

The whole school attended a Pep Rally to celebrate all our basketball teams and our ESports teams as they head into many tournaments over the next month! We are so proud of our student athletes and their MANY accomplishments. The Boys Basketball Team won 4th place at the ESDAA Tournament last weekend and we look forward to seeing what the Girls Basketball Team will do this weekend in Philadelphia.

The Parent Staff Organization (PSO) hosted an Ice Cream Social for some of our Children's Center and Elementary School students and their families. This was such a special treat for all involved. Ice cream and social time in the Lion's Den snack bar - what a way to brighten a February day! If you are interested in joining the PSO, please contact Tara Nikou at tnikou@wpsd.org.

Our Toddler group restarted this month after a well deserved break. The parents, toddlers and staff are excited to be back together and ready to tackle all the fun (and educational) items our staff has planned!

The High School VEX Robotics Team headed to competition at the Kansas School for the Deaf on the 8th. Two of our three teams made it to the playoffs! Although we did not come away with the championship, the students learned a lot from the experience and had a blast.

Chris Noschese presented to the High School about the history of the Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf (PSAD), the importance for advocating for yourself as a Deaf individual and the scholarship the Society gives every year.

Middle School hosted it's Honor Roll and Merit Event with so many fun activities: dance competition, crafts, photobooth and much more! The event kicked off with the Honor Roll accolades and then moved into all

The High School Urban EcoStewards travelled to Frick Park for another amazing field trip. The day started out cold, but with lots of sun! These trips are a wonderful opportunity for our students to get hands-on learning experiences.

Congratulations to our Esports all female team for sweeping their way into the Garden State Esports Overwatch 2 Finals! The finals will take place on February 24th. Check our next edition to see how we did.

Our Academic Bowl Team has been practicing hard and taking on other schools for the Deaf in some friendly scrimmages the past few weeks.

Participating in a live competition is preparing them for the upcoming season.

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

ESDAA Girls' Basketball Tournament - PSD FEBRUARY 16-18

> President's Day - NO SCHOOL FEBRUARY 19

Elementary School Leap Day Activities FEBRUARY 29

ROV & ADC Competition - Texas FEBRUARY 26-MARCH 3

> Read Across America MARCH 1

March Long Weekend - NO SCHOOL MARCH 4

East Regional Academic Bowl at Ohio School for the Deaf MARCH 21-24

> Family Learning Weekend MARCH 22-23

End of Third Quarter MARCH 28

Spring Break MARCH 29-APRIL 5

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# NO SCHOOL

MONDAY 2/19/24

Residential students may return on Monday 2/19/24 after 5:00pm. Classes resume on Tuesday 2/20/24 at 8:00am.

# June 17-21, 2024

The Western PA School for the Deaf will offer one week of camp that is co-ed and open to deaf and hard of hearing youth ages 10 to 18. Campers can choose between an Overnight Camp or Day Camp program. There are a limited number of spaces! Registration ends June 7, 2024.



Baseball

Robotics



**Pickleball** 



Video Production

Standup Paddle Boarding



Hiking



Swimming

and much more!



Contact Tara Nikou tnikou@wpsd.org or 412-244-4268 for more information



\$200 for Overnight Camp

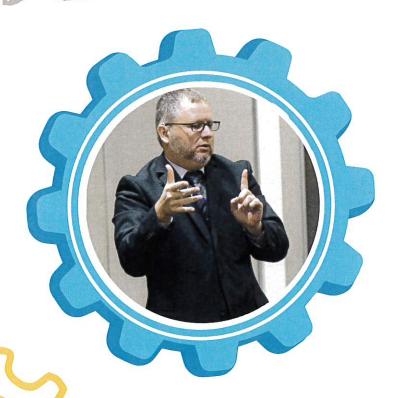
\$150 for Day Camp

**SAVE THE DATE** 

# FAMILY LEARNING WEEKEND

2024





## **KEYNOTE:**

Dr. Kent Schafer School Psychologist

How your decisions impact future learning

Workshop will be held on the WPSD Campus 300 East Swissvale Ave Pittsburgh, PA 15218

Overnight Accommodations Available

**MARCH** 22-23

Parents of students aged birth to 2nd grade

**REGISTER HERE:** 

