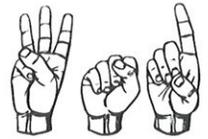




# Between Us...



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

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## Dates Of Special Interest

### February

3	Student departure day
5	Students return PM
10	Student departure day
12	Students return PM
16	<b>Student departure day</b>
17	<b>staff in-service/work day</b>
19	Students return PM
22	<b>Blood drive</b> (see information later in this newsletter)
24	Mid-quarter Student departure day
26	Students return PM

### March

2	Student departure day
4	Students return PM
8	<b>Student departure day</b>
9	<b>staff in-service/work day</b>
11	Students return
16	Student departure day
18	Students return PM
23	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter Student departure day
26-30	<b>Spring Break</b>

### April

1	Students return PM
6	Student departure day
9	<b>Students return AM</b>
13	Student departure day
15	Students return PM
20	Student departure day
22	Students return PM
27	Student departure day
29	Students return PM

### May

4	Mid-quarter Student departure day
5	<b>Prom</b> (look for a letter about prom later in this newsletter!)

## Message from the Director

Alex H. Slappey



### Building for the Future The New High School Building

At long last WSD will be replacing the Walker Hall, the 100 year old high school building. I say, "at long last", because WSD has had plans to replace the antiquated Walker Hall since the 1970s and more recently 1985. The current effort began in 2005 and became reality when Governor Walker and the Building Commission approved approximately \$4.9 million for the planning, design, and construction of the new building.

Don't get me wrong, I like old things, I'm old myself. I have a neat collection of old hand tools, some antique firearms, and a good bit of antique furniture. I've even owned an old Victorian house. These things are either nice to look at, still useful, or possess historical value.

Walker Hall has long outlived its usefulness, isn't really much to look at, and has little historical value. Basically it's a shoebox with windows. The electrical service is inadequate for modern school needs, the heating system is pitiful, and there is no air conditioning. The design and layout of Walker Hall was developed for educational programming in 1911 which is totally different from today's program. Those are just a few of the issues we have with Walker Hall.

The design of the new building incorporates pretty much everything we wanted. Our

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.

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Message from Director cont.

engineering firm, Angus Young, hired a Deaf design consultant to help design the classroom and used data from Gallaudet University in determining the appropriate size of classrooms. It's one floor which lends itself to easy egress for physically disabled students during emergencies. The classrooms are about 1/3 larger than the Walker Hall classrooms and include the capacity for modern educational technology.

On WSD's website you can see an artist's rendering of the new building and a site map so you can see where the building will be sited.

Construction is expected to begin sometime in the spring or summer of 2012 with completion scheduled for the fall of 2013. Once staff are moved into the new building plans will be made to raze Walker Hall and replace it with green space.

The construction of the new building will not be without its headaches. To put it simply, it will make a mess of the WSD campus for the 13 or so months the construction will require. The location of the new building will require a complete rerouting of foot traffic from the West side of campus to the East side. In addition, it is possible that Clerc Circle will be closed. Certainly we will lose at least half the parking spaces on Clerc and we will have to reroute the daily buses.

In addition to this it's very possible that we will also be in the midst of the second phase of the utilities repair project. The first phase of this project involved the West side of campus and was completed last summer. The second phase will require digging up portions of Turk Drive and parts of the commons area in front of the dorm. We hope to finish this before the construction starts on the new building, but like all construction projects delay is always possible. In any case we expect to need to develop foot and vehicular detours and move parking to the West lot.

Even with all this, the new high school building is a project I'm really looking forward to. Once

the building is up and occupied I think folks will understand what the excitement is all about.

Check out [www.wsd.k12.wi.us](http://www.wsd.k12.wi.us) and see the pictures of the new building.

## WSD & WCBVI Rules Apply to Homegoing Transportation

Please be reminded that all WSD & WCBVI rules also apply to students using the homegoing transportation. This means that in addition to expecting students to have appropriate behaviors while on the bus or plane, items such as weapons, drugs, and drug paraphernalia are forbidden. Students found with these or other illegal items may be removed from the transportation and required to find alternative transportation. State and local officials may also be contacted.

Please be sure your child does not pack such items prior to returning to school.

## WSD Birthdays



### February

- 1 Dakota Kangas
- 6 Janessa Guza  
Elizabeth Besaw
- 11 Jilian Ortiz
- 19 Olivia Percifield
- 20 Kalu Cha
- 21 Alexis Christ
- 28 Alexandria Rodriguez

### March

- 1 Andrew Coppola
- 4 Lily Jensen
- 14 Tyler Evans
- 24 Shannon Stanton
- 26 Dequan Carter  
Toni Lovrek
- 29 Zominique Walker

# Special Olympics News

## Showshoes:

State Winter Games: Saturday and Sunday, January 28-29, Nine Mile Forest, Wausau, WI. Time trials will be held on Saturday and racing will be held on Sunday. Good luck to the WSD snowshoers!

## Skills Basketball Team:

Regional Tournament: Saturday, March 10, Badger High School, Lake Geneva  
State Indoor Sports Tournament: Friday, Saturday, Sunday, April 13, 14, 15, UW-Oshkosh, Oshkosh, WI

## Traditional Basketball Team:

Game vs. Lakeland School: Wednesday, February 8, 1:00, Lakeland School, Elkhorn  
Regional Tournament: Saturday, February 25, Wilmot High School, Wilmot, WI  
Sectional Tournament: Sunday, March 18, Lake View Rec Plex, Pleasant Prairie, WI  
State Indoor Sports Tournament: Friday, Saturday, Sunday, April 13, 14, 15, UW-Oshkosh, Oshkosh, WI

## Parent Staff Association (PSA)

The next meeting is scheduled for:

Saturday, Feb. 18th, 1:00-3:30 Round Room

### Agenda

Review minutes from last meeting  
Update bylaws  
Plan for Family Conference

As always, we continue to collect BoxTops4Education, Campbell's Soup Labels, and milk caps. Attached you will find collection sheets for Box Tops. Here is your chance to be an important part of our Firebird mission of safety, caring, responsibility and respect. You can show you cherish and care for WSD by helping your student collect and turn in the Box Top forms included with this mailing. With each completed form, 10 PBIS coupons will be given to your child to use in the PBIS store. Each sheet that is turned in will be counted for your child and your child's classroom. The child and classroom that collect the most Box Tops will be surprised with a PSA sponsored event at the end of the year.

If you have the chance, please take the time to go to [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com). You will find that you can use your online shopping through the Marketplace to benefit WSD. There are also many coupons and opportunities to earn Box Tops. The newest is eBoxTops. All you have to do is go to the website, take a survey, or view a video, or rate a product and you will earn 1 to 3 Box Tops for WSD. You will be earning \$.10 to \$.30 for just a few seconds of your time. Even if you think that is a small amount, you would be surprised how quickly small amounts add up to help with our two scholarships.



## Perfect Attendance 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter:

### Elementary

Alicia Arispe  
Tyler Burckhardt  
Laela Chapin  
Keisha Payne  
Paige Sheffield  
Julia Vollmar

### Middle School

Dakota Kangas  
Halina Kangas

### High School

Brandon Carter  
Kalu Cha  
Veronica Duran  
Darion Henderson  
Nicholas Johnson  
Alex Kubiske  
Lyssa Matsche  
Jasmine Perkins  
Daniel Romero  
Ka Youa Xiong  
Jose Zepeda-Amador



# You and Your Child



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## Facts for Families

**Children and Role Models**

No. 99; September 2011

A role model is a person whose serves as an example by influencing others. For many children, the most important role models are their parents and caregivers. Children look up to a variety of role models to help shape how they behave in school, relationships or when making difficult decisions. Children also look up to other relatives, teachers and peers. Children may try to copy the behavior and appearance of celebrities, such as athletes and entertainers, and characters from books, TV, movies and video games. Some parents may want to help their children choose positive role models. Here are some helpful suggestions for discussing role models with your child and for serving as a positive role model for your child:

- Have your child identify what qualities he admires in his role model
- Give examples of people in your community who you feel have positive qualities and are a good influence on others
- Talk about people you look up to for guidance and inspiration

Negative role models, however, may also influence children. Sometimes widely admired public figures can make poor personal choices. Young children may assume that the behaviors of negative role models are typical, safe and acceptable. Parents and caregivers can intervene by emphasizing that role models who embrace inappropriate behavior, violence, sexuality, race and gender stereotypes, and drug and alcohol abuse are not acceptable.

Some suggestions to help you talk to your child about role models who have made mistakes are:

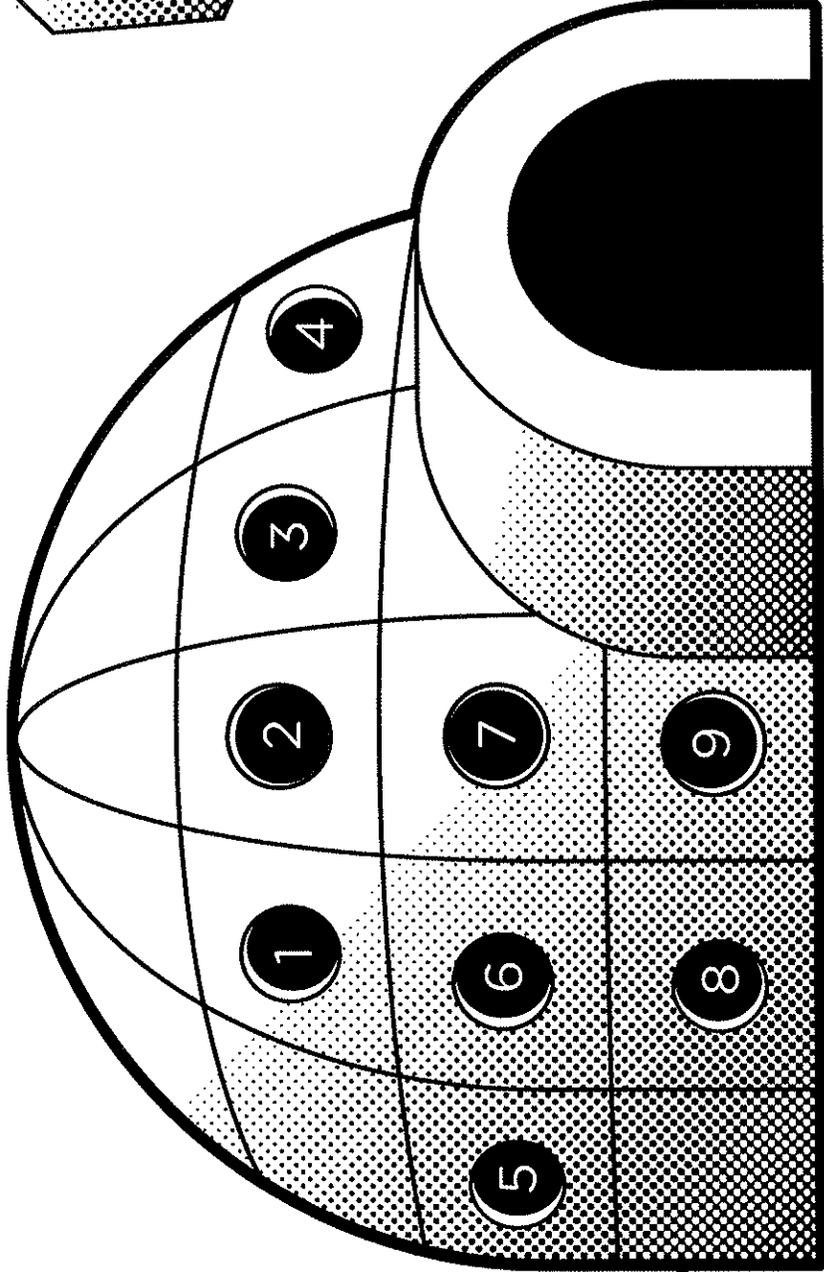
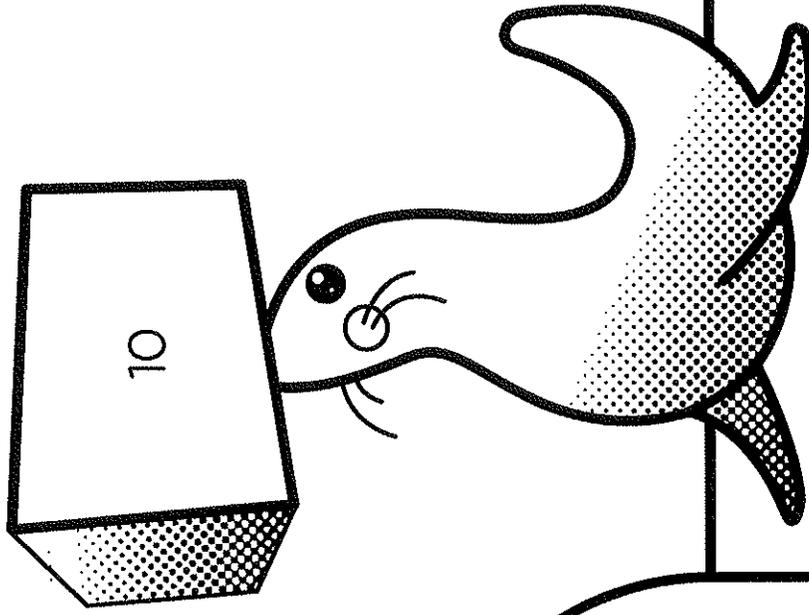
- Remind your child that all people have good and bad qualities and that anyone can make a mistake. Explain that it is important to apologize and to learn from our mistakes
- Ask your child what he thinks of the role model's behavior
- Ask what he would have done differently in the situation
- Give example of more positive and healthy ways to handle the situation

If you have concerns that your child is being negatively influenced by his role model, work with your child to identify more appropriate role models.

- Encourage your child to become involved in activities that reflect your values, such as religious programs, athletics, after school programs, clubs and volunteering.
- Remind your child that he or she does not have to do everything that the role model does. Your child can copy what he or she likes but still be him or herself.
- Give examples of people in your community who you feel have positive qualities and are a good influence on others.

A qualified mental health professional can help if you are troubled by recent changes in your child's behavior or attitude due to his or her choice of role model.

help Frank "seal up" his home  
for the winter with Box Tops!



NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
GRADE \_\_\_\_\_  
TEACHER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for helping! Every Box Top you collect is worth 10¢ for your school.

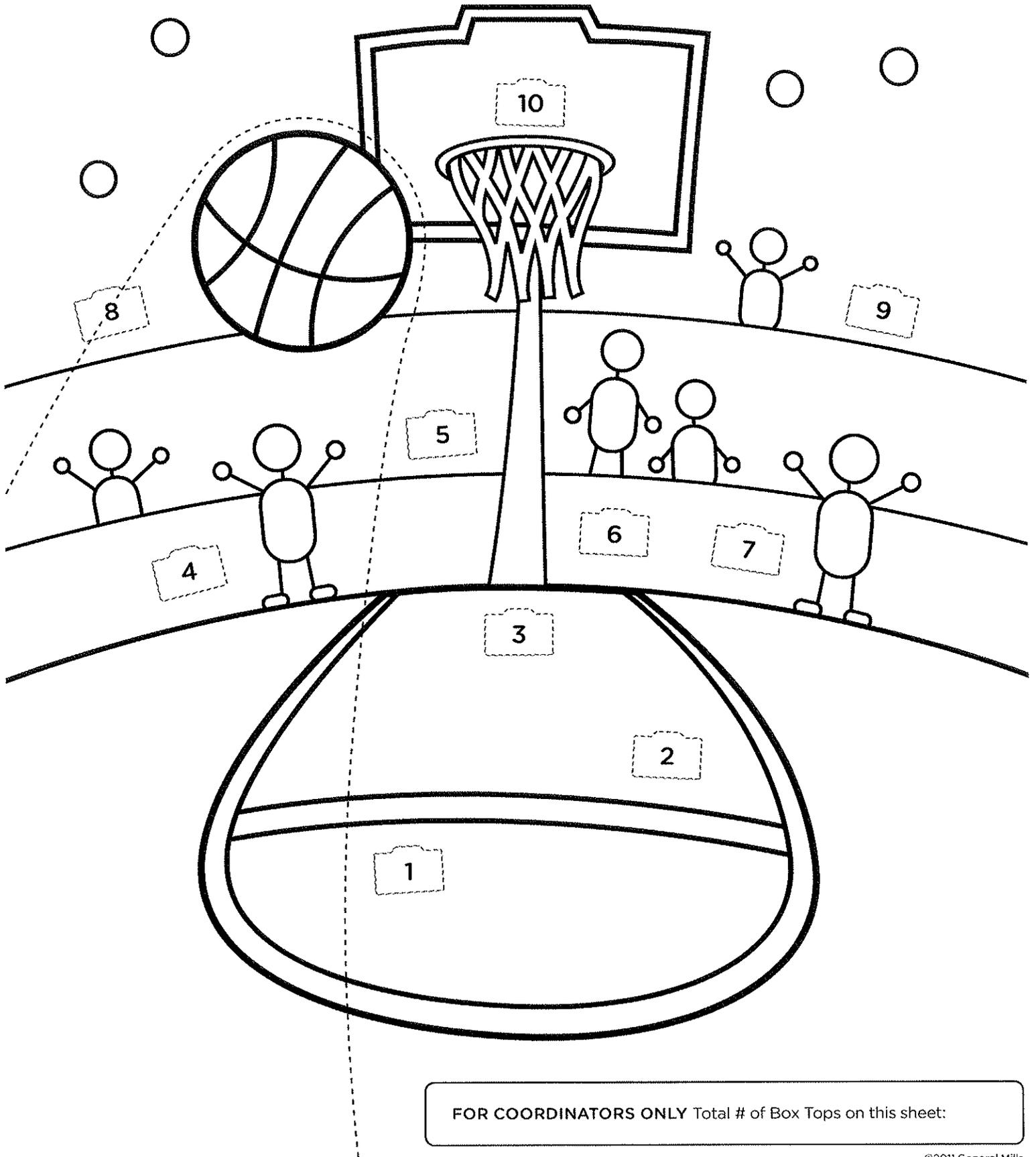
Bonus Box Tops should not be added to this collection sheet. They should be submitted separately.

**FOR COORDINATORS ONLY** Total # of Box Tops on this sheet:



# SCORE ONE FOR YOUR SCHOOL!

Thank you for helping! Every Box Top you collect is worth 10¢ for your school. To see more ways to earn cash for your school, go to [btfe.com](http://btfe.com)!



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# Wisconsin School for the Deaf – Health Center



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## Blood Drive

January 4, 2012

Dear Parents,

We will be having a blood drive here at WSD on Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2pm to 7pm. It will be handled by the BloodCenter of Wisconsin. WSD Health Center is coordinating this event with the BloodCenter.

We want to teach our students the choice of donating blood. Every three seconds, someone in our community needs blood. By giving blood, donors have the opportunity to save lives. Donating blood is a quick, easy, and safe way to provide patients with the gift of life.

Donating blood through BloodCenter of Wisconsin is important as BloodCenter is the only supplier of blood for local community hospitals, as well as 60% of the state. For 60 years, BloodCenter has partnered with volunteer blood donors to meet the needs of patients in our communities. Whether your donation goes to a father having heart surgery, a child undergoing chemotherapy treatments, or a mother experiencing complications during birth, you can be sure that you have an impact on the local blood supply.

Through collection, testing, treatment and research, BloodCenter of Wisconsin helps bring hope and healing to our coworkers, neighbors, friends and families.

### Donor Eligibility

All donors should be in good health on the day of donation. To be eligible to donate, you must:

- Be at least 16 years old. (16 & 17 year-olds may donate with parental consent.)
- Weigh at least 110 lbs.
- Be free of major cold, flu, and allergy symptoms.
- Present a photo I.D. with birth date
- Not have had hepatitis after age 11.
- Not have had any risk factors/behaviors associated with HIV/AIDS.

**\*\* FYI – BloodCenter only requires parental consents for 16 yr olds, but WSD Health Center is requiring parental consents for both 16 & 17 yr olds. Students who are 18 yr old may sign the consent for themselves.**

## Common Health History Questions

Below are some common conditions/situations that people ask about.

- **Antibiotics** – You can donate three days after finishing antibiotics for an infection (bacterial or viral). You can donate if you are taking antibiotics to prevent an infection, for example, following dental procedures or for acne. Antibiotics for acne do not disqualify you from donating.
- **Dental work** – You can donate if there is no infection.
- **Flu Vaccination** – You can donate if you are feeling well.
- **Heart disease** – A history of heart disease may require a letter of approval from your physician. Final approval is subject to review by a BloodCenter of Wisconsin physician. This will be determined during your health history when you come in to donate.
- **Infections** – You must be infection-free.
- **Injections/Vaccinations** – Certain injections and vaccinations require a wait before donating. Please bring the name of the injection or vaccination and the date it was administered.
- **Menstruation** – Women can donate during their periods.
- **Piercing** – Ear or body piercing using single-use equipment in an approved setting is acceptable.
- **Pregnancy** – Women who are pregnant should not donate. Please wait to donate until 6 weeks after giving birth. Women who are breast-feeding are eligible to donate.
- **Tattoos** – In February 2005, our policy toward tattoos changed. Now, if your tattoo was applied by a licensed facility in Wisconsin, you can donate blood. If your tattoo was applied by an unlicensed facility or a facility outside Wisconsin, we require a 12-month waiting period from the time the tattoo was applied.
- **Travel** – If you have traveled to a malarious area, you may not donate until 12 months after your return. If you have ever had malaria, you must be symptom-free for 3 years. For a map of malarious areas, please see the [CDC website](#).
- **Cancer** – Certain cancers require a five year wait after treatments. Please be prepared to discuss your specific type of cancer with a Donor Specialist.

## Medications and Health History

Most medications are acceptable. You can view a [list of unacceptable medications](#) (Medication Deferral list enclosed) and an explanation as to why they are unacceptable.

Donors must be infection-free at the time of donation. If your child is taking an antibiotic for an active infection, please wait until the infection has cleared before donating.

BloodCenter of Wisconsin performs all blood donations using sterile, disposable equipment throughout the donation process. You cannot get AIDS or any other disease by donating blood.

Thank you for encouraging your child to participate in the Blood Drive. Your child is saving lives!

Sincerely,

Diane Nelson, RN  
WSD Nurse Supervisor

Susie Kelly, CNA  
Blood Drive Aide

## Parental Information on Blood Donation

Your son or daughter has expressed interest in donating blood with BloodCenter of Wisconsin. In Wisconsin, a minor who is at least 16 years old may become a blood donor, if the minor's parent agrees. After age 17, the consent of the minor's parent is not required. A *Consent to Blood Donation* form for 16-year-old donors is required each time the minor donates. This form will provide you and your son or daughter with important information about blood donation.

We hope that you will support and encourage your son or daughter to become a blood donor. By becoming a blood donor, your son or daughter is showing great civic responsibility, maturity and a sense of community pride. Through blood donation, your son or daughter can positively impact the health of a patient.

**The Donation Process.** There are four steps to the donation process:

1. **Registration** – Each donor is required to present a picture ID with the donor's date of birth and complete a list of health-related questions.
2. **Medical Evaluation** – The medical evaluation ensures safety for both the blood donor and recipients. In order to donate, an individual must be in good health, be at least 16-years-old, and weigh at least 110 pounds (see below for additional height and weight criteria). Each prospective donor will meet privately with a donor specialist who will check the donor's blood pressure, temperature and pulse, and take a small drop of blood from the donor's finger to test the donor's blood count.

MALES			
If you are	4' 10"	4' 11"	5' or taller
You must weigh at least	120lbs.	115lbs.	110lbs.

FEMALES						
If you are	5' 1"	5' 2"	5' 3"	5' 4"	5' 5"	5' 6" or taller
You must weigh at least	133lbs.	129lbs.	124lbs.	118lbs.	115lbs.	110lbs.

\*Females: If you are shorter than 5' 1", you may still be eligible to donate blood. Call our Record Review Department at 414-937-6070 to ask about your eligibility.

3. **Blood Collection and Testing** – Blood is collected through a sterile needle inserted into the donor's arm. The actual blood donation takes about 10 minutes. To ensure the safety of persons who may receive donated blood, all donated blood is tested for ABO blood typing, HIV (the virus that causes AIDS), hepatitis B and C, West Nile virus, syphilis, and other illnesses. All donor information is kept strictly confidential; however, if any of these screening tests are positive, BloodCenter will inform the donor and his or her parent/guardian. In some cases, the donor's name may be entered in a registry of ineligible donors and we must inform certain government health agencies as required by law.
4. **Refreshment and Relaxation** – After the donation, donors are encouraged to spend time in the refreshment area. Snacks and drinks are provided to replenish fluids and energy levels. Also, it is important that the donor drinks plenty of fluids in the 24 hours after donation.

**Potential Risks.** There are some potential risks in donating blood, including: discomfort, swelling and bruising at the needle site; fainting and convulsions; injury to blood vessels or nerves; infection; and local blood clot. These risks are relatively uncommon.

**Questions?** If you have any questions or concerns about blood donation, please contact us at 414-937-6070 or visit our website at [www.bcw.edu](http://www.bcw.edu).

**If you and your son or daughter want to proceed with blood donation, please read and sign and return the *Consent to Blood Donation* form with your child when they come to donate.**

## Medication Deferral List

Please tell us if you are now taking or if you have EVER taken any of these medications:

- ❖ **Proscar (finasteride)**—Usually prescribed for prostate gland enlargement.
- ❖ **Avodart, Jalyn (dutasteride)**—Usually prescribed for prostate enlargement.
- ❖ **Propecia (finasteride)**—Usually prescribed for baldness.
- ❖ **Accutane, Amnesteem, Claravis, Sotret (isotretinoin)**—Usually prescribed for severe acne.
- ❖ **Soriatane (acitretin)**—Usually prescribed for severe psoriasis.
- ❖ **Tegison (etretinate)**—Usually prescribed for severe psoriasis.
- ❖ **Growth Hormone from Human Pituitary Glands**—Used only until 1985, usually prescribed for children with delayed or impaired growth.
- ❖ **Insulin from Cows (Bovine, or Beef, Insulin)**—Used to treat diabetes.
- ❖ **Hepatitis B Immune Globulin**—Prescribed following an exposure to hepatitis B. **Note:** This is different from the hepatitis B vaccine which is a series of 3 injections administered over a 6 month period to prevent future infection from exposures to hepatitis B.
- ❖ **Coumadin (warfarin)**—Usually prescribed to treat patients with blood clots.
- ❖ **Unlicensed Vaccine**—Usually associated with a research protocol.

If you would like to know why these medicines affect you as a blood donor, please continue reading.

- ❖ If you have taken or are taking **Proscar, Avodart, Jalyn, Propecia, Accutane, Amnesteem, Claravis, Sotret, Soriatane, or Tegison**, these medications can cause birth defects. Your donated blood could contain high enough levels to damage the unborn baby if transfused to a pregnant woman. Once the medication has been cleared from your blood, you may donate again. Following the last dose, the deferral period is one month for Proscar, Propecia, Accutane, Amnesteem, Claravis, and Sotret, six months for Avodart and Jalyn, and three years for Soriatane. Tegison is a permanent deferral.
- ❖ **Growth hormone from human pituitary glands** was prescribed until 1985 for children with delayed or impaired growth. The hormone was obtained from human pituitary glands, which are found in the brain. Some people who took this hormone developed a rare nervous system condition called Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD, for short). The deferral is permanent.
- ❖ **Insulin from Cows (Bovine, or Beef, Insulin)** is an injected material used to treat diabetes. If this insulin was imported into the U.S. from countries in which “Mad Cow Disease” has been found, it could contain material from infected cattle. There is concern that “Mad Cow Disease” is transmitted by transfusion. The deferral is indefinite.
- ❖ **Hepatitis B Immune Globulin (HBIG)** is an injected material used to prevent infection following an exposure to hepatitis B. HBIG does not prevent hepatitis B infection in every case, therefore persons who have received HBIG must wait 12 months to donate blood to be sure they were not infected since hepatitis B can be transmitted through transfusion to a patient.
- ❖ **Coumadin** affects the ability of blood to clot. Donors currently taking Coumadin may not donate plasma until 7 days after stopping Coumadin.
- ❖ **Unlicensed Vaccine** is usually associated with a research protocol and the effect on blood transmission is unknown. Deferral is one year unless otherwise indicated by Medical Director.

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### *If You Are Planning to Donate Platelets Today*

Please tell us if you are currently taking any of the following medications:

- ❖ **Plavix (clopidogrel)**—Plavix and the generic clopidogrel are antiplatelets usually prescribed to prevent strokes and heart attacks. Donors currently taking this medication may not donate platelets until 14 days after stopping Plavix.
- ❖ **Dipyridamole**—Dipyridamole prevents platelet clumping and is often used to prevent blood clots from forming. Donors currently taking this medication should not donate platelets.
- ❖ **Ticlid (ticlopidine)**—Ticlid has been used to prevent stroke. Donors currently taking this medication may not donate platelets until 14 days after stopping Ticlid.
- ❖ **Feldene (piroxicam)**—Feldene is used to treat pain or inflammation caused by arthritis. Donors currently taking this medication may not donate platelets until 2 days after stopping Feldene.

**CONSENT TO BLOOD DONATION**

*Please complete the following information in ink*

Name of Minor/Ward: \_\_\_\_\_

Minor/Ward Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number Where  
Parent/Guardian Can Be  
Reached During Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

- The minor listed above is at least 16 years old.
- I have read and understand the information provided to me about blood donation.
- I understand that samples of donated blood will be stored for future testing, and may be used in research (samples used in research will not include identifying information).
- I understand that all donated blood is tested for ABO blood typing, syphilis, HIV (the virus that causes AIDS), West Nile virus, hepatitis B and C, and other tests.
- I consent to blood donation by the minor listed above.

**X** \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian                      Print Name                      Date

Disclosure of Screening Test Results. By signing below, I (the minor listed above) authorize the BloodCenter to inform me and my parent/guardian of any positive blood screening test results (including HIV test results). In addition, I understand that if blood screening test results are positive (including HIV test results), the BloodCenter may put my name on a list of ineligible donors and inform certain public health agencies as required by law. I understand that HIV test results may also be disclosed to other authorized persons as governed by Wisconsin law. A list of persons to be notified and reasons that may lead to disclosure of HIV test results is available upon request. I give permission to release HIV test results to BloodCenter doctors and their assistants. This consent to disclosure is effective upon signing. I understand that a new form is required each time I donate.

**X** \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Minor Donor                      Print Name                      Date



January 20, 2012

Dear Parents:

We are pleased to announce the 2012 Junior Class Prom. The prom will be on **May 5, 2012 from 6-11 pm in the Grand Ballroom at the University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, WI**. The theme of the prom is: Vegas Night. The cost of tickets for dinner and the prom is \$35 per person. Parents/family of prom attendees are invited to attend the dinner and prom. If parents and/or family members would just like to attend the prom but have dinner on your own, the ticket price per person is \$10. You may pre-order your tickets by contacting:

Kari Wicinski  
[kari.wicinski@wsd.k12.wi.us](mailto:kari.wicinski@wsd.k12.wi.us)  
(262) 728-7131

**The deadline for prom ticket purchase is April 1, 2011.** Students may reserve tickets but all payments are due by the April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline! NO refunds will be available after this date. The Wisconsin School for the Deaf will provide a coach bus to transport students from WSD to the Prom site and back.

The following forms will be given to students upon purchase of a Prom ticket.

1. A permission slip for prom attendance and staying in the dormitory will be required for each WSD student attending the Prom.
2. Information for ordering professional prom photographs.
3. If your student wishes to invite a guest who is **not** a WSD student, they must ask for a guest form. This must be filled out and submitted for approval by the High School Board. Please do this as soon as possible so there is plenty of time to receive approval.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the email or phone number listed below. We hope you will join us for the 2012 Junior Class Prom.

Sincerely,

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