



From the Superintendent's Desk

Shauna Bilyeu, Superintendent

There's a new dog in town! *Terry the Terrier* has made a home for himself in my office. He is a friendly reminder to all who pass through that it's not size that matters, but pride, loyalty and of course charm! I always tell everyone that the Terrier dog is the perfect mascot for us, because it may be small, but it is large in attitude and fierceness! Our goal is to instill a sense of confidence in our students so that they are ready for the world in every way when they leave us. Terry is a proud little dog and he's going to watch over our school with grace and class. Come by and say "Hi!"

It's beginning to look a lot like fall around here! October brought lots of fun: spirit week, open house, homecoming (accompanied by a thunder and lightning storm to boot!), 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.

I had the opportunity to tour the OSPI's (Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction) Special Education Advisory Committee through WSD classrooms and campus on Oct. 12th. This committee is headed by the new Special Education Director for Washington State, Glenna Gallo. We stopped in the cutely decorated cottages and in several classrooms. Glenna made a point to tell me after the tour that the committee was very impressed with the level of academic rigor they saw in our classrooms and with the campus in general. This is high praise indeed! I am so proud of our staff and students. They really shine!

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

November brings a couple of holiday breaks and the end of the 1st quarter (November 3rd)! 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! We want to make sure parents are informed of student academic progress. All parents have access to their child's grades through Skyward. Please contact David Martin at David.martin@cdhl.wa.gov for your parent password if you do not already have it.



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"Terrier Totality"

**1st Quarter ends
November 3**
**Be on the lookout
for Report Cards**



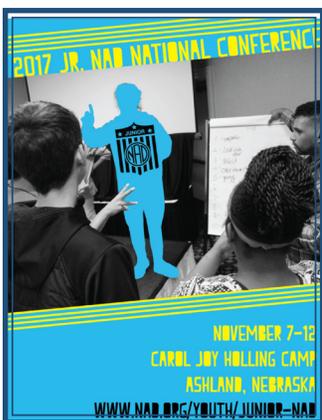
Elementary Principal

April McArthur, Elementary Principal

Dear Parents,

In October, I had the wonderful opportunity to attend my high school's **25th Anniversary Reunion** at the Model Secondary School for the Deaf (MSSD) in Washington, D.C. During the reunion festivities, my classmates and I took turns sharing about our journey through life since graduation. One of the recurring themes that came up over and over was how grateful we were to our families for giving us the opportunity to attend MSSD and develop our Deaf identities with the support of our peers and staff at MSSD. This in turn, has made me feel so grateful to work at WSD because, like my experience at MSSD, WSD is a place where children can develop healthy and positive identities as deaf individuals. WSD is where students learn more than just reading and writing. Students learn from their peers and staff how to navigate the world as deaf individuals. They learn how to communicate in both ASL and English. They develop social and emotional skills. They learn how to build and sustain relationships with peers and adults. They learn how to solve problems and create new ideas. At WSD, we empower students to develop all of their skills and discover their identities so that they can thrive and pursue their dreams once they graduate. So, that they, too, can one day look back and share their journey through life with happy memories.

P.S. Yes, we thoroughly enjoyed sharing our old pictures and laughing at our hairstyles with those big feathered bangs from "back in the day."



JR. NAD



Thank You to all those that bought books at the **Book Fair!** November is just around the corner and **National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo)** will be happening! Ask your child what they are writing about during the month of November or better yet join us and write something too.
<https://nanowrimo.org/>

Secondary Principal

Jason Cox, Secondary Principal

Hello parents,

A lot has happened at WSD during the month of October. WSD celebrated Spirit Week, Open House & Homecoming, where we had a good number of parents attend. Students who played football showed great sportsmanship and had a good time.

Washington School for the Deaf is excited to have a Junior National Association for the Deaf (Jr. NAD) committee. Students involved in this committee will be working together as a team and as leaders for the Secondary Department. They will be helping with fundraising, fun activities and be good role models for Washington School for the Deaf. Three students on the Jr. NAD Academic members committee will be flying to Nebraska for Jr. NAD conference where they will be meeting other Deaf role models from other Deaf schools. This is an opportunity to have students meet other students from other states and learn from each other.

As always, I am proud of our staff and students for working hard every day and proud of parents for working closely with staff at Washington School for the Deaf. We always welcome parents to come visit their child in school. If you want to come visit and need a place to stay on campus, please feel free contact WSD and we can help set it up. Your child values you being on campus either visiting in school or watching them play sports.

JR. NAD President Annie Kvamme, Treasurer Kaja Stone, and Vice President Osvaldo Cruz will be attending the JR NAD Conference where they will learn about leadership and meet others from 21 academic programs! We are excited about what they can learn and bring back to WSD to share with their peers! For more information visit this website:

<https://www.nad.org/youth/junior-nad/>

Calendar



- November 6 - Retake School Pictures
- November 8 - Family Academy Night (FAN)
- November 16 - Early Release
- November 10 - No School
- November 11 - **Veterans' Day**
- November 23-24 Thanksgiving Break
- November Travel Days: 3,5,9,12,17,19,22,26



Spirit Week! School Colors!



Sports

Ron Spratlen, Athletic Director

We are transitioning out of Fall sports and preparing for the upcoming Winter sports season. Our elementary and middle school soccer teams concluded their seasons on October 24 and they had a blast! Seeing the players learn, improve their skills and playing together as a team is always inspirational and fun to watch.

The varsity girls volleyball team grew a lot this season as a young team. Five starters from this year's team will be back next year and we are looking forward to seeing them on the court again next fall! Varsity football wrapped up their season October 26. The team was fun to watch and showed awesome team work.

The football team will be graduating four seniors and the volleyball team will graduate two seniors; we wish them luck in their futures and thank them for their leadership. Graduating football seniors: Taylor Payne, John Smart, Annie Kvamme and Ricardo Pineda. Graduating volleyball seniors: Tess Griffin and Jesse Rogers.



Congratulations 2017 Homecoming Court!

King & Queen - John Smart & Annie Kvamme

Tess Griffin, Taylor Payne, Ashantay Truong, Osvaldo Cruz,

Emma McKinney, Juan Ramirez, Chyann Wisdom, Ethan Jacobs

Student of the Month!

3 R Superstar

- Jayson Cabanizas
- Jenny Moreno-Dominguez
- Juliana Sanchez

Momentous Motivation

- LeAnna Clearbrook
- Jason Prevatt

Inspiring Improvement

- Jalen Tracy
- Rosetta Voisine-Benjamin

Super Supportive

- Osvaldo Cruz
- Ricardo Pineda

Astounding Attending

- Monique Cerna
- Kaja Stone

Tessa Williams

Chyann Wisdom

Stupendous Spirit

Positively Prepared

Nic Moore

Danixa Velasco-Ortiz

Recognizing Student Success

J. Piper Gallucci, Teacher & PBIS Coordinator



Save the Date!

November 6 - School Pictures Retakes

A large part of creating a positive learning environment is to recognize students when they follow school expectations. The elementary and secondary departments each have their own way of recognizing students.

In the elementary department when a student follows expectations, they receive a PAWS ticket. At the Friday morning assembly all of the students, who received tickets, are applauded. Then the PAWS tickets are dropped into a “treasure chest” and two student names are selected, at random, for a prize. Another way teachers recognize students is with a classroom Celebration Jar. Each day, at the end of class, students review expectations and discuss whether or not, they met the expectation. Each met expectation is worth one marble. When the jar is filled with marbles, the class celebrates.



In the secondary department students following expectations may be given immediate recognition, like a “thank you”, or with a classroom acknowledgement. Students may also receive a Terrier Pride ticket. Tickets are placed in a raffle and four names are drawn for a variety of prizes, at the Monday Terrier Pride assembly. It’s a fun and upbeat way to start the school week. Each quarter students who achieve honor roll or perfect attendance, are recognized at a school assembly.

Once a month, secondary students, who go above and beyond expectation, are recognized at the Student of the Month Assembly. There are seven categories for recognition: 3 R Superstar (Respect), Momentous Motivation, Inspiring Improvement, Super Supportive, Astounding Attending, Stupendous Spirit and Positively Prepared. Students who are recognized receive a certificate, their photograph is taken and posted on the Terrier Pride Bulletin Board. Student of the Month names are published in the WSD parent newsletter.



WSD students visit Pumpkin Patch!



Parents! Did you know that WSD's foundation, D.E.A.F. sponsors lots of projects, activities and equipment for our students. Here's a note from them. Please read to see how you can help!

Deaf Education Advocates Foundation D.E.A.F. would like you to know that the WSD staff members, family and friends can:

- Donate to D.E.A.F. in the fall annually, usually Oct. - Dec.
- Sign up for Fred Meyer Reward Community program anytime: www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards
- Sign up for Amazon Smile anytime: smile.amazon.com/ch/91-1458851
- Encourage family & friends to also sign up Fred Meyer Reward Community & Amazon Smile anytime
- Check our website: www.deaf-wa.org
- Join us in Facebook: WSD DEAF

Any questions feedback or suggestions, email to deafoffice@deaf-wa.org. Thank you very much for your continuous support of our deaf students!!!