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### **Deaf Awareness Day**

Students from The West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (WVSDB) traveled to Charleston, WV to participate in Deaf Awareness Day at the West Virginia State Capitol. Students in the WVSDB Tapestry group performed a “Musicians of West Virginia Medley” consisting of songs from native West Virginia musicians. The performance featured special guests: Mink Shoals Elementary School performing “The West Virginia Hills”.



**Stream the Performance:** <https://fb.watch/qD6cIgsDf7/>

### **Local Coffee Shop Shows Support to Deaf Community**

The West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind is shifting its focus towards providing work-based experiences for our students. This strategic move aims to offer practical skills, real-world exposure, and opportunities for personal and professional growth. A student from WVSDB is employed at a local coffee shop in Romney. To demonstrate support and raise awareness for the Deaf community, the student and coffee shop employees collaborated to create a video showcasing their support. We want to thank Romney Brew Station for being a WVSDB partner.

**Coffee Shop Video:** [https://fb.watch/qDd8\\_AvYMI/](https://fb.watch/qDd8_AvYMI/)

## **Ski Trip Sponsored by The Lions Club**

The Lions Club generously sponsored a ski trip for students from The West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, offering them a remarkable opportunity to partake in outdoor activities. This excursion holds immense significance for our students, providing them with a chance to experience adventure, build confidence, and foster camaraderie in a supportive environment. The sponsorship by The Lions Club not only showcases their commitment to community involvement but also highlights the importance of inclusivity and accessibility in recreational opportunities.





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### **Cane Quest/Braille Challenge**

The West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind is set to host the Braille Challenge and Cane Quest on Thursday, March 7th – Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Cane Quest presents an engaging and challenging orientation and mobility competition tailored for students reliant on white canes. Participants are tasked with demonstrating key navigation skills like sound localization, object retrieval, and employing proper human guide techniques. This initiative offers a comprehensive approach to cultivating independence and safety in travel for visually impaired individuals. The West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind will also host a Braille Challenge. Blind and Visually Impaired students will showcase their Braille skills.

### **Important Dates:**

- March 6<sup>th</sup>- National Deaf Youth Day
- March 6<sup>th</sup> – Goalball VS Overbrook
- March 7<sup>th</sup> – Field Trip to Lost River
- March 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> – Cane Quest/Braille Challenge
- March 25<sup>th</sup>- 1<sup>st</sup> ECCO Week
- March 28<sup>th</sup>- Parent's Day
- April 1<sup>st</sup>-April 30<sup>th</sup>- Deaf History Month