

SEPTEMBER 27, 2012

Stafford Primary

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Stafford PTSA NEWSLETTER

PTSA Membership & Annual Fund

Congratulations to our ipod Touch winners– Jeff and Amy Olson! The Olson family won because they made a donation to our Annual Fund, and their name was selected in a drawing of all families who donated.

Thank you to all of the families who have already donated so far! We will have another drawing on October 15th for a special prize! Every family that has donated to the annual fund this year will be eligible. If you need a form, please pick up one in the office or email Heidi Talbert at

talbertheidi@gmail.com

- Budget Highlights -

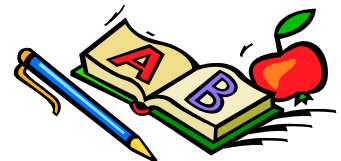
Beginning of the Year Teacher Gifts!

As school budgets decrease the resources available to teachers for purchasing additional classroom supplies continues to diminish. Many of our dedicated teachers then reach into their own wallets to pay for extra materials for art, science, organizational systems, books for classroom libraries, and much more.

To help ensure that students at Stafford have the opportunity for the necessary provisions, PTSA each year provides a donated gift of \$200 per classroom. This classroom gift extends beyond just the traditional classrooms and is also provided to the specialist teachers such as our AIM instructors, librarian, speech pathologist, school counselor, Chinese Language Instructor, music teacher, P.E. teacher, school psychologist, and building learning specialist.

Stafford's PTSA is proud to announce that in total we have gifted \$5,800 this September to our teachers and specialists. These funds come from PTSA's core budget and are replenished each year with donations to the annual fund from our generous Stafford families. We wish our families and staff well throughout the 2012/13 school year.

If you have any budgetary questions or requests please contact Dardee Layne, PTSA Treasurer at dardinel@hotmail.com



2012-2013 Stafford Directory

Coming Soon!

Have an email change or a new phone number for your family? The directory will be available at Stafford for review during conferences in October. Please stop by and make sure your contact information is correct!

For any other concerns regarding your family's information in the directory, please contact Scott Rumsey at:

scottrumsey@earthlink.net

Grade Level Parent Socials!



The PTSA is planning a social night for parents to get to know other parents in their child's grade level. These events were started two years ago and they have been a huge success.

A BIG Thank you to the families who have already offered to host this year!

Kindergarten: Gray Family-Date to be Announced

2nd: Aoyama Family- October 24th

4th: Vincent & Highland Family - November 7th

We still need families to host! PTSA will assist with providing food and beverages. If you are interested in opening up your home for a parent social (for your child's grade level) please contact Emily Schmitt at (503) 481- 4282 or mle@urbantwist.com

We still need host families for 1st, 3rd and 5th grades.

PTSA Staff Lunch

On Wednesday October 10th, PTSA will provide lunch for the Stafford staff during conferences. If you would like to donate a food item or other supplies, please contact Heather Anderson at cmheather@gmail.com

IT IS TIME FOR HALLOWEEN COSTUMES!!!

Don't buy yours at the store or order online until you check out this great offer! You can purchase your costume at a **WHOLESALE PRICE** and benefit Stafford PTSA in the process.

Go to www.wholesalecostumeclub.com and use the promo code FUN503.

You will get your costume at a guaranteed low price and **Stafford will receive 15% of all sales processed with this promo code**. They have all types of costumes ranging from infant through adult. Forward this information to all of your friends and family to help our school.

Funds received through this event will benefit PTSA Community Service. These funds will be placed into an account for students at our school whose families need a little extra assistance paying for extracurricular activities (such as sports, summer camps, karate, or music). The PTSA will work with Laura Barbour to distribute the funds to those who need them. Just another way Stafford shows we care for each other!

If you have questions contact Kirsten Juster at kirstenjuster@comcast.net



Thank you for your Spirit Wear orders!

Ordered items will be sent home with your students and should arrive towards the end of October.

Spirit Days are the last Friday of the month. Here are the actual dates for the 2012-2013 School Year:

October 26
November 30
January 25
February 22
April 26
May 31

Please contact Wendy Miller
wendyamiller@hotmail.com with questions.



Calling all Volunteers!

We need volunteers to help with picture day and vision screening.

Picture Day

Monday, Oct. 8th

Shifts TBD

Vision Day

Tuesday, Oct. 23th

Shifts are from 8am-10am or 10am-noon

If you are able to assist, contact KC Bildner at

kcbildner@msn.com or 503-919-1635



Help bring Jon Nilsen to Stafford!



The Music and Arts Partners (MAPS) will be showcasing some of the amazingly talented young performers in our school district on Saturday October 6th. The dinner event will feature singers, musicians and actors – as well as auctions and other fundraising fun and games. Stafford is only **SIX** tickets away (already sold 14 tickets) from earning a FREE Artist in Residency, courtesy of MAPS, from John Nilsen (pianist, guitarist, songwriter).

He will host a workshop with the kids and then a performance on the final day. His cost for doing this is typically \$600! More information on John can be found at:

<http://www.johnnilsen.com/johnnilsen.html>

By purchasing these tickets (\$50.00 per ticket) you will help support MAPS & Stafford at the same time! Please contact Dardee Layne at darinel@hotmail.com to get your tickets. Please see attached flyer for additional information!

Art Literacy at Stafford

Thanks to generous funding from the PTSA, Stafford students will benefit from five Art Literacy studies/projects this year. These studies will include: Leonardo da Vinci, Albrecht Durer, Vincent van Gogh, Helen Beatrix Potter as well as Chinese Art.

Stafford's Art Literacy program relies **entirely on volunteer efforts!** The following teachers still need additional volunteers to help with the five program dates this year: McNeil, Fordyce, Wilhelm, Wise, Amri, Hilal/Gilkey, Schroeder.

NO ART SKILL REQUIRED! We will teach you all you need to know. If you're willing to help, please contact Ellen Gass at: ellen@ellenurbani.com



Stafford SCRIP Update!

Register your Safeway Club card for eSCRIP to earn money for Stafford. Simply go to <http://www.escrip.com> and use our school name and supporter **ID#8567018** to register your card. Ask your relatives to do the same! If you don't know your club card number, call (877)723-3929. Questions? Contact Heather at stafford.scrip@gmail.com

Support our School Programs with SCRIP!

Pick up a SCRIP order form in the main entrance or access it online under the PTSA link on the Stafford Primary website.

It is easy to participate:

- ◆ Fill out the SCRIP order form.
- ◆ Attach a check payable to Stafford PTSA.
- ◆ Send the order and check in an envelope marked "SCRIP" with your child. Your child's teacher will deliver it to the office. You can also stop in and drop it off at Kathy Cooley's desk.
- ◆ Pick up your order after 12p.m. on Thursday the same week you order or have your order sent home with your child.

Order Dates:

October 15th with delivery on October 18

October 29th with delivery on November 1

November 5th with delivery on November 8

Want More Information Regarding PTSA?

Stafford Primary's PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association) mission is to strengthen parent/teacher/student communication and education through newsletters, workshops, events, and activities. The PTSA's goal is to enrich the educational environment in order to assist the school in stimulating our students into becoming creative thinkers and problem solvers who strive to reach their maximum potential now and throughout their lives.

For more information contact:

Stafford Primary Website and click on PTSA: www.stafford.wlww.k12.or.us

President: Rachel Stevenson, (503) 201-2393 / perfectwedding@hotmail.com

Co-Vice Presidents: Amanda Curdy (503) 734-7596 / curdyfive@gmail.com -or-
Emily Schmitt (503) 481-4282 / mle@urbantwist.com

Volunteers: Please contact KC Bildner (503)919-1635 / kcbildner@msn.com

Newsletter Inquiries: Please contact Wendy Ingle (503) 341-2234 / wendingle@hotmail.com

PTSA Meetings

Can't make a PTSA meeting? Keep up with the meeting minutes available on the Stafford website at:

<http://www.stafps.wlww.k12.or.us/ptsa/meetings>

Our next meeting is 9:30 am on Wednesday, October 3rd in Room 22 at Stafford. Hope to see you there!