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## NEWSLETTER

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## Calendar

- October 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>,  
"Ms. Barbour's  
Basket" Snack Drive
- October 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>,  
Book Fair
- October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Garden  
Clean-up after  
school
- October 29<sup>th</sup>,  
Kindergarten Parent  
Social- 6:30pm
- November 4<sup>th</sup>, Photo  
Retake Day
- November 4<sup>th</sup>, Parent  
Enrichment Night-  
7pm
- November 5<sup>th</sup>, PTSA  
Meeting- 9am
- November 6<sup>th</sup>, Second  
Grade Parent Social-  
7:30pm
- November 11<sup>th</sup>, NO  
SCHOOL
- November 12<sup>th</sup>, Vision  
Screening
- November 12<sup>th</sup>, First  
Grade Parent Social-  
7:00pm

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*A note from Briana Currey, Stafford's Community Service Representative:*

Hello Stafford families, I am the community service representative for the PTSA. I will be working hand in hand with Patrick Meigs and Laura Barbour so we can approach community service as a "team" at Stafford. Our goal this year is "our school, our district, our county, our world". We are going to primarily focus locally given the economic times, but will also remember our world because America is still far more blessed than many other countries.

Our first project is next week, October 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. This project is called "Bring a Snack; Give a Snack for Ms. Barbour's Basket". Ms. Barbour helps many children, who either can not afford a snack or who have forgotten their snack, to be able to have a healthy snack while at school. Her supplies are getting low so we are going to ask the students to help build it back up. This is a small way the children can give back to their own community.

**During the week of October 19th children bring their own snack, plus one for "Ms. Barbour's Basket".** Examples are fruit, a Nutrigrain/Z bar, cheese and crackers, etc. Each classroom will have a basket marked "Ms. Barbour's Basket" for the children to place their snack donation in. We are asking children to bring one extra snack during the week. If your child can participate more than once it is greatly appreciated. Encourage your child to take the initiative to help a friend at school by sharing a snack. This is a low cost way to help others, but a valuable one for the school.

Some other projects we will be working on this year to help children in our district is the Clothes Closet. This project is currently on hold because of a potential relocation. More information will come out as it develops. In November, we will work on food baskets for families in our own community and as well as other neighboring communities.

If you have any questions or ideas, I would love to hear them. Feel free to email me, Briana Currey, at [bkcurrency2002@yahoo.com](mailto:bkcurrency2002@yahoo.com). Our school has a giving heart. Teaching our children to give to others will not only grow their hearts but it is good for their minds and souls. Thank you for your support!

The school directory is at the printers and arriving soon! They will be coming home with your child. If you would like to help with the distribution please contact Scott Rumsey at [scottrumsey@earthlink.net](mailto:scottrumsey@earthlink.net).

**Thank you to the families that helped to provide lunch for the staff on Wednesday during conferences. The PTSA and staff greatly appreciate your efforts!**

## Parent Enrichment Night

Stafford PTSA is proud to present children's advocate author Trudy Ludwig and *"Understanding Our Kids' Social World: Friendships, Cliques & Power Plays"*. Please join us Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30pm. Childcare will be available in the Library.

If you'd like to have Trudy Ludwig autograph one of her books the night of the event you can pre-purchase them through [Amazon](#) with a 32% discount off of the full retail price.

## Garden Clean-up Afternoon

Bring your gloves & green thumb on October 23<sup>rd</sup> to help get the gardens ready for winter. Please note that we still meet if there is a light rain. Thank you to Lisa Griffiths for maintaining the gardens this summer. Lisa has some wonderful things planned for this year around campus. Please contact Lisa Griffiths at [lgriffy@comcast.net](mailto:lgriffy@comcast.net) to be on the Garden Upkeep team.

### Get to know the other parents in your child's grade!

Come to a parent-only social to meet and enjoy an evening with the other parents in your child's grade. Please mark your calendars and arrange for babysitting!

Kindergarten	Thursday, Oct 29 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Mia + Mark Pizutti's home
1st grade	Thursday, Nov 12 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Brittainy + Craig Tiffany's home
2nd grade	Friday, Nov 6 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Lola + Mike Skates' home

For more details, expect to see an evite in your inbox from the host and a flyer in your child's backpack. Socials for grades 3-5 will be in the winter.

Questions? Please contact Courtney Kennedy at 503.638.0989 or [courtney@pickaback.com](mailto:courtney@pickaback.com).

### What is Stafford Scrip? It's Gift Cards!

Our Goal for 2009 – 2010 is to earn the school \$10,000! You can help us by buying \$200/month of gift cards. The Scrip is for local vendors that we all use. Fred Meyer, Albertsons, Safeway, Starbucks, Home Depot, Borders, Panera Bread, The Gap, Shell Gas, etc. If you like to budget, this is a great way to do that and support the school. Two easy ways to order:

#### Option 1 –

1. Fill out the attached order form and email to [mjcanfamily@comcast.net](mailto:mjcanfamily@comcast.net) by Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>
2. Bring a check payable to Stafford PTSA to the office on Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> and pick up your cards.

#### Option 2 –

1. Fill out the attached order form and send to the office with a check payable to Stafford PTSA by Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.
2. Have your gift cards sent home with your child or pick them up in the office Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. (Just mark your selection on the order form)

Orders Due Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> and back to you Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Questions? Contact Ronda Atwood 503-885-2727 / [ratwood@venturafoods.com](mailto:ratwood@venturafoods.com)

### Thank you Stafford Families for supporting PTSA!

Stafford's **Parent Teacher Student Association's** primary goal is to enhance our children's experience at Stafford by funding programs that improve the education of our children, supporting our teachers and providing community events. Please visit the [Stafford PTSA website](#) to learn more about our organization, what it means to your child and how you can make a difference. [Join PTSA Today!](#) **Thank you in advance for your contributions.**

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