

PSO NEWS

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our mission

1. Facilitate timely and pertinent communication between parents and the school, working together to offer the highest quality educational and residential programs.
2. Foster social interaction between parents and the staff.
3. Provide parents and staff with current information about deafness, education and issues that impact both deaf children and WPSD, enabling them to become advocates for their children and the school.
4. Plan activities for the benefit of the students and the school.
5. Plan fundraising activities that directly benefit student programs.
6. Serve as a "sounding board" for ideas and potential projects being considered by the school.
7. Identify issues and concerns that relate to the students and the school.

fundraising



- ★ Food sales at Community Block Party
- ★ Spirit Basket Raffle
- ★ 50/50 Raffle at Homecoming
- ★ WPSD Spirit Wear

We are excited to announce that the Spirit Wear Fundraiser is now an on-going fundraiser, thanks to our new online store. You can now purchase Spirit Wear ANY TIME OF THE YEAR by visiting:

<http://www.sportsfactory.shop/western-pa-school-for-the-deaf.html#/>

This year's fundraising has supported:

ANNUAL WELCOME BACK PICNIC

On Sunday, August 19, we hosted our annual PSO Welcome Back Picnic to kick off the start of the new school year. We enjoyed good weather, good food, and most of all, good company!

thank you!



A special "THANK YOU" to Gosia's Pierogies for their generous donation to the PSO of proceeds from their sales at the 2018 Community Block Party.

2019 PROM



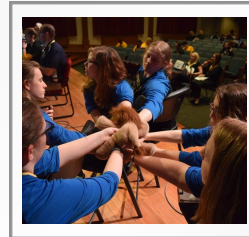
We are sharing in the Prom excitement as our donation to the 2019 Prom Committee enabled them to hire Deaf DJ Nico DiMarco to DJ the Prom. In case you didn't know, Nico is the brother of *Dancing With the Stars* winner Nyle DiMarco - both excellent role models for our students.

MINI-SIGNSHINE



Our donation to Mini-Signshine made it possible for them to purchase new shirts to wear for performances. We are proud to support them in their work to promote Deaf awareness.

ACADEMIC BOWL



We were happy to support the participants in the 2019 Academic Bowl by providing a donation to host an ice-cream social. They worked so hard, they definitely deserved some time to relax and enjoy a sweet treat.