Between Us...

...a monthly communication newsletter with and for our parents. May 18, 2012 Vol. 30, No. 5

Dates Of Special Interest

May	
25	Student departure day
28 Monday	**Memorial Day**
	Students return PM
June	
1	Student departure day
	End of 4th quarter
3	Students return PM
7	**9 AM Elementary Awards**
	1 PM HS Awards
8	Student departure day
	9 AM MS Awards
	1 PM Graduation
	Class of 2012
September	
4	**Registration**
	Day/First Day of School

Message from the Director

Alex H. Slappey

Videophones
A Blessing and a Curse

When I was growing up I loved to read the newspaper because it was my avenue to the world. I'd pretty much read the entire paper every day, but the first section I'd turn to would be the comics. One of my favorite strips was Dick Tracy. Dick Tracy had these cool video watches where he could communicate face to face with his fellow police officers. I always dreamed we'd have that technology in the future.

Well now is the future and in the last several years technology has given deaf and hard of hearing folks a new means by which to telecommunicate. The videophone (VP) is fast replacing the TTY/TTD as the preferred method for those deaf and hard of hearing who prefer to use ASL. When your first language is ASL it's a lot better to use a VP because you're communicating in the language you are most fluent in.

The impact of VP on our deaf and hard of hearing children has been really strong. Kids call other kids and chat just like hearing kids do and the best thing is they can chat fluently in the language they prefer with less chance of misunderstandings.

Unfortunately this technology also has a downside that parents and staff must be aware of. Kids can and do engage in inappropriate behavior while communicating with VPs. As horrible as it sounds, kids expose themselves to each other. We also see this in kids sending inappropriate pictures to each other with today's smart phones.

"Technology...is a queer thing,
it brings you great gifts with one hand and stabs you in the back with the other."
Carrie P. Snow

WSD staff sometimes hear about these incidents from the kids and usually the incidents take place at home. We try very hard to monitor the kids when they make VP calls from WSD. Our VP booths don't have doors so we can spot check and make sure things are appropriate while still allowing the students some sense of privacy.

We also try to educate our students to understand that such behavior can be sexual abuse and can result in serious legal charges from the authorities. As mandated reporters WSD staff are require to report such behavior to the authorities.

At home, however, kids tend to have more privacy and it's important that parents keep an eye on their children's conversations.

It's a changing world and while many changes are for the better, some are double edged swords. We all need to be aware of that and vigilant in monitoring our children.

BETWEEN US...This is a newsletter for parents of the students of the Wisconsin School for the Deaf. Approximately six issues are planned for the 2011-2012 school year. Parents are invited to send newsworthy items to the school office.

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, religion, age, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability.

WSD Birthdays

June

1 Tony Davis Jr.
2 Tanner Evans
3 Emily Koehn
7 Arthur Hart
Mia Eldred
10 Malia Christenson
13 Anthony Lange
15 Darion Henderson
26 Elijah Needs
27 TJ Carroll

July

1 Dakota Bishop
3 Shane Tisa
9 Gared Gannon
Zachary Needs
12 Laela Chapin
13 Lance Jacoby Jr.
18 Angelica Aslani
21 Daniel Orizaba

Aug

3 Katelyn Miller
7 Chloe Goetsch
14 Thomas Benish
18 Cayden rawlings
19 Dakota Steinmetz
Jaeden Payne
21 Chandre Kimble
28 Cindy Martinez
31 Jerome Payne
Anthony Bole

Special Olympics News

Special Olympics Track and Field

The track season is off to a great start with great weather and our first meet completed. Our next meet will be Wednesday, May 23rd at WSD. We will be competing against Lakeland School in our annual mini meet. This event will start at 9:30 and run until 12:00. We hope to see you there.

The season finishes with the State Summer Games being held June 7-9th at UW-Stevens Point. We have 4 athletes who will be traveling to Point along with their coaches. We wish them good luck and bring home some medals.

PSA news

PSA (Parent Staff Association)

The year has flown by and with an energetic motivated group of parents fresh ideas and new officers will greet parents and staff on registration day in the fall. Look for the PSA table at registration to learn about fundraising opportunities such as Boxtops4Education, Campbell's Soup Labels, milk caps, and other opportunities. Collect your Boxtops and Campbell's Labels throughout the summer. Your WSD PSA wishes you a wonderful relaxing summer!

First Edition Ready to Order!

- Our ***WSD: A Book of Firsts*** is ready for purchase!
- All proceeds go to support the WSD Museum as a gift from Becky Epple's Freshman/Sophomore Deaf Studies & ASL class.
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- **How to order:**
- To order the book:
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- http://www.blurb.com/bookstore/detail/3210899
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- If you are having difficulty locating the book, try googling the blurb.com website.
- Click on the tab: Blurb Bookshop
- In the seach tab within the Blurb Bookshop type the word: WSD
- Our book will automatically pop up!
- The title of the book is: ***WSD: A Book of Firsts***
- The book highlights many of the first important events in WSD's history. We are celebrating 160 years! All proceeds go to support the WSD Museum as a gift from the freshman/sophomore Deaf Studies class.
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- **Prices are:**
- Soft cover: $24.95
- Hard cover with a Jacket: $35.95

Thank YOU and Happy Reading!

Note:
To view the sample pages of the book, you will need to download a newer version of Adobe. Students should be able to view at home, but currently might not be able to view at WSD.

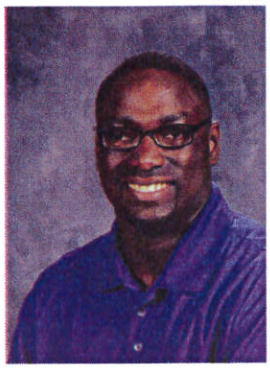
Congratulations to the Class of 2012

Angelica Aslani

Brady Bostwick

Amanda Felciano

Merrick Frei



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Janessa Guza

Nick Johnson

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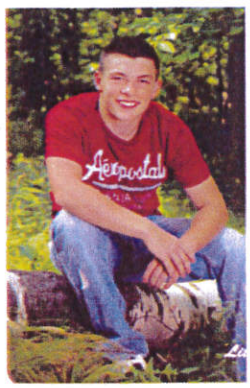

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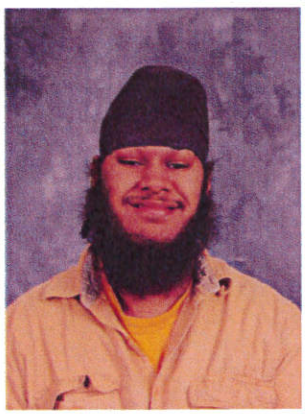

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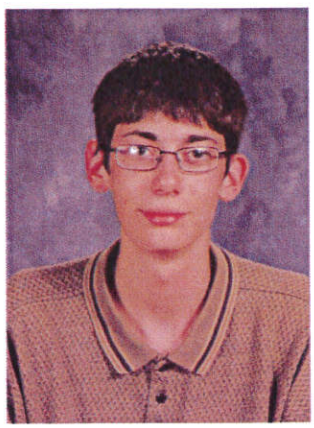


Shane Tisa

Not pictured:

Emily Nielsen

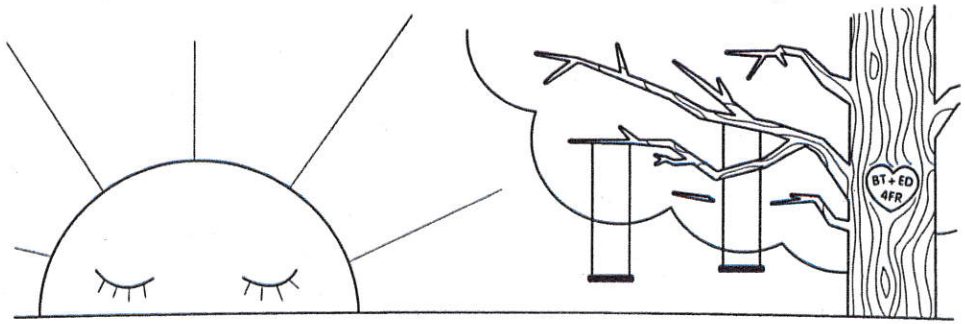
Earn cash for your school, all summer long!

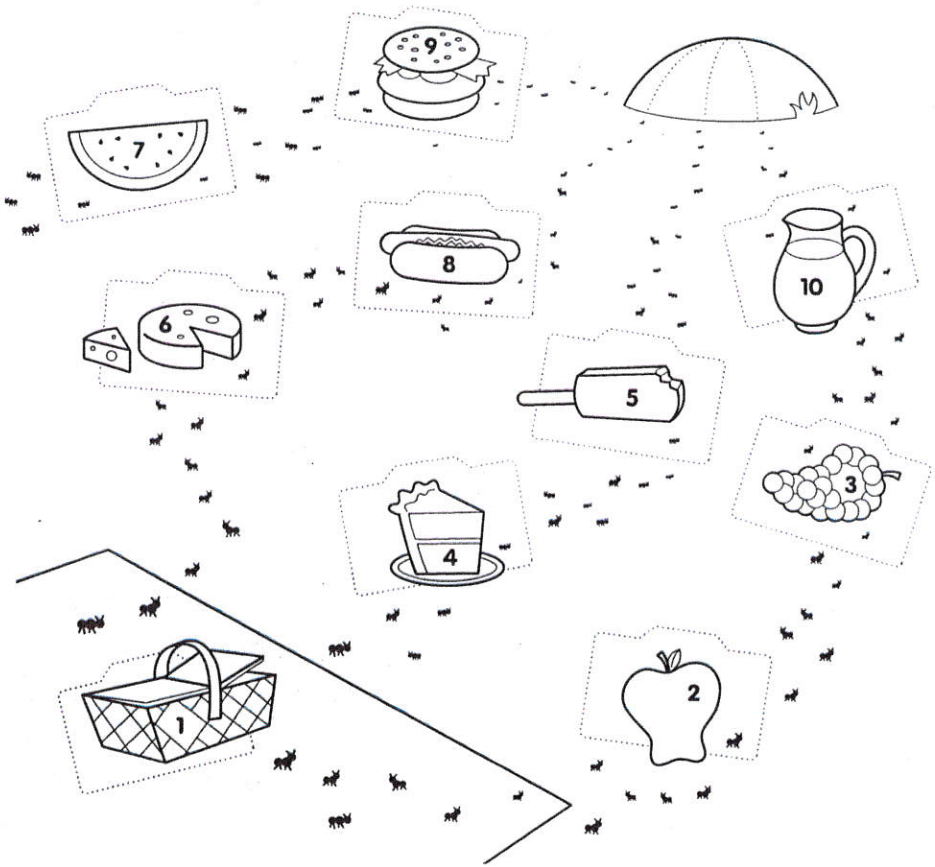
As you prepare for summer picnics, reunions and celebrations, think Box Tops, and the many products that will help you earn cash for your school. You'll find a complete listing of participating products at www.boxtops4education.com.

Each month, help your child color, decorate and attach 10 Box Tops to that month's collection sheet.

In the fall, bring them back to class to earn much-needed cash for your school!

Cover this picnic lunch with Box Tops before the ants can eat it up!

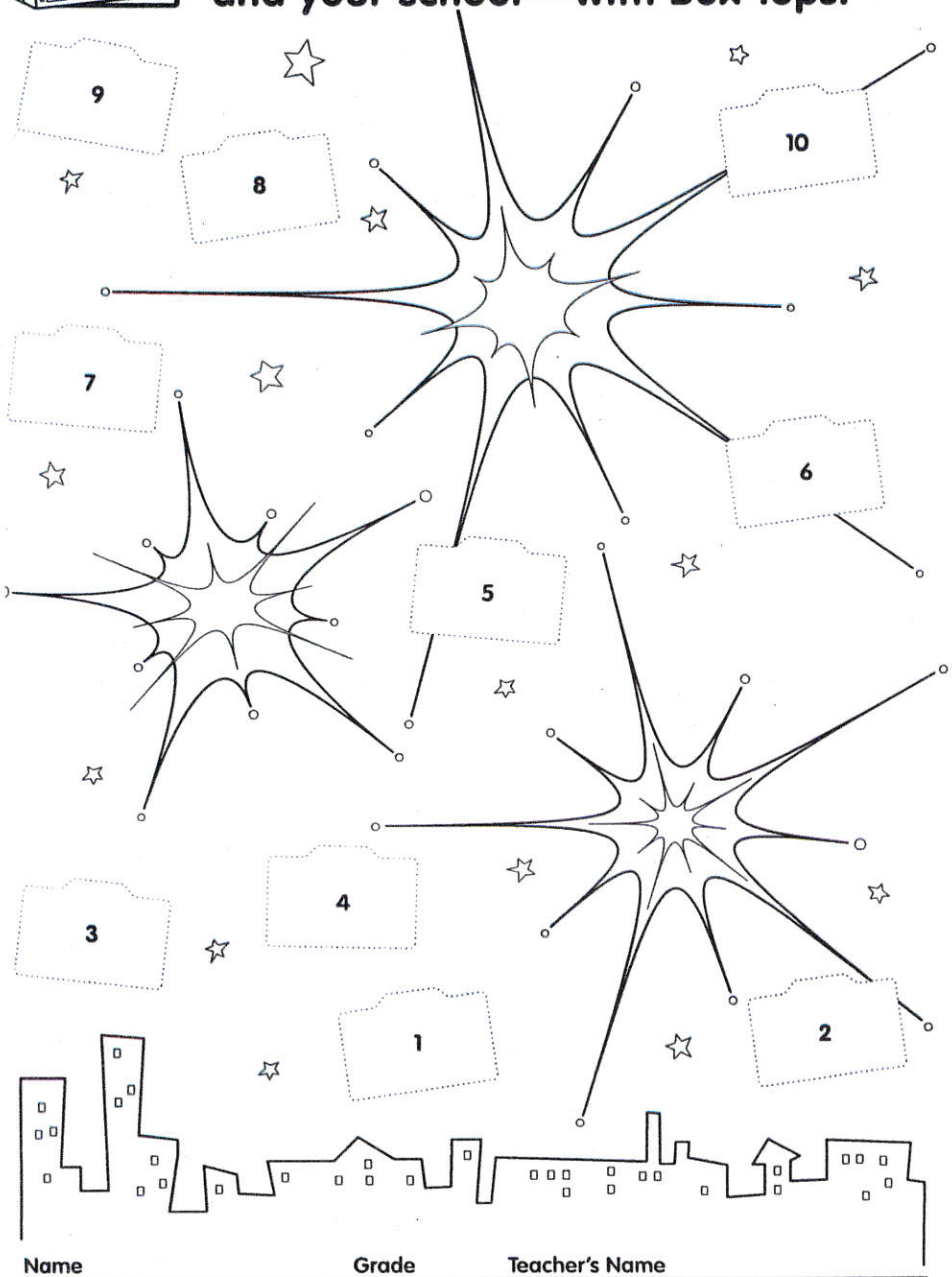




Name Grade Teacher's Name

Thank you for helping! Every Box Top you collect is worth 10¢ for your school.
For more collection worksheets and projects, go to www.boxtops4education.com/activitycenter

Celebrate the Fourth of July—and your school—with Box Tops!



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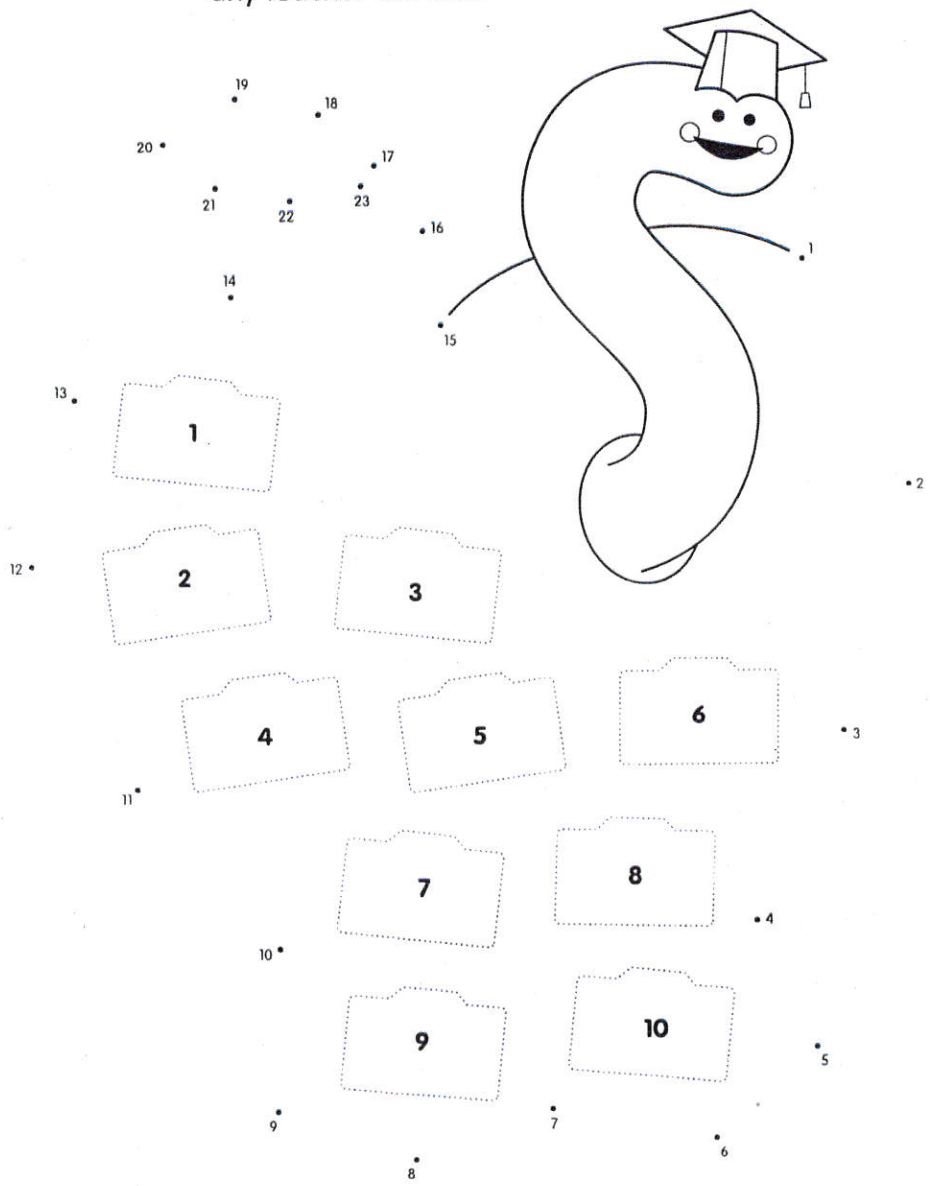
A gift for your teacher—and your school!

Connect the dots, color and add 10 Box Tops for a gift any teacher will love!



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You and Your Child

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF CHILD & ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY

Facts for Families

Children and Role Models

No. 74; March 2011

According to ***Mental Health: A Report of the Surgeon General (1999),*** 1 in 5 will experience signs and symptoms of a psychiatric disorder during the course of the year. Some nine million children have serious emotional problems at any point in time. Yet, only 1 in 5 of these children are receiving appropriate treatment. When parents or teachers suspect that a child may have an emotional problem, they should seek a comprehensive evaluation by a mental health professional specifically trained to work with children and adolescents.

Signs and symptoms of childhood and adolescent emotional problems may include:

- School problems
- Frequent fighting
- Trouble sleeping
- Feeling sad
- Thoughts about suicide or running away
- Excessive weight loss or gain
- Troubling or disturbing thoughts
- Use of drugs or alcohol
- Withdraw or isolation
- Injuring or killing animals
- Stealing or lying
- Mood swings
- Setting fires
- Obsessive thoughts or compulsive behaviors
- Dangerous or self destructive behavior
- Trouble paying attention
- Anxiety or frequent worries

Throughout the evaluation process, parents should be directly involved and ask many questions. It's important to make sure you understand the results of the evaluation, your child's diagnosis, and the full range of treatment options. If parents are not comfortable with a particular clinician, treatment option, or are confused about specific recommendations, they should consider a second opinion.

Before a child begins treatment, parents may also want to ask the following:

- What are the recommended treatment options for my child?
- How will I be involved with my child's treatment?
- How will we know if the treatment is working?
- How long should it take before I see improvement?
- Does my child need medication?
- What should I do if the problems get worse?
- What are the arrangements if I need to reach you after-hours or in an emergency?

You may also need to advocate to have your child seen in a timely way, by the most appropriate clinician. Most insurance plans now include some form of managed care, which may utilize provider panels with few mental health professionals. However, many states now have laws concerning reasonable access to specialists. If you have problems or questions, try calling the Department of Insurance, the Patient Ombudsman/Advocate, or the Department of Consumer Affairs at your insurance company.

Ongoing parental involvement and support are essential to the overall success of treatment. Depending on the nature of your child's problems, it may also be important to involve the school, community agencies, and/or juvenile justice system. In addition, it may be helpful to learn how to access other

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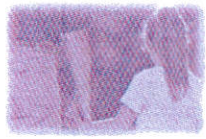


support services such as respite, parent skill building, or home-based programs. Local advocacy groups can also provide valuable information, experience and support for parents.

Although serious emotional problems are common in childhood and adolescence, they are also highly treatable. By advocating for early identification, comprehensive evaluation and appropriate intervention, parents can make sure their children get the help they need, and reduce the risk of long term emotional difficulties.

For additional information see *Facts for Families*:
#00 Definition of a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist
#24 Know When to Seek Help for Your Child
#25 Know Where to Seek Help for Your Child
#26 Know Your Health Insurance Benefits
#52 Comprehensive Psychiatric Evaluation.

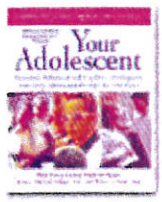
For more information about parent advocacy, contact:

Federation of Families for Children's
Mental Health
(703) 684-7710
1021 Prince Street
Alexandria, VA 22314-2971
http://www.ffcmh.org

National Alliance of the Mentally Ill
Colonial Place Three (703) 524-7600
2107 Wilson Blvd-3rd Floor
Arlington, VA 22201
http://www.nami.org

National Mental Health Association
(703) 684-7722
1021 Prince Street
Alexandria, VA 22314-2971
http://www.nmha.org

See also: *Your Child* (1998 Harper Collins) / *Your Adolescent* (1999 Harper Collins)



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If you need immediate assistance, please dial 911

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Walworth County
Department of Health and Human Services
W4051 County Road NN PO Box 1005
Elkhorn, WI 53121-1005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE...	CONTACT: Pat Grove, Health Officer (262)741-3140 FAX: (262)741-3757

Walworth County Experiencing an Increase in Whooping Cough

Walworth County, along with all of Wisconsin, is experiencing an outbreak of Whooping Cough (Pertussis). Since the beginning of 2012, the Walworth County Health Department has investigated over 150 possible cases. Of those, 54 are confirmed and probable cases. Walworth County Public Health Officer Pat Grove said public health nurses are contacting all known contacts of the individuals with pertussis to determine their risk. Statewide, almost 1,900 cases have been reported, compared to only 158 one year ago. Children age 5 – 14 years accounted for over 62% of all the investigations.

Pertussis is a highly contagious bacterial disease that causes uncontrollable, violent coughing. The coughing can make it hard to breathe and the deep "whooping" sound is sometimes heard when the patient tries to take a breath in between coughs. If someone with whooping cough sneezes or coughs, tiny droplets which hold the bacteria spread through the air, placing others at risk for contracting the disease. While vaccination is helpful, it is possible to get Pertussis even when fully vaccinated.

The first symptoms are similar to the common cold, sometimes with a cough. Several days later, most people notice that the cough suddenly becomes much worse, resulting in uncontrollable coughing. These coughing spells can sometimes lead to vomiting. While healthy adults and older children usually recover completely from Pertussis, infants under the age of one year are at risk of major complications, even death. Most infants who get pertussis are exposed to it from the adults around them, especially parents and grandparents.

If you suspect you have whooping cough, call your health care provider and ask to be tested for it. You may be asked to wear a mask upon arrival at the office. Pertussis is tested from a sample taken from your nasal secretions. Because test results can take a few days, if your provider suspects whooping cough, treatment with an appropriate antibiotic will be started immediately. If you think you may have whooping cough, you should stay home and avoid contact with other people, especially small children and infants, until after you have completed 5 full days of antibiotics, even if the test result is negative. All suspected cases of Pertussis are reported to the health department, per state mandate, for investigation.

Anyone who spends time with infants and young children should receive a booster of the pertussis vaccine. This is given in combination with the tetanus booster. Check with your health care provider to see if you have received this vaccine. If you received a tetanus

booster that did not contain the Pertussis vaccine, you should get another one with Pertussis, no matter how long it has been since that booster.

To prevent catching pertussis: use good hand washing, avoid close contact with others that have a cough, see your health care provider if you get a serious cough after having a cold, especially if the cough lasts for weeks, and please consider getting a vaccine. It's highly effective and can prevent pretty serious complications.

Vaccines are available for low or no cost at the Walworth County Public Health immunization clinics, located at the Walworth County Department of Health and Human Services, W4051 County Road NN in Elkhorn (next to Aurora Lakeland Medical Center). These clinics operate on a first-come, first-served basis. Appointments are also available by calling (262) 741-3140.

1st Thursday of the month	3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
2nd Tuesday of the month	3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
3rd Tuesday of the month	9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
4th Tuesday of the month	1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

WDA Mission of Mercy

WISCONSIN DENTAL ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION

The Wisconsin Dental Association and WDA Foundation will provide ***FREE dental care*** through a Mission of Mercy (MOM) program.

DATE
Friday, June 29 and Saturday, June 30, 2012

WHERE
The Exhibition Hall at Alliant Energy Center, 1919 Alliant Energy Center Way, Madison

TIME
Doors open 5:30 a.m. Patients seen on **first-come, first-served basis** with approximately 1,750 patients treated each day. Our patient quota typically reached before noon, so come early!

WHO
Adults and children of all ages with limited financial resources or otherwise unable to visit a dental office and who do **not** have a medically-compromising condition that prohibits safely receiving care are welcome.

Children under age 18 must be accompanied by parent or guardian.

CARE
Cleanings, fillings, extractions and limited treatment partials offered. **All work is provided for free** by 1,800 volunteer dental professionals and community helpers donating their time and skills.

NOTE
Photo identification, social security number or other personal ID/documentation is **NOT** required.

Interpreters will be available to assist patients who speak Spanish, Hmong or Albanian.

Please do **NOT** wait for the WDA Mission of Mercy to seek care for dental pain, as this could signal a serious condition. Visit WDA.org for a list of low-cost dental clinics and other information.

If dental pain is severe and accompanied by a fever or swelling, go to a hospital emergency room immediately!

It's the smiles – not the miles – that make it a mission!

La Asociación Odontológica de Wisconsin y la Fundación WDA ofrecerán ***atención odontológica GRATUITA*** a través de un programa de Mission of Mercy (MOM).

FECHA
Viernes 29 y sábado 30 de junio de 2012

LUGAR
Sala de exposiciones del centro *Alliant Energy Center*, 1919 Alliant Energy Center Way, Madison

HORA
Las puertas abren a las 5.30 a.m. Se **atenderá por orden de llegada**, aproximadamente 1.750 pacientes cada día. Se suele llegar al cupo de pacientes al mediodía, ¡así que llegue temprano!

PARA QUIÉNES
Se invita a **los adultos y niños** de todas las edades, que posean recursos financieros limitados o que no puedan visitar un consultorio dental, y que no tengan un padecimiento médicamente comprometedor que impida la recepción segura de atención.

Los menores de 18 años deben ir acompañados de un padre o tutor.

ATENCIÓN
Los procedimientos que se ofrecen son: limpiezas, amalgamas, extracciones y prótesis parciales de tratamiento limitado. **Todo el trabajo es gratuito y está en manos de** 1.800 profesionales de la odontología voluntarios y auxiliares comunitarios, que donan su tiempo y sus conocimientos.

AVISO
NO se necesita identificación con fotografía, número de seguridad social ni otras identificaciones ni documentación. Habrá intérpretes para audar a los pacientes que hablen español, miao o albanés.

NO espere que *Mission of Mercy* de WDA busque atención para el dolor de dientes, ya que esto podría ser señal de un padecimiento grave. Visite WDA.org para obtener una lista de clínicas odontológicas de bajo costo y otra información.

Si el dolor de dientes es grave y acompañado de fiebre o inflamación, acuda de inmediato a la sala de urgencias de un hospital.

¡Son las sonrisas, no las millas, lo que la convierten en una misión!

Lub Koom Haum Kho Hniav Wisconsin thiab Lub Chaw Pab Nyiaj WDA yuav muab ***kev pab saib xyuas kho hniav DAWB*** los ntawm txoj haujlwm ntawm Qhov Chaw Muab Kev Hlub Tshua (MOM).

HNUB TIM
Hnub Tsib (Friday), Lub Rau Hli 29 thiab Hnub Rau (Saturday), Lub Rau Hli 30, 2012

QHOV CHAW TWG
Lub Tsev Loj Tso Khoom Rau Neeg Saib (The Exhibition Hall) ntawm Alliant Energy Center, 1919 Alliant Energy Center Way, Madison

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Nws yog kev luag ntxhwb ntxhis – tsis yog qhov kev ntsuas deb ua mais- uas tsim nws ua ib lub luag! haujlwm!

FREE DENTAL CARE ✣ FREE DENTAL CARE ✣ FREE DENTAL CARE ✣ FREE DENTAL CARE

4/20/12

Article submitted by the therapy department at WSD.

live well, work well

Health and wellness tips for your work, home and life—brought to you by MJ Care, Inc.

Allergies: Seasonal Relief

As the seasons change, so will your allergy symptoms. Combat allergic reactions with these seasonal tips.

Winter

The winter months often provide some relief for allergy sufferers, as the outdoor air is cool and free of pollen. However, if you have allergies, you need to make sure that the air inside your house is clean as well. Be sure to:

- Keep firewood outside.
- Clean heating ducts and air conditioning filters.
- Bathe house pets regularly if dander is a problem.
- Keep your face covered when out in the cold. Going from cold outside air to warm indoor air can trigger asthma.

Spring

Mold growth blooms indoors and outdoors with spring rains. As flowers, trees, weeds and grasses begin to blossom, allergies will follow. Spring-cleaning activities can stir up dust mites, so be sure to:

- Wash your bedding every week in hot water to help keep pollen under control.
- Wash your hair before going to bed, since pollen can accumulate in your hair.
- Wear an inexpensive painter's mask and gloves when cleaning, vacuuming or painting to limit dust and chemical inhalation, and skin exposure.
- Vacuum twice a week.
- Limit the number of throw rugs in your home to reduce dust and mold.
- Make sure the rugs you do have are washable.
- Change air conditioning and heating air filters often.

Summer

Warm temperatures and high humidity can put a strain on seasonal allergy and asthma sufferers. Summer is the peak time for some types of pollen, smog and even mold:

- Stay indoors between 5 a.m. and 10 a.m., when outdoor pollen counts tend to be highest.
- Be careful when going from extreme outdoor heat to air conditioning. The temperature change can trigger an asthma attack.
- Wear a mask when you mow the lawn or when around freshly cut grass. Afterward, take a shower, wash your hair and change clothes.
- Dry laundry inside instead of on an outside clothesline.
- Check your yard for allergens, as well as other irritants such as oak, birch, cedar and cottonwood trees; weeds such as nettle or ragweed can also trigger allergies.
- Wear shoes, long pants and sleeves if allergic to bee stings.
- Do not wear scented deodorants, hair products or perfumes when outdoors.

Fall

Cooler temperatures are ideal for planting flowers and trees, but be sure to plant those that produce less pollen, such as fir, pine, dogwood, azaleas, tulips, irises and pansies.

- Wear a mask while raking leaves or when working with mulch or hay.
- Use a dehumidifier in your basement to deter mold.
- Clean the dehumidifier frequently.
- Wash bathroom tiles and shower curtains with mold-killing products.

Did you know...?

Back-to-school time is a great time to discuss allergies or asthma with your child's school nurse and teachers. Inform them of your child's needs, including any inhalers, medications and what to do in case of an emergency.

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DEAF AWARENESS FEST

SEPTEMBER 29, 2012

Exhibits • Workshops • Children's Activities

WHERE: Milwaukee Area Technical College
6665 South Howell Ave
Oak Creek, WI (South of Milwaukee)

TIME: 9:00am- 3:00pm

HOSTED BY:

Wisconsin Association of the Deaf

Come and join us to learn about
and celebrate the beautiful Deaf culture.
This event is open to everyone!

Workshops will be in ASL and voice interpreted

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