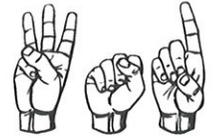




# Between Us...



...a monthly communication newsletter with and for our parents.

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## Dates Of Special Interest

**30**      **Memorial Day**  
**Students return PM**

### June

3      Student departure day  
 5      Students return PM  
 9-11      Special Olympics State Track Meet  
 9      9:00 AM Elementary Awards  
       1:00 PM High School Awards  
       5:00 PM Senior Picnic and  
       Graduation Speaker Reception  
 10      End of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter  
       9:00 AM Middle School Awards  
       1:00 PM High School Graduation  
       Student departure day



### August

31      Registration Day – students return

### September

1      First Day of 2011-2012 School Year



## Message from the Director

Alex H. Slappey



Graduation  
A Cycle of Change

Here we go again, after a long and eventful year we can see the light at the end of the tunnel and we hope it's not a locomotive coming through!

Graduation always brings mixed feelings to me. On the one hand it means the end of the year is here and I can gear down for a hopefully relaxing summer. On the other hand it means another group of fine young men and women are moving on and will no longer be a regular part of my life.

"Graduation is a time of completion, of finishing, of an ending, however, it is also a time of celebration of achievement and a beginning for the new graduate."  
*Catherine Pulsifer*

This June 10<sup>th</sup> will be my 15<sup>th</sup> graduation as the superintendent or director of WSD. Every one of those classes was distinct and unique. Every one of them left us hopefully prepared to move on into a different world. The world that the Class of 2011 enters is not the same world as that in which the other classes set off into. The world after high school graduation changes every year and our challenge as educators is to make sure we prepare those graduates for that changed world.

"It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change."  
*Charles Darwin*

I remember when I graduated from high school and college. Both times I entered a whole new world.

College was nothing like high school and the world I entered after college was nothing like college. Even going from undergraduate college to graduate college was a huge change.

The ability to adjust to these changes is paramount to success. Change is rarely comfortable and usually brings a good deal of stress. I felt wonderful when I ran out the door of my high school after the graduation ceremonies. But once the excitement wore off and I realized I faced a whole new, strange, and scary world the anxiety slapped me in the face like a cold, wet fish.

Here I was, facing this world basically alone, no longer attached to the things of comfort which I'd known most of my life. Now it was all on me. That's what our graduates face the minute they step outside that door.

If we have done our job well, then our graduates will be ready for that change and equipped to handle it well.

"Nobody told me how hard and lonely change is."  
Joan Gilbertson

## WSD Birthdays

### July

- 1 Dakota Bishop  
Shannon Gunderson
- 3 Shane Tisa
- 9 Gared Gannon
- 12 Laela Chapin
- 13 Lance Jacoby, Jr
- 16 Cody Gannon
- 18 Angelica Aslani
- 21 Daniel Orizaba
- 22 Lillian James
- 30 Leneta Meyers

### August

- 3 Katelyn Miller
- 7 Chloe Goetsch
- 14 Thomas Benish
- 19 Charles Maritz  
Dakota Steinmetz
- 21 Chandre Kimble
- 28 Cindy Martinez
- 31 Anthony Bole



# Huge Thank You

The Parent Staff Association (PSA) would like to thank all families and staff who have sent BoxTops4Education labels to school. We have earned the most money to date with over \$663.00 in Box Top money. This money will be used to fund one of the \$500.00 PSA scholarships for a deserving senior this year. The additional money will be saved to be used next year for PSA scholarships.

Please continue to save BoxTops throughout the summer. Thanks again for supporting the PSA and our scholarship program.

## Special Olympics News

### Special Olympic Dates for your Calendar

The Special Olympic athletes at WSD had a very successful year. We sent athletes to state in bowling, basketball, and track. We also sent athletes to state in our inaugural season of our snowshoe club.

Thank you for your continued support of the Special Olympic program at WSD and please mark your calendar with the important dates listed below. Also, please check future Between Us mailings for dates for basketball and track. Good luck athletes at the State Summer Games in June!

June 9, 10, 11 State Summer Games (track), UW-Stevens Point

October 16 Area Bowling Tournament, Kenosha, WI

December 3 State Bowling Tournament, Wauwatosa, WI

January 28, 29 State Snowshoe Tournament, Wausau, WI



### **WIAA - Deerfield Regional (5/23)**

We attended the WIAA – Deerfield Regional last Monday, May 23. Our athletes had outstanding performances and broke many of their personal records! Only top 4 finishers qualify to the sectionals. It was a good, challenging experience for our athletes before they prepare for the Princeton Sectional on Thursday, May 26. You can find detailed information through

Cambridge Regional Results

<http://www.wiaawi.org/results/track/2011/cambridgeindivregional.htm>

Princeton Sectional - TBA

<http://www.wiaawi.org/index.php?id=620>.

### **Deerfield Regional Results:**

#### **Sectional Qualifiers:**

Amanda Feliciano (Triple Jump)

Lori Eldred (100 & 300 Hurdles, Long Jump)

Gunner Hahn (110 hurdles)

Tony Davis (Shot Put)

Taylor Koss (300 hurdles)

Jed Eldred, Jose Castillo, Lennon Morrissey, & Merrick Frei (4x100 Relay)

Travis Waala, Justin Toles, Jose Castillo, & Taylor Koss (4x800 Relay)

**3 new school records during the Regional meet:**

Amanda Feliciano – 30’ 11’’ (Triple Jump)

Lori Eldred – 17.45 (100 hurdles) and 15’ 11’’ (Long Jump)

**Middle School Track**

The Middle School Firebird track team completed the track season with numerous school records. The competition was pretty close and lots of fun!

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**Varsity Football, Volleyball, and Cheer Training Camps  
(mid-August 2011)**

Parents, please mark your calendar as the football players report to WSD at 6:00 pm on Sunday, August 14 while volleyball players report at 6:00 pm on Sunday, August 21. Cheerleaders will report on Wednesday, August 31, 2011. You will receive the updated information and forms in the mail later in June. Have a nice summer break with your kid(s).

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To All WSD Senior Athletes,

We want to thank you all for giving your athletic skills, leadership, and commitments to the WSD Athletic Department. Without you, we wouldn't have an athletic program. Again, we wish you best of luck in the future.

- WSD Athletic Department

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# WSD Class of 2011

**Heather Besaw-Benz**



**Forest Junction**

**Ian Breaker**



**Appleton**

**Jose Castillo**



**Madison**

**Tony Davis, Jr.**



**Milwaukee**

**Amanda Downs**



**Janesville**

**Myra Flynn**



**Madison**

**Jonathan Foreman**



**Lannon**

**Cody Gannon**



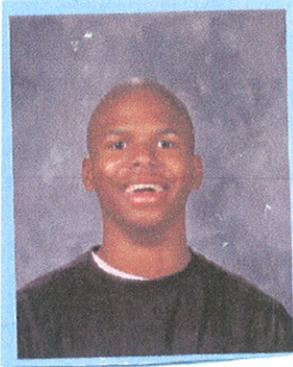
**Janesville**

**Ruth James**



**Keshena**

**Joshua Jordan**



**Milwaukee**

**Devon Krajcik**



**Wauwatosa**

**Charles Moritz**



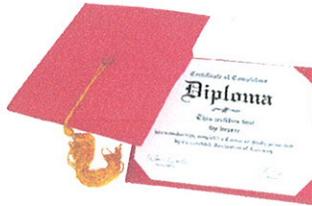
**Rhineland**

**Casey Muth**



**Orfordville**

**Travis Olson**



**Cottage Grove**

**Christopher Sweeney**



**Janesville**

**Justin Toles**



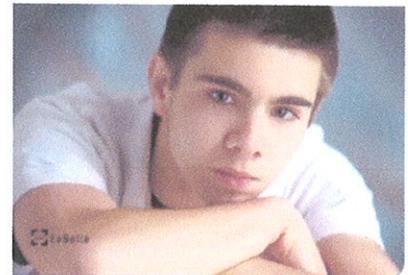
**Hayward**

**Maydee Vande Hey**



**Little Chute**

**Travis Waala**



**Elkhorn**

**Joshua Weber**



**Waukesha**

# FACTS *for* FAMILIES

No. 3

(Updated May 2008)

## TEENS: ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS

Experimentation with alcohol and drugs during adolescence is common. Unfortunately, teenagers often don't see the link between their actions today and the consequences tomorrow. They also have a tendency to feel indestructible and immune to the problems that others experience.

Using alcohol and tobacco at a young age has negative health effects.

While some teens will experiment and stop, or continue to use occasionally, without significant problems, others will develop a dependency, moving on to more dangerous drugs and causing significant harm to themselves and possibly others. It is difficult to know which teens will experiment and stop and which will develop serious problems. Teenagers at risk for developing serious alcohol and drug problems include those:

- with a family history of substance abuse
- who are depressed
- who have low self-esteem, and
- who feel like they don't fit in or are out of the mainstream

Teenagers abuse a variety of drugs, both legal and illegal. Legally available drugs include alcohol, prescribed medications, inhalants (fumes from glues, aerosols, and solvents) and over-the-counter cough, cold, sleep, and diet medications. The most commonly used illegal drugs are marijuana (pot), stimulants (cocaine, crack, and speed), LSD, PCP, opiates, heroin, and designer drugs (Ecstasy). The use of illegal drugs is increasing, especially among young teens. The average age of first marijuana use is 14, and alcohol use can start before age 12. The use of marijuana and alcohol in high school has become common.

Drug use is associated with a variety of negative consequences, including increased risk of serious drug use later in life, school failure, and poor judgment which may put teens at risk for accidents, violence, unplanned and unsafe sex, and suicide.

## Teens: Alcohol and Other Drugs, “Facts for Families,” No. 3 (5/08)

Parents can help prevent their children from using drugs by talking to them about drugs, open communication, role modeling responsible behavior, and recognizing if problems are developing.

### **Warning signs of teenage alcohol and drug abuse may include:**

<u>Physical:</u>	Fatigue, repeated health complaints, red and glazed eyes, and a lasting cough.
<u>Emotional:</u>	personality change, sudden mood changes, irritability, irresponsible behavior, low self-esteem, poor judgment, depression, and a general lack of interest.
<u>Family:</u>	starting arguments, breaking rules, or withdrawing from the family.
<u>School:</u>	decreased interest, negative attitude, drop in grades, many absences, truancy, and discipline problems.
<u>Social problems:</u>	new friends who are less interested in standard home and school activities, problems with the law, and changes to less conventional styles in dress and music.

Some of the warning signs listed above can also be signs of other problems. Parents may recognize signs of trouble. The first step is to discuss the use and possible abuse of alcohol and other drugs with their teenager. If you have concerns you may want to consult a physician to rule out physical causes of the warning signs. This should often be followed or accompanied by a comprehensive evaluation by a child and adolescent psychiatrist or mental health professional.

For additional information see *Facts for Families: #4 The Depressed Child, #17 Children of Alcoholics, and #33 Conduct Disorders*. See also: *Your Child* (1998 Harper Collins)/*Your Adolescent* (1999 Harper Collins).

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# Wisconsin School for the Deaf

## 2011-2012 School Year



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- July 4 Independence Day
- Aug 14 FB players return
- Aug 21 VB players return
- ▲ Aug 23-25 In-service Days
- Aug 26 Recess Day
- ▲ 29-31 In-service Days
- Ⓡ Aug 31 Registration Day
- Ⓡ Sept 1 First Day of School
- Sept 5 Labor Day
- Ⓡ Sept 6 Classes resume
- Oct 26-Wed Student Departure
- ▲ Oct 27-28 In-service Days
- Ⓡ Oct 31 Classes resume
- Nov 4 1st Quarter Ends
- Nov 23-Wed Student Departure
- Nov 24 Thanksgiving
- ◆ Nov 25 Recess day
- Ⓡ Nov 28 Classes resume
- Dec 22-Jan 2 Winter Break
- Ⓡ Jan 3 Classes resume
- Jan 16 Martin Luther King Day
- Ⓡ Jan 17 Classes resume
- Jan 20 2nd Quarter Ends
- ▲ Feb 17 In-service/Work Day
- Ⓡ Feb 20 Classes resume
- ▲ March 9 In-service/Work Day
- Ⓡ March 12 Classes resume
- March 23 3rd Quarter Ends
- March 26-30 Spring Break
- Ⓡ April 2 Classes resume
- Ⓡ April 9 Students Return AM/Classes resume
- May 28 Memorial Day
- Ⓡ May 29 Classes resume
- June 5 4th Quarter Ends
- Ⓡ June 8 Graduation
- Ⓡ June 8 Last day of school
- ◆ June 11 Recess Day

- ▲ In-service/Work
- Holidays
- Recess Days
- Ⓡ Classes resume
- Ⓡ Students return in AM
- End of quarter

### January 2012

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