Deaf Awareness Week
A High Priority at LSD

A week’s worth of activities celebrating Deaf Awareness Week was kicked off with a school wide assembly showcasing student productions of ASL Performing Art Forms. Deaf Awareness Week is an annual event recognizing Deaf Culture and its accomplishments. This year it was celebrated Sept. 28 - Oct. 2.

Other activities included:
Tuesday - The History of LSD
Wednesday - ASL Trivia and Guesstures
Thursday - Get to Know Your Deaf Community
Friday - Get to Know Your Deaf Community cont. and a movie.
News from the Director

Welcome to the Louisiana School for the Deaf and a brand new school year. As we begin this 2015-2016 school year, my focus will be to provide all staff with the tools and supports necessary to do an excellent job, as well as to provide our students with the teachers, learning opportunities, and life experiences that enable them to reach their potential and live well. This school year, our focus and theme will be “Striving for Excellence”. That as a whole, we work together striving for excellence for ourselves, individually – for the betterment of our school – and most importantly the real reason any of us is here . . . . for the children parents have entrusted to us to educate.

Striving for Excellence ~ Louisiana School for the Deaf

News from the Principal

Greetings! It’s been a joyful start to the school year! I can’t believe it is already October! I look forward to an exciting 2015-16 school year! We are now nearing the end of the first quarter and grades will be sent home soon.

Attendance is important. We need our students to be at school every day so they can learn and be successful. We want to work with you and encourage you to visit and help out at the school. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child’s teacher. We are here to help you!

Our recent Open House was a success with a larger turnout than last year. Now we are preparing for Homecoming which happens on October 31st. We look forward to seeing you there!
The LSD Middle School has 24 students this year. Of those 24, there are 4 new students: E. Owens, C. Dooley-Smith, C. Smith and D. Lee. We also have 5 new staff members in middle school. Jayme Anderson is coming from Mobile, Alabama and is teaching ELA and Reading. Elizabeth Burke is coming from Utah and is teaching Social Studies and Science. Nicol Skaggs is from Denham Springs and is teaching ASL in the Middle and Elementary School. Claudia Mattern is from Illinois and is teaching Art for the Elementary and Middle School. Amy Ladleder is our new Counselor. She comes to LSD from Philadelphia. I believe that all of our new out of state staff have realized very quickly that the food is much better here than anywhere else.

The first two months of school have been fast and furious. Our new teachers and new students have gotten their “feet wet” and I feel are now in the groove of things. We have several middle school students participating in JV Volleyball, Football and Cheerleading. There is always something going on for our students and they definitely cannot say that they are bored at any time. We are looking forward to the upcoming school activities, highlighted by our Homecoming on October 31st.
When Job-Hunting:
“Dress for Success \ Dress to Impress”
By Anne Aucoin & Pam Meno

“Dress for success \ Dress to Impress” is probably one of the most overused phrases in job-hunting, but also one of the most under-utilized by job-seekers. In job-hunting, first impressions are critical. Remember, you are marketing a product -- yourself -- to a potential employer, and the first thing the employer sees when greeting you is your attire; thus, you must make every effort to have the proper dress for the type of job you are seeking. Will dressing properly get you the job? Of course not, but it will give you a competitive edge and a positive first impression.

In our “Journey to Careers” classes, students are holding mock interviews in preparation for actual job interviews with potential employers. The students took turns interviewing each other using a checklist. After practicing with each, the students went through the interview process with staff members. Covered during the interview with staff was attire and how to dress to impress. Many of the male students said that they didn’t know how to tie a necktie. A class period was devoted to learning how to tie a necktie. Steve McPhail (Instructor) and Robby Porter (Assistant Principal) joined our class to assist the young men and ladies in learning how to tie neckties. Be on the lookout for this group in the future because they will be “dressed for success and dressed to impress.”
How Many Apples Up on Top?
Mrs. Kelly Landry

It is fall in the Kindergarten Classroom! In math, we have been reviewing numbers, how to count objects using one-to-one correspondence, and comparing groups of objects. Our apple activity covered both topics. We read the story, Ten Apples Up On Top, by Dr. Seuss. During the reading of the story, the students practiced comparing the groups of apples the characters placed on their heads. When the story was finished, it was the students' turn to place “apples” on their heads. Each student picked a card and identified the number on the card. They counted out the correct number of “apples” and balanced them on their head. They were able to practice comparing the amount of apples on their heads to their friends' apples. Below are some of the fun pictures we took during this activity.

ANNOUNCING
The 2015 Homecoming Court

Freshman Class Representative: Nthabeleng MacDonald
Sophomore Class Representative: Chelsey Scott
Junior Class Representatives: Krishawn Keasley and Alexis Powell
Senior Class Representatives: Alicia Landry, Paige Ramser, and Michelle Rowe

Come to Homecoming October 31st and see who we will crown as Queen during halftime of the football game.
LSD Volleyball

Amy Watson

Since the 2nd week of school, the team has been practicing to sharpen up their skills after being off for almost a year! Our Junior Varsity members are all BRAND-NEW! Thanks to our Varsity members for their help in helping the new members in learning new skills. During the weekend of August 21st to 23rd, many of our players stayed for Volleyball camp to prepare for the season. On August 26th, LSD Varsity played in a jamboree. They did very well for their first games of the year. On August 31st, both JV and V teams played against Livonia at home. Both teams played pretty well and the scores were close! We are off to a GREAT start of the year! More details to come!
WAR EAGLES GO LSD!
Susan Gremillion

The 2015 Football Season is off to a great start. Yes, a great start!
All of the boys have been working hard since the first day, and have a desire to do their best. Doing their best is a challenge that is issued to them every practice and every quarter, as well as, not to settle for anything less than their best.
The Varsity stayed the 2nd weekend of the school year for a Fall Mini-Camp, and got a lot accomplished on both sides of the football. During a break between practice, lifting, conditioning and watching game film, the Eagles took advantage of permission given for them to attend a scrimmage at LSU. Coach Les Miles and Malachi Dupree talked to the Eagles after the scrimmage to answer questions and to give words of encouragement. They had a good time and saw the result of great technique!
This season hasn’t been up to our winning standards to which LSD has grown accustom, but there has been growth and improvement. These are two factors that are needed in order to have success. The LSD Eagles have lost games at Arkansas (36-22) and Mississippi (64-28), but the scores don’t reflect the hard fought games that they have played.
For our first game the LSD JV played in Lafayette against the Lafayette Christian Home School Association. Both the JV and Varsity played Georgia School for the Deaf at HOME. The varsity won that game. We still have several games on our schedule. Come out and support the LSD Eagles!
Dorm News
Reported by N. MacDonald

This month’s activities for Elementary, Middle, and High School residential students have been keeping us busy:

Elementary girls and boys have been enjoying swimming at our campus swimming pool and playing outside. Elementary students will be going to a local park and eating ice cream this month. The students are so excited to go off campus for ice cream.

Middle School Boys Dorm went to Baskin Robins to buy ice cream on Sept. 16. Middle School girls went to Snowballs & Kenilworth Park with the boys on Sept. 29. They enjoyed their time at the park while eating snowballs! Middle School Girls Dorm went to Central Buffet earlier this quarter. Central Buffet has different kinds of food. The girls really enjoyed eating Chinese food and chatting with their friends. Some of the customers even praised them for having very courteous and mature behavior.

High School Dorm went to Area 51 in September. The girls had so much fun!!! Also, they went to the Food Court at the Mall of Louisiana. The girls watched movies in the Recreation Room after they picked up their food and returned to the dorm.

The seniors began Senior shopping at the local Wal-Mart to buy groceries for their upcoming dinner night. The seniors will cook delicious spaghetti!
Sorenson Presentation is a Hit!

By P. Ramser

Last week after lunch, all of the LSD middle school and high school students went to Student Center Game Room to meet three people who work for Sorenson. The presenter, Micheal Lozynsky, went through a powerpoint presentation that explained about Sorenson.

He discussed information about clothing, proper lighting, being respectful to the interpreter, how to work with an interpreter, and the products available.

CLOTHING: Very important: If a shirt has a wild design, a neon-color, or random spots, the interpreter at Sorenson will have hard time seeing and understanding the Deaf person’s signs.

PROPER LIGHTING: If the person is lit from behind, the interpreter will have a hard time understanding the signer.

BE RESPECTFUL TO THE INTERPRETER: Always show respect to the interpreter You and interpreter are a team.

HOW TO WORK WITH AN INTERPRETER: You have a responsibility to sign REALLY CLEARLY so interpreter will be able to speak exactly what you want to say to the person you are calling.

PRODUCTS AVAILABLE: You can use Sorenson on a tablet, phone, computer, or television as they have their own set-up.

After the presentation, Micheal Lazynsky hosted a game that the students loved. There were four students per game. Michael showed pictures of two or three things and had the students rank them from least expensive to most expensive, slowest to fastest, or if the price listed on the item was too high or too low. All of the students enjoyed yelling out their opinions as to the answers. There was one last surprise for the LSD students, a cookie! But only one single cookie. They enjoyed that, too!
A New Face in the Library  
Rush Seitz

Every day, when entering the library, I run through a mental checklist to make sure I’m ready for the horde of the students coming to the library during their assigned time. Lights on, computers on, iPads charged and ready, library cleaned and tidy, books reshelved, & etc… Now I am ready for the students and teachers.

Having replaced Mrs. Jumonville as the school librarian at Louisiana School for the Deaf, I have found myself facing an enormous challenge. Before becoming the librarian, I had taught for two years, only having worked with a small number of students. Now, I serve the whole school from students to staff to faculty to administration as the new school librarian. Who am I? I am Rush.

At this time, I am also currently a full-time graduate student at Louisiana State University working on my Master’s in Library and Information Science while working full-time as the school librarian. I wanted to move out of the classroom in search of a bigger challenge. When the librarian position became vacant, I saw it as an opportunity to get more involved in the school.

It is the goal of the library to serve as a place of information for our students, faculty, and administration. By “information,” I define that as being able to provide answers to the questions that any of the patrons may have. For example, a teacher may ask me for help with our Accelerated Reader program.

Or perhaps, a student would ask, “Do you have a book on World War II?” I would help that student locate the appropriate source to use in their leisurely reading, research project, or a presentation. In other words, I am here to serve the school in any way I can as the school librarian.

I look forward to hearing from and working with you. I can be reached at rseitz@lsdvi.org.

Transition Services  
Mark Tarver

LSD starts off the 2015-2016 school year with a lot of new faces. From administrators, to teachers, to teacher aides, our campus has many newly hired people to help Louisiana School for the Deaf (LSD) run smoothly. One of the new employees is Mr. Mark Tarver of Transition Services.

Mr. Mark Tarver enters LSD with 24 years experience in education and is employed as the new Transition Coordinator. He takes the place of Mrs. Pam Ross, who retired last school year. The Transition Services office is located in room 234 of the CTE/Vocational building.

LSD’s Transition Services is meant to help LSD’s students to continue being successful after high school. Assistance with choosing the right university, technical college, job training, or even real life employment is important. Therefore, LSD’s Transition Services is important for our students.

“All student with questions or needs, especially our LSD seniors, just stop by and see me,” stated Mr. Mark Tarver.
Hello All!!! Exciting things are happening in the Social Studies department this fall! Mrs. Trascher’s classes have gone paperless! We are using iPads in class to complete our assignments and Edmodo as our online classroom.

September has been a busy month in social studies:

On September 11, we honored those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks.
On September 17, we celebrated Constitution Day.

Individually, each class has also been covering different topics such as:

Civics classes have been learning about the three branches of government by reading the Constitution.
American History students are studying the time period from Western Expansion through Progressivism.
World Geography is completing their unit on the United States and Canada.
World History is discussing the Renaissance and Reformation.

All social studies students are busy preparing for Deaf Awareness Week as well!

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