

## From the Superintendent's Desk

Shauna Bilyeu, Superintendent

Dear Terrier Families and friends,

The 2018-2019 school year is in full swing! As with every new school year, there are changes and updates to share with you—below is a recapture of things that have already happened and a look to the future.



### History:

- Farewell: After 24 years, Judy Smith, executive administrative assistant has retired. She will be terribly missed but we are happy that she is getting to enjoy life in a whole new (and hopefully less hectic) way! Former transition teacher, Jennifer Estes, has moved up north and is now serving as an early intervention teacher for the Outreach team. Former ASL aide, Krissy Walker, has taken on the role of Family Engagement Specialist for Outreach. We miss them too, but we know that they are doing great things to represent our agency across the state!
- Deaf Awareness Week ran at WSD from Thursday, September 20th through Friday, September 28th. We had special guest appearances from Sheena McFeely from ASL Nook and Nancy Rourke, DeVIA artist! Look for more information in this newsletter regarding their visits.
- Students and staff went to Phoenix, Arizona for the 2nd annual volleyball, football and DAB competition with the Arizona schools at the end of September. They represented us well and had a great time! We are thankful for all of the support to get them there.
- The Divine school building got a new cover on the roof. This has been a much needed repair and we are thankful that staff and students will stay dry this winter.
- In mid-September, secondary principal Jason Cox, and his wife (our very own audiologist), Kalani Jane, welcomed a new Terrier to the family: Mason River Cox. We are thrilled to add a new little Terrier to the family!

### Future:

- Sports are up and running! Make sure you know where to find our volleyball and football schedules on the website. They are under Student Life tab. Also, make sure to mark your calendar for the annual Western States Basketball Classic Championship (WSBC) this year: January 31-February 3rd. We are the proud hosts this year and promise it will be a fun and entertaining event! 5 schools for the deaf will be joining us for the tournament!
- Are you ready for a little basketball?? Come to a preseason Blazers game on October 10th! D.E.A.F. is the non-profit organization of the night! This means that representatives from our school will be there selling raffle tickets. One lucky winner will walk away with a 50% of tickets sales and 25% of all of the proceeds from the sales of those tickets will go to D.E.A.F. and our school! (The last 25% goes to the Blazers organization.) The more tickets we sell, the bigger the pot is...come on down to the Moda Center and support the Blazers AND our students!
- We will have a "Homecoming Kickoff" football game against New Mexico School for the Deaf on Saturday, October 13th, and then on Tuesday, Oct. 16th, we will have our annual Open House and pep rally that day, and the Queen's Coronation just before the Volleyball game at 6:00 pm. New routines, but still the same fun! WSDAA and DEAF will hold joint fundraisers at the New Mexico game for WSBC. The book fair and classes will be open for parents to come and meet teachers. Come and join us!



## Elementary Principal

April McArthur, Elementary Principal

Dear Terrier Pup Families,

The first month of school sure went by fast! We are so happy to be back in school again with all of our students. We have new students in different grade levels joining our elementary program this year and we are so glad to welcome them to our Terrier Pup family!

If you have not gotten a copy of our WSD elementary “quick guide”, please stop by our office to get a copy or contact our front office to request a copy to be sent home with your child. You can contact our administrative assistant, Mariel Schemp through email at [mariel.schemp@cdhl.wa.gov](mailto:mariel.schemp@cdhl.wa.gov) or call her at 360-696-6525 ext 0414. In this quick guide, we have included all of the “need to know” school information and important dates to mark on your calendar for the year.

Each elementary teacher has their own web page on our WSD website which includes their contact information, class schedules and some basic information about their classes. Please be sure to check out their pages at <http://www.wsd.wa.gov/academics/teachers/elementary/> Don't forget to check out our WSD calendar for upcoming events at <http://www.wsd.wa.gov/about-wsd/school-calendar/>

Last spring, we said goodbye to our ASL Specialist Aide, Krissy Walker, as she transitioned to a different role as a Family Engagement mentor for the CDHL Outreach team. However, we are thrilled that Shayne Blaylock has joined our ASL department as the new ASL Specialist Aide! Shayne brings a wealth of knowledge and experience with technology which will help support our students' ASL skills!

WSD hosts a **Family Academy Night** (FAN) about once a month that is open to families who have deaf and hard of hearing children, ages 0-5 or in K-6th grade. At FAN, we provide dinner and workshops for parents and children. We even provide delicious desserts! This is a great way to meet other families. Dates are listed in our elementary quick guide. Join us for our first FAN night on October 10th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm in Northrop (elementary building.) The topic for October is technology!

“Save the Date”  
October 31st!  
BE on the lookout  
for more information  
on WSD  
Halloween Events.

**Congratulations!**  
Jason Cox, Secondary Principal  
& Jane Tabor, Audiologist  
on your new baby boy!



If you would like to visit your child's classroom, please contact your child's teacher. If you would like to volunteer at WSD, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Sharon Caton at [sharon.caton@cdhl.wa.gov](mailto:sharon.caton@cdhl.wa.gov)/ 360-696-6525 ext. 4361.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My email is [april.mcarthur@cdhl.wa.gov](mailto:april.mcarthur@cdhl.wa.gov) and my phone number is 360-553-4612 (VP)

### Calendar

- October 3 - School Pictures
- October 10 - Family Academy Night (FAN)
- October 16 - Homecoming/Open House
- Oct 15-18 - Book Fair
- October 18 - Early Release
- October 18 - Homecoming Dance
- October 31 - Halloween



Scholastic  
book fair is on  
it's way.  
Join us  
Oct 15-19th  
8:30- 3:15

### Sports!

Ron Spratlen, Athletic Director

Fall sports have started with our high school football, cheer and volleyball teams as well as elementary and middle school soccer teams going full steam ahead. The football, cheer, volleyball and DAB teams recently went to the Phoenix School for the Deaf and had a great time competing for their homecoming weekend.

WSD Homecoming Kick-Off starts with our football team hosting New Mexico School for the Deaf on Saturday, October 13 at 2:00pm. On Tuesday, October 16 our volleyball team will be playing at 6:00pm and that evening during the game will be announcing our Homecoming Queen and King! The homecoming dance will be on Thursday, October 18. Please go to the WSD webpage and look at the sports schedule; we would love to see you at a game.

Homecoming Kickoff! October 13 WSD vs New Mexico School for the Deaf

### Volleyball

- October 1 - Hudson's Bay 4:30pm AWAY
- October 3 - Columbia Adventist 6pm AWAY
- October 9 - Firm Foundation 6pm HOME
- October 11 - Naselle 6pm AWAY
- October 15 - Battle Ground 4:30pm HOME
- October 16 - 3 Rivers Christian 6pm HOME
- October 23 - Columbia Adventist 6pm HOME
- October 25 - Firm Foundation 6pm AWAY



### Football

- October 3 - Naselle 5pm AWAY
- October 13 - New Mexico School for the Deaf 2pm
- October 25 - Taholah 3pm HOME



Reminder:  
School Picture Retakes  
November 8th



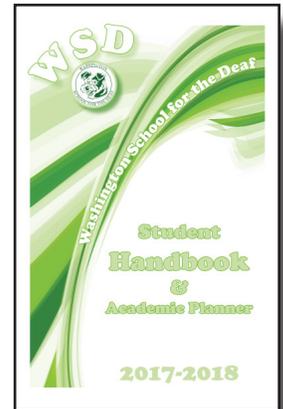
## WSD Behavior Support Program

J. Piper Gallucci, Teacher & PBIS Coordinator

The Washington School for the Deaf is in its sixth year of using the PBIS system in order to promote student successful behaviors both academically and socially. PBIS stands for the Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports. The PBIS program is used widely throughout the United States.

At WSD each school has their own set of expectations which teachers instruct and reinforce and the students practice. Expectations are posted in classrooms and hallways. The elementary school expectations are Show Kindness, Make Good Decisions, Solve Problems. Secondary school expectations are Respect Yourself, Respect Others, Respect Property.

For your reference, detailed expectations are listed in the Elementary Behavior Matrix and Secondary Behavior Matrix on the last 2 pages of the Student Handbook. You may access the Student Handbook on the Washington School for the Deaf/Resources.



You can find WSD's Student Handbook on our website at [www.wsd.wa.gov](http://www.wsd.wa.gov)



“In partnership with the Washington State Deaf Senior Citizens (WSDSC) organization, we are honored to have hosted De’VIA artist **Nancy Rourke** at Washington School for the Deaf for the past 2 days. Nancy worked with WSD students and taught them about De’VIA art, her work as a painter, and the art of Rourkeism. Here are the

pictures of the mural that our students made with Nancy. We will be placing the mural in the Oliver Kastel cafeteria. It was such a rich and wonderful experience for us to learn from Nancy, and we very much appreciate the opportunity to work with Nancy. Thank you, WSDSC!”

