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## NEWSLETTER

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## Calendar

- 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- 7:00pm
- 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
- November 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, NO SCHOOL

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### PARENT ENRICHMENT NIGHT:

You are invited to a special evening for parents with children's advocate and author Trudy Ludwig. Childcare will be available in the library.

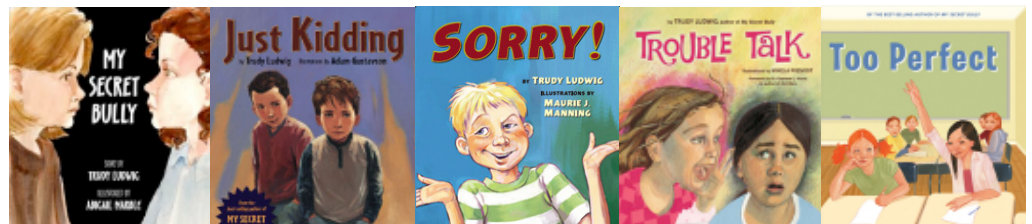
**Wednesday, November 4, 2009**  
 7:00- 8:30 P.M. \* Stafford Primary School

### Understanding Our Kids' Social World: Friendships, Cliques & Power Plays

Intentional exclusion, gossip, the silent treatment, teasing and the spreading of rumors are often dismissed as normal rites of passage, but research shows these behaviors are a form of emotional bullying and they are as harmful as physical bullying—with devastating long-term effects. Learn more about relational aggression (the use of relationships to manipulate and hurt others) including the latest research findings, the nature of boys' and girls' friendships, cyber-bullying, as well as tips, tools and resources to help you empower your children in their social world.

Trudy Ludwig's work and presentations have received high praise from leading U.S. experts, educators, and organizations. Her nationally acclaimed books, *My Secret Bully*, *Just Kidding*, *Sorry*, *Trouble Talk*®, and *Too Perfect* focus on helping children thrive in their social world. An award-winning writer and an engaging speaker, Trudy has been featured on ABC's "Good Morning America" and PBS's "Keeping Kids Healthy."

For more information, visit Trudy's website, [www.trudyludwig.com](http://www.trudyludwig.com), or contact the school office.



## Kindergarten Parent Social this Thursday!

Just a reminder that the Kindergarten Parent Social is this Thursday, October 29th from 6:30-9pm at the home of Mark + Mia Pizzuti.

Check out the evite at <http://tiny.cc/staffordkindysocial>.

## Do you have a child in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade?

If so, enjoy an evening with other second-grade parents on Friday, November 6th at the home of Lola + Mike Skates. Festivities begin at 7:30pm!

Check out the evite at <http://tiny.cc/staffordgrade2social>.



Marc Chagall

## Art Literacy: Chagall Stained Glass

Please take the opportunity as you walk through the hallways to look for this year's first Art Literacy works. Our first featured artist was Marc Chagall, a Russian-Born French Modernist. Chagall was born in the village of Vitebsky, Russia to a Yiddish speaking Hasidic Jewish family. His love of village, family and culture are predominate themes in his work. He was famous for his imaginative, dream-like, and highly personal paintings. His paintings are rich in symbolism and mysticism associated with his Jewish culture and Russian folklore. His work was also heavily influenced by Fauvism and Cubism styles very popular at that time. Students worked to create colorful pieces of stained glass imitating Chagall's use of pure colors in arbitrary, emotional, and/or symbolic ways.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to bring this terrific project to the classrooms.

## The 2009-10 School Directory has been distributed!

A BIG Thank You goes out to Scott Rumsey. The directory is a valued tool for keeping us all connected at Stafford. The PTSA appreciates all the time and effort that he put into this project.

If you haven't seen the copy you ordered, please check your student's backpack then contact Scott Rumsey at [scottrumsey@earthlink.net](mailto:scottrumsey@earthlink.net) for assistance.