



## From the Superintendent's Desk

Shauna Bilyeu, Superintendent

Parents and Students,

It's beginning to look a lot like fall around here! October brought lots of fun: spirit week, open house, homecoming, volleyball and football games and the anticipation of Halloween all in one month make it feel like fall in a hurry! Classes are beginning to kick into high gear and it's neat to see the students engaged in learning activities, both in the classrooms and in the "real world" curriculum of the cottages.

November brings a couple of holiday breaks and the end of the 1st quarter! (November 2nd.) Look for report cards and IEP benchmarks to arrive home shortly after. Make sure to check our website and school calendar for travel days and school closures. Time flies!

A few dates to note for November:

- November 6th: the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Chris Reykdal, is visiting SW Washington and make a stop at WSD!
- November 8th: picture re-takes
- November 12th: Veteran's Day (no school)
- November 22nd and 23rd: Thanksgiving break (no school)
- November 29th: Special guest presenter, actor Josh Castille presents in Lloyd Auditorium, more details to come!

Fall school-wide MAP testing is complete. Results are used to help teachers plan for instruction and are shared at IEP meetings. If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Graham at [Shannon.graham@cdhl.wa.gov](mailto:Shannon.graham@cdhl.wa.gov)

We want to make sure parents are informed of student academic progress. All parents have access to their child's grades through Skyward (please use the Skyward button on our website). Please contact David Martin at [David.martin@cdhl.wa.gov](mailto:David.martin@cdhl.wa.gov) for your parent password if you do not already have it.

Go Terriers!!



## Student of the Month

September

### 3 R Superstar

Caleb Plock  
Tye Gonzalez  
Kwabena White-Star

### Momentous Motivation

Jayson Cabanizas  
Maya Schaut  
Janet Tuz Manrique

Rainee Wells

### Inspiring Improvement

Yovany Barragan  
Iran Sanchez-Villanueva  
Maya Schaut

### Super Supportive

Etasha Stone  
Aree Blackmer  
LeAnna Clearbrook

Emma McKinney

Julian Robinson  
Raymond Singkeo

### Stupendous Spirit

Tessa Williams  
Enrique Jose

### Positively Prepared

Jayson Cabanizas  
Savannah Cruz  
Sun Flaget  
Iran Sanchez

## Library NEWS!

*Thank you to those that shopped at our recent Scholastic book fair.*

*Thanks to your generous purchases the library was able to purchase \$300 worth of books for teachers and the library. Don't forget the Spring fair will be our buy-one-get-one-free fair so save your pennies and come out and shop!*

*The beautiful mural our students worked on with Nancy Rourke!*

## Elementary Principal

April McArthur, Elementary Principal



The last full week of September is International Deaf Awareness Week. This year, we had two very special guest presenters: Sheena McFeely and Nancy Rourke. Sheena and her husband, Manny, founded the website: ASL Nook. Check out their beautiful videos on [www.aslnook.com](http://www.aslnook.com). Nancy is a famous De'VIA artist and is the creator of a kind of art called "Rourkerism." She worked with our students for 2 days to help them understand the role of De'VIA art. It was such an honor to have someone of her caliber working with us. Be sure to keep an eye out for their artwork on campus.

Community partnerships are important to us. For example, we worked closely with the Washington State Deaf Senior Citizens (WSDSC), a nonprofit organization, to bring Nancy Rourke to WSD. For more information about WSDSC, be sure to check out their website: <http://wsdsc.org/> We are so thankful for their support!

With many holidays coming up, there are bound to be many conversational opportunities among families and friends. This time of celebration, can sometimes be difficult for deaf and hard of hearing children, who may feel left out because they are not able to follow the conversations. You can take some steps beforehand to make sure your child feels involved, so that they, too can feel a part of the celebrations. Here are some ideas:

1. Go through your family photo albums, review your family tree and family member names.
2. Design the table set up so that your child is sitting near someone who can help facilitate communication.
3. Invite deaf adults and peers to join the celebrations so that your child has people to chat with.
4. Provide interpreters for important functions such as a formal holiday party, church services or formal functions.
5. Play board games such as Uno, Monopoly, Pie-in-the-Face, etc. Games like these are a great way of bringing people together without relying heavily on communication ability.

As always, please feel free to reach out to your child's teachers for some additional ideas. We hope that you and loved ones have wonderful celebrations together! Don't forget to join us for FAN on Wednesday, November 14th at 5:30pm! The theme is multicultural baking. Dinner is provided and we will have door prizes!

## Secondary Principal

Jason Cox, Secondary Principal

It's November already? It must be, because the leaves are turning, the chill of fall is in the air, and hopefully the school year has settled into a productive and positive routine for your family. **This Sunday November 4th , please remember to change your clock one hour back.**

Football and Volleyball season has just ended. Students have enjoyed playing fall sports and are now looking forward to participating in winter activities. Boys and girls basketball will be starting soon. Not only basketball but also we have a Deaf Academic Bowl (DAB) team that is now working hard to prepare for the Deaf Academic Bowl contest against other Deaf and mainstream schools. The regional competition will be at University High School on March 9th-12th. Not only will we have DAB but we also will have Battle of the Books for middle school students. That is also an exciting and important activity for the Battle of the Books team. The purpose of the Battle of the Books is to promote literacy amongst Deaf and Hard of Hearing middle school students; promote a spirit of academic competition and good sportsmanship; and to encourage critical thinking skills amongst middle school students.

Recently, we completed our First quarter at Washington School for the Deaf. We will start the 2nd quarter on November 5th and we look forward to continuing to work together to provide your child with the best educational experience here at Washington School for the Deaf. On behalf of our staff, we hope you have a great Thanksgiving holiday with your family and friends. This year, I am once again very thankful for the opportunity to lead a student centered staff, with supportive parents, and with your incredibly talented children within the strong community.

### Calendar

- November 8 - School Picture Retakes
- November 12 - Veteran's Day (no school)
- November 14 - Family Academy Night (FAN)
- November 22-23 - Thanksgiving break (no school)
- November 29 - Special guest presenter, actor Josh Castille



Independent Living  
Skills Thanksgiving  
dinner Nov 7!

### Sports!

Ron Spratlen, Athletic Director

Fall Sports have ended and we are heading into the winter sports season. Our girls volleyball team and boys football team had fun, were exciting and showed great teamwork throughout the season. Seeing the growth of the players individually and as team was inspiring.



The Middle School Terriers and Elementary School Pups soccer seasons have also ended; both teams had a blast! Thank you to our awesome coaches, players and fans for a great Fall Season!



High School basketball season is starting soon. Please look for the basketball schedules on the WSD webpage and we hope to see you at the games. WSD will be hosting WSBC (Western States Basketball Classic) this year Thursday, January 31 through Saturday, February 2; we are looking forward to hosting a great girls and boys basketball tournament!



Homecoming!  
**GREASE**



## WSD Behavior Support Program

J. Piper Gallucci, Teacher & PBIS Coordinator

The Positive Behavior Support (PBIS) program is supported by the Washington School for the Deaf (WSD) in order to promote and maximize academic achievement, behavioral and social competence. As part of the program the staff at WSD established clear rules for behavior in all areas of the school.

Staff explicitly teaches expectations and reinforces appropriate behavior frequently with PAWS, Student of the Week in the elementary program, Terrier Pride Tickets and Student of the Month, in the secondary program. Another recognition is to celebrate academic and behavioral excellence in the secondary program with Semester Celebrations. You should be able to ask your child, "What are the rules in your school?" "What happens when staff sees you following the rules?"

We believe that by helping students practice good behavior we build a school community where all students have an environment where they can succeed and grow.



Tim Vanderploeg  
WSD School Nurse

## Residential Reminder

Rick Whitney, Director of Residential Services

A Reminder to our Residential Families, The final two months of 2018 are now soon coming to a close. This is a reminder to our residential families that we will have days off and a shortened week coming soon! For Veteran's Day - Students will be traveling back to WSD on Monday, November 12th. Students will be going home on November 21st for Thanksgiving and will follow the normal Friday schedule for that day. Students will be going home for the winter break on December 21st and return back on January 6th, 2019.

# Halloween at WSD!

