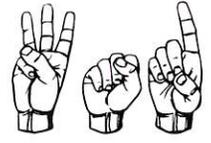




Between Us...



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

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Dates Of Special Interest

Monday 27 Students return PM
31 Student departure day

June
2 Students return PM
6 9:00 am Elementary Awards
1:00 pm High School Awards
7 9:00 am Middle School
Awards/Graduation
Departure day for all students
1:00 pm High School Graduation

*Congratulations to
the Class of 2013!*



August
18 Football players return
25 Volleyball players return

September
3 **Registration Day 1 pm – 4 pm**
OPEN HOUSE for Parents for the
new school building
4 **First day of school**



October
5 Homecoming
OPEN HOUSE for ALL alumni,
families and visitors for the new
school building

Message from the Director

Alex H. Slappey



Floor or Ceiling?
Your Choice

There is no question that most parents want what's best for their children. We don't deliberately make less than optimal choices for our children, but sometimes we just don't know any better.

The choices we make for our children are often the most important choices of their lives and our lives as well.

“Nobody ever did, or ever will, escape the consequences of his choices.”

Alfred A. Montapert

Obviously educational choices are crucial for a child. These are the choices that often decide a child's future as well as the child's present. For deaf or hard of hearing children it's even more important because of the impact a hearing loss has on a child's ability to maximize educational opportunities.

Many deaf and hard of hearing children do have their needs well met via the local school systems. These schools usually do their best to provide the resources and support that deaf and hard of hearing children need.

At the same time we need to recognize two essential elements to determining the best program for a deaf or hard of hearing child. The first is the nature of the child's hearing loss. Some children have hearing losses in severity or type that preclude the child's ability to

Message from Director cont.

acquire English effectively as a first language. Simply put, they can't acquire a sound English language foundation via spoken English. Spoken English is how English is learned as a first language.

The second element is the availability of resources.

I believe the Wisconsin School for the Deaf has resources second to none in the state. Below is just a partial listing of the unique resources at WSD:

- Visual language used 24 hours a day in all direct contact environments.
- ASL fluent direct contact staff.
- A crucial mass peer group fluent in ASL.
- Adult deaf/hard of hearing role models.
- Highly qualified educational staff knowledgeable in education of the deaf/hard of hearing.
- An excellent emotional/behavioral disordered program with ASL fluent staff.
- ASL fluent counseling and support services staff, some who are also deaf/hard of hearing role models.
- A robust curriculum that aligns with the National Core Standards.
- A level playing field in all sports, ASL fluent coaches.
- Clubs and organizations that are fully accessible with ASL fluent sponsors.
- Fully visible emergency alarms and message boards.

When you look at all the elements available at WSD you realize that WSD is an environment that can maximize your child's potential.

The crucial mass peer group and ASL fluent adult role models are essential to provide a sound foundation is ASL which is then used to teach English. The richer the language models available for a child to learn from, the more robust a child's language development.

WSD provides a whole child development focus. Not only does WSD provide strong academic programming, but via the extra-curricular activities program essential characteristics such as self-esteem, leadership, responsibility, citizenship, sportsmanship, and self-reliance to mention a few are also learned.

Federal law requires schools to offer a floor of opportunity to all disabled children. We think WSD goes far beyond that floor. We think we offer a program that is the ceiling of opportunities, a program that is designed to maximize all of a child's potential.

When you decide what kind of placement you wish your child to have think about this... do you wish your child to have a floor of opportunity or a ceiling of opportunity?

“By nature all people are alike, but by education become different”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

WSD Birthdays



July

1	Dakota Bishop
9	Gared Gannon
12	Laela Chapin
20	Rylee Kanneman
21	Daniel Orizaba
27	Naomi Cinefro

August

3	Kately Miller
5	Owen Ries
7	Chloe Goetsch
14	Thomas Benish
18	Cayden Rawlings
19	Dakota Steinmetz
19	Jaeden Payne
21	Chandre Kimble
28	Cindy Martinez
31	Jerome Payne
31	Anthony Bole

September

8	Ka Youa Xiong
11	Darius Payne
12	Kori Koss
13	Wyatt Stoller
19	Alicia Arispe
23	Keisha Payne
29	Jasmine Perkins

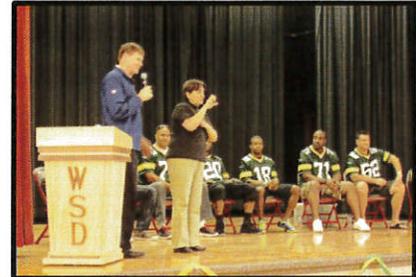
WISCONSIN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF Firebirds



We would like to ask you to share this information with your organization, colleagues, community, group, family, and friends via any form of Social Media that WSD Athletics offer. Our firebirds Athletics have an official Twitter and Instagram page and the account name is **WSDeafAthletics** and make sure you follow us! Please be sure to **LIKE** on our Wisconsin School for the Deaf Facebook page!



NFL players at Deaf School: Green Bay Packers visit Wisconsin School for Deaf- The 2013 Green Bay Packers Tailgate Tour featured a surprise visits at the Wisconsin School for the Deaf. The CEO/President, Mark Murphy and players Jarrett Bush, Randall Cobb, Alex Green and Packers alumni Santana Dotson, Aaron Taylor and Frank Winters came to visit WSD during their Tailgate Tour where the group discussed teamwork and giving back to the community last Wednesday May 15, 2013. The kids (and staff) were completely surprised. Your words of encouragement and advice were invaluable and inspirational to us all. We will forever remember this experience. Mark Murphy said that he was impressed with variety of questions posed to the group.



Before the tour members departed, WSD's Athletic Director Matthew Eby presented a school's football jersey and autographed mini- helmet from the football team. After a spirited goodbye at the bus, the students and staff waved "I love you" in American Sign Language.



The Firebirds Track & Field has had a successful season; the girls won 2nd place at Great Plains Schools for the Deaf (GPSD) in Iowa and 2nd place at the Berg & Seeger Classic in Minnesota. The boys also got 2nd place at the Berg & Seeger Classic in Minnesota. Congratulations to the both teams.

The Firebirds Athletics Department has announced the two recipients (one male, one female) of the Firebirds **Student-Athlete of the Month** award for the month of April, Firebirds Girls' Track & Field Manager **Halina Kangas (Tripoli)** and Boys Track & Field **Gunner Hahn (Marshfield)** were selected for their extraordinary performances

Halina Kangas has demonstrated excellence as a manager for the WSD Track & Field team. She does what coaches ask of her and she has been great at keeping records of the athletes' attendance. She is very well organized and very patient with everyone. She has always stayed positive and is a great asset to the team.

Gunner Hahn has been very eager to achieve and has worked hard on his hurdles. He finished first place in the 110 hurdles and 300 hurdles at the Deerfield meet on April 16th. He also received first place in the 110 hurdles in GPSD Track & Field Tournament in Iowa on April 27th. He has broken the GPSD 110 Hurdles record with his best clocked time of 16.24. Gunner continues to strive and work hard to achieve his goal of going to the State competition in La Crosse on May 31-June 1.

WSD SPIRIT STORE
Get geared up for the
2012/2013 school year

Dozens of New Items!

WSD offers a merchandise store on the schools website, you can purchase online at www.wsdfirebirds.com. This website also offers sports news, stories and general information of our Firebirds Athletics.

SUPPORT OUR FIREBIRDS TEAMS!

Best regards,

Matthew Eby, Athletic Director



2012-13 NDIAA Division II Girls Basketball All-American team:

Div. II Player of the Year: Wisconsin - Kori Koss
First Team: Wisconsin - Kori Koss
Second Team: Wisconsin - Marika Beyer

2012-13 NDIAA Division II Boys Basketball All-American team:

Honorable Mention: Wisconsin- Damon Hopp

2012-2013 WINTER SPORTS AWARDS

April 2, 2013

Welcome.....Matthew Eby, Athletic Director

Special Olympics Basketball Awards.....Reme Am & Ron Corrigan
Middle School Boys Basketball Awards...Darrick DuBois & Casey Kelly
Middle School Girls Basketball Awards.....Amy Dignan & Michelle Johnson
Varsity Boys' Basketball Awards.....Michael Eldred & Tom Armato
Varsity Girls' Basketball Awards.....Steven Williams & Deanna Wanninger
Cheerleading Awards.....Amber Havers & Julie Holma

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

SPECIAL OLYMPICS COED BASKETBALL

2012-2013 Firebirds Special Olympics Basketball Plaques:

Leadership Award: Kadedra Jackson
Most Coachable Award: Naomi Cinefro
Rookie of the Year: Michael Schulze

VARSITY BOY'S BASKETBALL

Season Record (3-17)
ITC Record (0-12)
CSSD: 4th Place
GPSD: 6th Place

2012-2013 Firebirds Varsity Boys Basketball Plaques:

Most Outstanding (All Around) Player: Damon Hopp
Most Improved Player: Tanner Evans
Coaches Award: Lennon Morrissey

Lennon Morrissey: CSSD All-Tournament Team, ITC All Conference Honorable
Mention,

DeafDigest Sports All-American

Damon Hopp: CSSD All-Tournament Team,
National Deaf Intercollegiate Athletic Association (NDIAA) Honorable Mention

VARSITY GIRL'S BASKETBALL

Season Record (8-10)

ITC Conference Record (2-10)
First Place Trophy: Central States Schools for the Deaf (CSSD)
Second Place Trophy: Great Plains School for the Deaf (GPSD)

2012-2013 Firebirds Varsity Basketball Plaques:

Most Valuable Player: Kori Koss
Most Improved Player: KaYoua Xiong
Coaches Award: Anna Dorst

Kori Koss: CSSD and GPSD All-Tournament, Indian Trials Conference (ITC) All-Conference First Team,

DeafDigest Sports All-American, National Deaf Intercollegiate Athletic Association

(NDIAA) Player of the Year & First Team All-American, All-Walworth County Honorable Mention

Marika Beyer: CSSD All-Tournament, ITC All-Conference Second Team, DeafDigest Sports All-American, National Deaf Intercollegiate Athletic Association (NDIAA) Second team All-American

Elizabeth Besaw: GPSD All-Tournament

Ka Youa Xiong: CSSD All-Tournament

VARSIITY CHEERLEADING

Member: Alexi Christ and Marika Beyer



Wisconsin School for the Deaf

2013-2014 School Year Calendar Approved by DPI 4-26-13



Important Dates:

- Jul 4: Independence Day
- Aug 18: FB Players Return
- Aug 25: VB Players Return
- Aug 26-30: Staff In-Service Days
- Sep 2: Labor Day
- Sep 3: Registration Day- 1pm-4pm
Open house for WSD parents!
- Sep 4: First Day of School
- Oct 5: Homecoming
Open house for ALL alumni, families and visitors!
- Nov 1: Staff In-Service Day
- Nov 1: First Quarter Ends
*TBD: Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Nov 28: Thanksgiving Day
- Nov 29: Thanksgiving Break
*TBD: Winter Drama
- Dec 23-Jan 3: Winter Break
- Dec 24: Christmas Eve
- Dec 25: Christmas Day
- Dec 31: New Years Eve
- Jan 1: New Years Day
- Jan 17: Second Quarter Ends
- Jan 20: MLK Day
- Mar 6-7: Staff In-service Days
*TBD: Boys/Girls Lock-in
- Mar 28: Third Quarter Ends
- Mar 31-Apr 4: Spring Break
- *TBD: Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Apr 21: Staff In-service Day
*TBD: Spring Drama
*TBD: Prom
- May 26: Memorial Day
- June 12: Fourth Quarter Ends
- June 13: Graduation
- June 16: Staff In-service Day

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*Parents will be notified of confirmed dates of TBD events

Dear Parents,

Do you participate in the Summer Reading Program at YOUR Local Public Library? Most public libraries will provide an interpreter if you request it and have their summer schedules out in plenty of time for you to plan your events. Some libraries, such as Aram Public Library in Delavan provide interpreters for all summer family programming whether you request it or not!

This year's theme for Wisconsin libraries is ***Dig Into Reading*** and information for this state wide reading promotion can be found here: http://pld.dpi.wi.gov/pld_slp. Studies show reading 4 to 5 books over the summer has a significant impact on student achievement.

Students who bring their summer reading logs back to WSD in the fall will earn awards and prizes twice! Once at their public library and again when they return to WSD!

But wait, can't make it to your public library due to work constraints, transportation, family events or other unique situations? Have your child read e-books at home through Destiny, WSD's online catalog! Just go to wsdlibrary.follettdestiny.com, login with your students ID and Password (letters with ID and password for elementary and middle school students will be sent home separately). Click "Follett Shelf" or search "electronic books" and read e-books! Destiny will log each student's books read online or checked out and Nell Fleming, our librarian, will see their reading logs right in Destiny!

If you need any assistance with our destiny classic or destiny quest online catalogs please contact Nell, Monday through Thursday 8:00am to Noon in July or 7:30-4:15 August 12-September 1st at nell.fleming@wsd.k12.wi.us or 262-728-7133 v/tty or 262-394-1216 VP.

Have fun Digging!

Nell Fleming/Librarian

Patty Kostechka/Library Assistant

Thank you to our partners throughout Walworth County:



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City of **Delavan**

VILLAGE OF EAST TROY



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What is your family doing this summer to stay active?

Join the Second Annual

GET MOVING!
WALWORTH COUNTY

Participate in outdoor walks, games, and play times all summer long while earning prizes!

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Cooperative Extension



For additional information, visit www.getmovingwalworthcounty.com or contact Get Moving! Coordinator Jenny Wehmeier at (262) 741-4962 or jenny.wehmeier@ces.uwex.edu

Individuals and families are welcome to attend any program throughout Walworth County. The more programs you attend, the greater your chances to earn or win great prizes!

To register, visit www.getmovingwalworthcounty.com, and bring the registration fee to any event! Each participant will receive a Get Moving! Walworth County welcome packet with a t-shirt.

Adults: \$5
Children: \$1

One-time fee covers all 2013 Get Moving! Walworth County events

Programs run rain or shine, unless lightning is spotted or a severe weather warning is issued. Cancellations will be posted to the website www.getmovingwalworthcounty.com. In these cases, feel free to attend events at other sites.

All participants are required to sign a Get Moving! waiver to participate in the program. **Those under 18 will need the permission of their parent or guardian.**

Join us on Thursday, August 29th and Friday, August 30th at the Walworth County Fair in the Log Cabin for our end of summer celebration and grand prize drawings!
(You need not be present to win.)

An EEO Affirmative Action employer, the University of Wisconsin-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming including Title IX and ADA requirements. Anyone requiring an interpreter should contact the UW-Extension office at least 48 hours before the program at (262) 741-4951 or 711 Wisconsin Relay.

CHECK OUT THE **GET MOVING!** PROGRAM NEAR YOU

Darien
WILDWOOD PARK
 Corner of Lucas Lane & Wildwood Dr

Delavan
UPPER SPRINGS PARK
 530 S. Main Street
 July 1 at 5:00 p.m.
CONGDON PARK
 1528 Hobbs Drive

East Troy
PLAYMORE PARK
 3072 Graydon Avenue
 June 11 at 10:00 a.m.
BOOTH LAKE
 N8465 Townline Road

Elkhorn
BABE MANN PARK
 960 Proctor Drive
 June 10 and July 15 at 11:00

Fontana
DUCK POND RECREATIONAL AREA
 Wild Duck Road off of Hwy 67
 Numerous hiking trails

Genoa City
TOM HOLDEN MEMORIAL NATURE TRAIL
 Park at Brookwood Middle School, 1020 Hunters Ridge Dr., and meet at trail.

Lake Geneva
BIG FOOT BEACH STATE PARK
 Meet at Badger High School, 220 South Street for a walk to Big Foot Beach State Park.
 June 19 and July 31 at 10:00

Sharon
GOODLAND MEMORIAL PARK
 1049 School Street
 July 22 and August 26 at 2:30

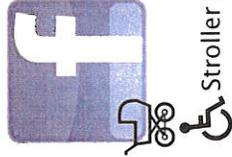
Walworth
BADGER PARK
 Badger Street

Whitewater
ICE AGE TRAIL
 Intersection of US Hwy 12 & Swann Rd

Williams Bay
KISHWAUKEETOE
 Slow-paced, guided nature walk. Meet at Lions' Field House

And much more! Visit www.getmovingwalworthcounty.com for the most up to date times and locations, or

Find us on Facebook!



Stroller Friendly Site

GET MOVING! GET PRIZES!

The more events you attend, the more prizes you earn! Take a look at some of the great things you can receive when you *Get Moving!* *while supplies last

One event:

Get Moving! T-Shirt & Welcome Bag



Three events:

Choice of a Get Moving! BPA free water bottle OR a Healthy Systems Pedometer



Five events:

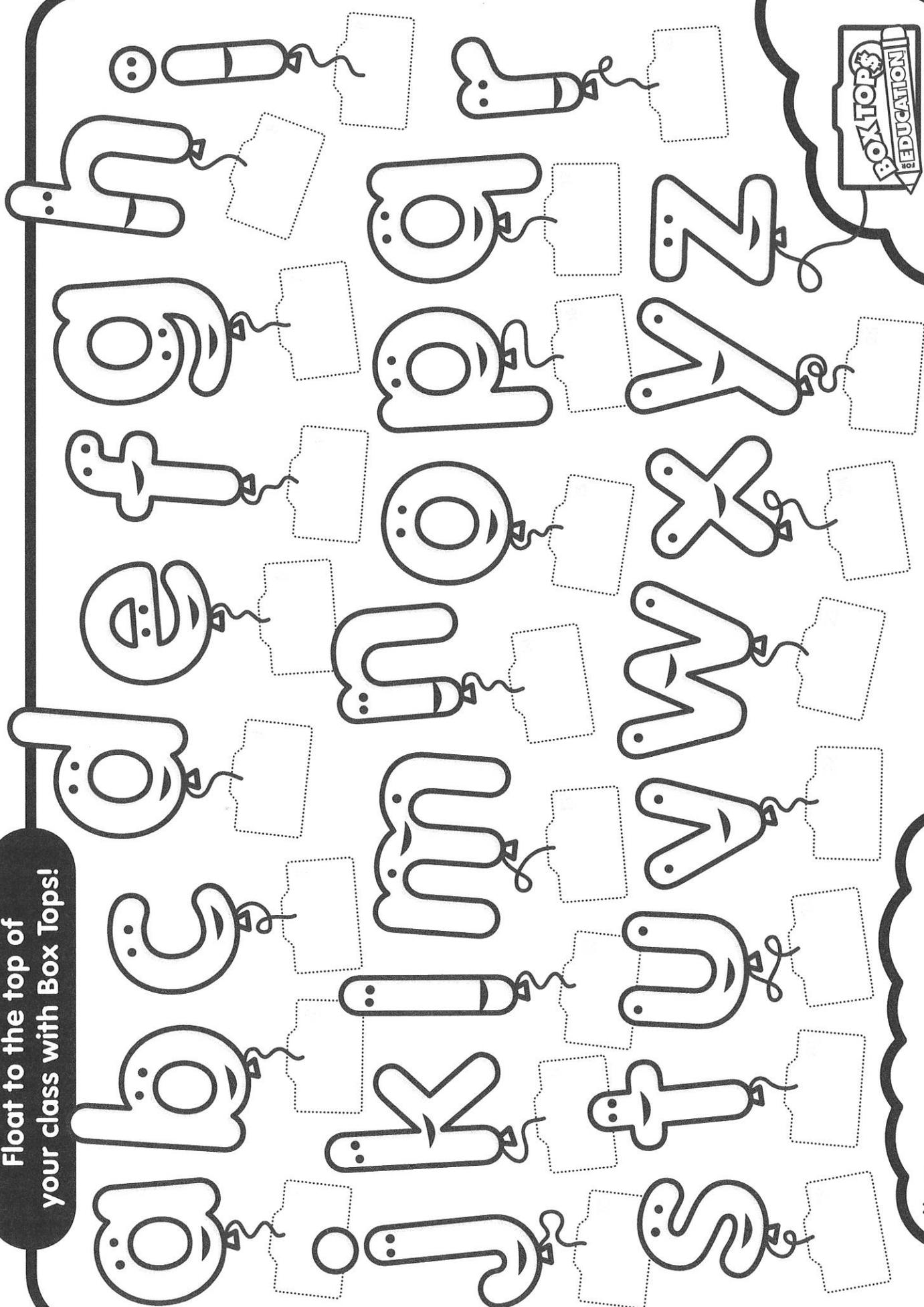
Choice of a Get Moving! Stainless Steel Water Bottle or backpack



Ten events:

Choice of One-Day Walworth

Float to the top of
your class with Box Tops!



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



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