & 8th: ASL Flying Hands Poetry competition hosted at WSD Lloyd Auditorium. This is a two day event this year, with activities on the 7th and the competition on the 8th.

March 14th: Social Media Awareness for Parents - Special Presentation by Vancouver Police Detective Rob Givens at 6pm in Lloyd Auditorium. The presentation will be interpreted in Spanish and ASL.

On a more somber note, 2017 was a tumultuous year and many people had concerns about safety in general. WSD remains committed to ensuring the safety of all of our students and staff. The school runs drills on a monthly basis, practicing what to do in the event of emergencies and evacuating the school as well as cottages. You may view our Emergency Handbook on our school website as well as other policies and procedures related to the welfare of students and staff. Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns in this area.

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

I am hoping that the weather remains a non-issue in 2018; but in case it doesn't, please recall that we are operational as long as we have residential students on campus, however should local school districts close, transportation will not be provided for day students. Please stay tuned to your local weather alerts for school district closures. Stay warm and safe in these winter months! *Enjoy the New Year!*

"Terrier Totality"

Elementary Principal

April McArthur, Elementary Principal

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that it is now the year 2018! During the New Year, many people use this time to reflect on the past and to plan for the future. I see friends and families post sayings such as “The best is yet to come”, “Adventure awaits”. This is my 17th year at WSD. As I walk in the halls and around the campus, I am reminded of many memories. I remember my first year as an elementary teacher in Northrop, teaching 3rd and 4th grade, summer camp in the cottages, and many wonderful performances in our Lloyd auditorium.

At WSD, our students are involved in many exciting programs and projects ranging from literary competitions to sports. We love having our families be a part of all the events. We are thrilled to be a part of your life and to create lasting memories with you and your child.

We have some great events coming up in the next few months! To stay in the know about all of our upcoming events, you can check our WSD calendar on our website: <http://www.wsd.wa.gov/about-wsd/school-calendar/> Also, if you click on the event title, it will open up to show you more details about the event itself. The calendar is updated frequently so be sure to check in every once in a while. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Wishing you a new year full of joy.

Secondary Principal

Jason Cox, Secondary Principal

I hope you all enjoyed the holidays. It’s a new year! I’m excited to see students return to school from winter break with a lot of energy, ready to learn more. Students have been sharing wonderful stories about their break and how they enjoyed time with relatives and friends at home.

I felt very inspired to be observing classes, to see teachers using our bilingual approach with students and to see students using it in class as well. One example of this was during a science class. It was amazing to see our science teacher teaching students about plants and animals in American Sign Language and then having the students read a related article and answer questions about animals in English.

REMINDER: Secondary students will be starting 2nd semester on January 29th which is only several weeks away. Please remind your child to complete their homework on time and study in order to get a passing grade. If you are curious about how your child is doing in school, you can check Skyward to see your child’s grades. If you do not have access to Skyward, please contact me so I can help you gain access to it.



If you are planning on visiting WSD and need a place to stay over-night we have rooms available here on campus! Contact us for more information!



Battle of the BOOKS Team
Jalina Miller, Tessa Williams,
Jasmyn Chavez, Angel Cruz,
Jenn Christianson

*Hunger Games by
Suzanne Collins*

Calendar

January 15 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)
 January 18 - Early Release
 January 24-28 (WSBC) Western States Basketball Classic
 NO Family Academy Night (FAN)
Travel Days 2, 5, 7, 12, 15, 19, 21, 26, 28

Sports

Ron Spratlen, Athletic Director

Hope everyone had a great winter break and is ready for the new year! Girls and Boys varsity basketball teams have been working hard in practices and games and are improving everyday! The teams will be traveling to Phoenix, Arizona for WSBC January 24-28, they are excited to represent WSD and play against four other deaf schools. Wish them luck! Please look on the WSD web page for the sports schedule and come watch a game.

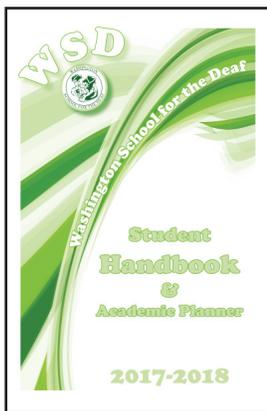


Boys Basketball Schedule

WSD @ Three Rivers Christian - January 4 - 7pm
 WSD @ Oregon School for the Deaf - January 10 - 7pm
 WSD vs. Columbia Adventist - January 11 - 7pm
 WSD @ Firm Foundation - January 16 - 7pm
 WSD vs. Naselle - January 18 - 7pm
 WSD vs. Three Rivers Christian - January 23 - 7pm
 WSBC @ Phoenix Day School for the Deaf - January 25-27
 WSD @ Naselle - January 30 - 7pm

Girls Basketball Schedule

WSD @ Three Rivers Christian - January 4 - 5:30pm
 WSD @ Oregon School for the Deaf - January 10 - 5pm
 WSD vs. Columbia Adventist - January 11 - 5:30pm
 WSD vs. Naselle - January 18 - 5:30pm
 WSD vs. Three Rivers Christian - January 23 - 5:30pm
 WSBC @ Phoenix Day School for the Deaf - January 25-27
 WSD @ Naselle - January 30 - 5:30pm
 WSD vs. Fort Vancouver - February 1 - 5:30pm



You can find WSD's Student Handbook on our website at www.wsd.wa.gov

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. E-mail or send Recipes to Kelly Moore at kelly.moore@cdhl.wa.gov or WSD - 611 Grand Blvd - Vancouver, WA 98661

Terrier Pride Means Being Prepared

J. Piper Gallucci, Teacher & PBIS Coordinator



This is often the time of the year when students run out of classroom materials. Please take this vacation time to look over and replenish needed school supplies. Syllabi, with a list of supplies, is posted on the WSD Website under each teacher's name.

When an adult reviews the school supply list with younger children, this models organization and self-sufficiency. Middle School students, who are adjusting to multiple teachers and expectations, may need frequent check-ins on their supplies.

Being prepared with school supplies helps a child at any grade level. It sets the foundation for academic success.



WSD provides a comprehensive educational program that includes a commitment to promoting the acquisition, maintenance and study of American Sign Language (ASL) and English for all deaf and hard of hearing children!

- December
- Student of the Month
- 3 R Superstar
- Alondra Lopez-Alcaraz
- Iran Sanchez Villanueva
- Momentous Motivation
- Saray Fortunato Zamora
- Inspiring Improvement
- Gabrielle Grosnick
- Alexzander Schaut
- Astounding Attending
- Jayson Cabanizas
- Enrique Jose
- Tessa Williams
- Stupendous Spirit
- Yovany Barragan
- Jayson Cabanizas
- LeAnna Clearbrook
- Juliana Sanchez
- Gabrielle Grosnick
- John Smart

REMINDERS!

FAN on Feb. 14th
 5:30pm-7:30pm:
 Family Valentine's Dance
 March 7th & 8th:
 Flying Hands ASL Literature
 Competition
 (more info to come!)



Thank YOU

ILS students who collected and donated Food & Socks to Share House over the Holiday Season!

