

# Stafford Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

One of the hallmarks and things that I deeply treasure about our school is our parent volunteers. Next week we would like to show our appreciation of all of you do for children, the school and all of us each and everyday. I hope that you are able to come in next week and enjoy treats, tulips and truffles. This is our way of giving back and saying thank you. It is your care, thoughtfulness and support for children and the school that helps us to be the exceptional school we are. Your time and energy is inspiring and sets a wonderful example for children on how to give back to the community. Our parent community is simply another example of what makes this community incredible.

It is that time of year that we begin to think about class placement for next year. Creating classroom communities for the next year is a complex task, but one that we take on with a great deal of thought and care, because it is critical that each student have a year of academic and social growth. It takes a lot of time and thought to create these communities because we know that the relationship a child has with their teacher is extremely important. We also know that creating learning communities that challenge and engage each and every learner is critical. It is important to us that all students have academic peers who they can work with and peers with whom they feel comfortable and confident with in their classroom. We also believe that each classroom community needs to include students with a variety of skills and experiences. Our goal is to have balanced classrooms that will support the needs of each individual student. Classroom teachers, specialists, and administration work diligently together to create communities of learners where each student will flourish both academically and socially.

We also believe that parents have valuable information to share and offer us in this process. Parents help us to better understand the learning styles, areas of needed growth, and the social needs and/or concerns of their child. Knowing about any important neighborhood issues help us create the type of balanced learning communities that foster strong relationships and appropriate levels of challenge that we all want for each Stafford student. Please share your thoughts and concerns, in written form by May 5th, as we begin our work in planning classroom assignments for next year.

As you can tell, there is a lot of consideration and thought that goes into class placement. Placement is an exciting opportunity to think about the possibilities of the next year. It is important that we create classroom communities that honor and support the learning of each child. However, it is also the fabulous work of teachers that bring these communities together and Stafford teachers do this so well. We are so fortunate to have such a caring, thoughtful, and outstanding group of educators to work with our students at every grade level. I can honestly say that I would be honored to have my child in any of their classrooms. Thank you for your support and trust of teachers and our placement process.

**On Monday, April 19, there will be no school** due to the district day of Collaborative Inquiry. As I have written before, this is a tremendous day of learning for teachers and an incredible day for all. This year there are twelve Stafford teachers leading or contributing to sessions. This is great leadership from our school.

As always, thank you for all you do for the school and the support you give us all each day.

Take care,

Patrick



# Messages From The Office



## MINOR MOMENTS

Every May, Stafford welcomes Spring with a wellness program called Miles in May. Throughout the month, students run laps around the track at their recesses. Every time they run a mile, they earn a plastic foot that they put on a necklace. This year, in addition to earning feet for every mile they run, students will have the opportunity to raise money for the people of Haiti by using their legs. Our **Miles in May for Haiti** will be a run-a-thon where students can be sponsored for each mile they run. Sponsorship forms and details will be given to your child at school. This service learning project will benefit Mercy Corp and their work in Haiti. Please look for more information via our website as we get closer to May!

**SPRING ENRICHMENT CLASSES: PLEASE MAKE PAYMENTS BY APRIL 23rd TO THE OFFICE.**

## STAFFORD SOCIAL TICKETS AVAILABLE

Buy your tickets now for the upcoming Stafford Social on **Friday April 23rd at 6:30p.m.** Tickets are \$25.00 each or \$50.00 a couple. Come join other Stafford parents for food, dancing, and a nice selection of auction items, and raffles.

## LOST AND FOUND

Please check out the lost and found when you are in the building. We did not clean it out over spring break so we have an abundance of winter coats, sweaters, etc. that need to find their owners. **Please claim by April 30th.** All unclaimed items will be donated to North Clackamas County Clothes Closet.

## SNACKS NEEDED

If you are able to donate some healthy snack choices for students that can not afford to bring snacks to school, we would really appreciate it. Our supply has run out and we still have 9 more weeks of school. Some good choices are gold fish, nutrition bars, Cliff bars, wheat thins, popcorn, etc. Thanks so much for your care and concern for our children. Laura Barbour, Counselor

## PLEASE TURN IN THE REGISTRATION/VERIFICATION FORMS

**Friendly Reminder:** The Registration/Verification forms for attending Stafford in the fall are due by **April 23rd.** **This is your child's registration for the 2010-2011 school year!** Please remember to sign the sheet before returning it to the school. If you are moving out of our attendance area, please indicate that on the form and return it to the office. The information helps us with the staffing. Thank you so much for your promptness.

## “CHANGE FOR CHANGE” REACHES HAITI VICTIMS!

"Change for Change" fundraiser was a huge success, raising nearly \$1,400 for the people of Haiti in the aftermath of their devastating earthquake. A huge thank you to the entire Stafford Community for donating your spare change and to the fourth graders for organizing this important fundraiser. Check out the link below to watch a thank you video from Mercy Corps that shows some of the ways that your money is helping out. <http://www.mercycorps.org/haitiearthquake/thankyoudonors>.

## IT'S TIME TO ORDER THE YEARBOOK!

Go to [www.myyear.com](http://www.myyear.com) to order your yearbook online at anytime. Payment by credit cards will include a \$1.85 convenience fee. Payment by check/cash to Judy Woodruff in the office. Cost is \$20.00. See attached form to fill out and return to the office.

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK

To show our deep appreciation for the volunteer hours that you have donated to the school we are providing coffee, tea, treats, flowers and truffles all next week! Thank you so much for all that you do to help make our school a better place!

## FIELD DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Field day this year will be on June 15th. We are looking for at least 72 parents to help support our students as they celebrate another wonderful year at Stafford. This is a morning event from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. but any time is appreciated. If you would like to volunteer, please fill out the attached form and return to Judy Woodruff or contact me. Thank you!

## LAST CALL! IS YOUR 5TH GRADER GOING TO ROSEMONT?

The families that live in the Hidden Springs area have a choice of attending Rosemont Ridge Middle School or Athey Creek Middle School. Please let the Stafford office know by **April 23rd** if you have decided to have your student attend Rosemont Middle School. Thank you. Kathy Cooley

## Welcome to Rosemont Ridge Middle School

Please join us for an evening of "Live at Rosemont" for your upcoming 6th grade student. We extend this invitation to all parents of current 5th grade students that plan to attend our Rosemont Ridge Community in the fall.

Who: Parents of incoming 6th grade students

When: Tuesday, May 25, at 7:00 PM

Where: Rosemont Ridge Commons

What: Debi Briggs-Crispin, Principal, and Leah Martin, Instructional Coordinator, will present a brief look at Rosemont Ridge Middle School. They would also like to introduce the continuing PTO President, Robyn Beaulauier.

Discussion topics:

School Community

Academic Programs Schedule

Related Arts Programs

Extra-curricular offerings

PTO Involvement

## WEST LINN-WILSONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Get Ready . . . It's Coming . . .

**CedarOak's Second Annual Earth Month Celebration!**

**April 24th, 10:00—12:00 p.m.**

Three big swaps will be happening, We need your items now or on event day! Book exchange, clothing swap, lego swap and old sports shoes for recycling. Join us rain or shine . . . We'll be under cover. See attachment to this newsletter for

### CREST Learning-On-The-Go Field Trip

**HIKIN' THE FALLS!**

GRADES 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5

FEE: \$40.00

Monday, April 19

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Join CREST to hike under one of the highest waterfalls in Oregon at Silver Creek Falls State Park! Help us search for crawdads, salamanders, and other fun creatures in the creek. We'll hike the South & Lower South Falls in the morning (a 2 mile loop). After lunch, you'll choose between a fast, challenging trek or a slow, leisurely stroll to explore another section of the creek and look for more animals.

**GOING APE!**

GRADES 3, 4, & 5

FEE: \$40.00

Friday, June 11

8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Learn about the geology of a volcano right in our own backyard! Snoop around Mount St. Helens' Ape Caves and the ancient Lava Forest. Then we'll head out on a short hike to explore the evidence of the May 1980 volcanic eruption.

Registration forms are available at your school office, at CREST, at the district office, and on the CREST website at <http://www.crest.wlww.k12.or.us/lotg.htm> If you have any questions, please call Vickie Lee at (503) 673-7010 or email at [leev@wlww.k12.or.us](mailto:leev@wlww.k12.or.us)

# LOOK WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

West Linn Public Library Presents:

## TALES to TAILS!

Wednesdays and Thursdays 3:30-5:00p.m.

Kids sign up for 20-minute sessions to read to our dogs downstairs at the library! Each child chooses a book and how much reading and petting to do. Our dog handlers encourage interaction with their dogs and will also offer help if needed.

Reading to the Dog:	Increases enthusiasm for reading	Develops reading skills
	Teaches children how to interact with pets	Promotes confidence

Reservations are necessary! Please call 503-656-7853 x4or stop by the kids' desk downstairs at the West Linn Public Library. All dog and handler teams are certified volunteers from the Delta Society Animal Assisted Therapy & Education Program.

The 16<sup>th</sup> annual West Linn Wilsonville Middle School Musical, Disney's "Beauty and The Beast" will perform at West Linn High School Auditorium, 4564 West "A" Street, West Linn, April 15, 16, 17, 19, 20 at 7:30 pm with a matinee showing at 1:30 pm on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are available at <http://wlvmsmusical.tix.com> Cost is \$7.50 (with a small surcharge for online ordering). Tickets will also be available at the box office before each performance. For more information about "Beauty and The Beast", contact Dana Edvalson at 503-657-0521 or at [danaedvalson@gmail.com](mailto:danaedvalson@gmail.com) or Suzi Anderson at 503-805-9473 or at [suzi.anderson@comcast.net](mailto:suzi.anderson@comcast.net)

**Doggie Drive** Girl Scout Troop #40758 is performing a service project for the Clackamas County Dog Shelter, and **YOU can help!!** Starting **Mon., April 5th** through **April 23rd**, help the Troop's "doggie drive" by bringing in donations for the shelter. The dogs need dog food, dog treats, new sturdy dog toys and gently-used blankets. Collection bins will be located in the hallway outside the library and main office. Please join us in donating and supporting the Clackamas County Dog Shelter! For more info. contact Pam Lambert at (503) 650-6792.

**Cub Scouts** is a great opportunity to get kids involved in the community and do fun activities with friends. Stafford's Cub Scout Pack 223 has a brand new website. Visit [www.cubpack223.com](http://www.cubpack223.com) to learn more about this fun and rewarding opportunity.

**Compass-USA Seeking Host Families for Mainland Chinese Students:** Recruitment of local families open to providing a safe, loving environment for one of 25 mainland Chinese students ages 13-17 for two weeks this summer has begun and will continue until May 15th. The students will be in an English immersion program weekday mornings at the Academic Center located off the I-5/Haines Street exit (one exit north of 217). In the afternoons they will go on excursions of historic, cultural and scenic significance. The Host Family will provide the student with daily transportation to and from the Academic Center, a place to sleep, breakfast and some lunches and dinners. The students will learn about American culture by sharing in the daily life of the Host Family evenings and weekends. The scheduled dates are July 15-29, 2010. For further information contact: Jill Aldrich, Compass-USA Portland Program Coordinator at [jill.aldrich@gmail.com](mailto:jill.aldrich@gmail.com) or 503-620-6899. Thank you for your assistance in getting the word out about this fabulous opportunity. Sincerely, Jill Aldrich

April 12-16	Book Fair
	Enrichment Classes Begin
April 19	No School/Staff Development Day
April 20-23	Volunteer Appreciation Week
April 23	Adult Spring Social: Oregon Golf Club 6:30 p.m.
April 29	Gr. 4 Musical Program 7:00 p.m.
May 3	Site Council 2:30 p.m.
May 3-7	Staff Appreciation Week
May 4	Kindergarten Round-Up! 3:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.
May 4	Garden Club 1-3:30 p.m. Come help move the plants!
May 6	PTSA Meeting 9:00 a.m.
May 10-14	Bus Driver Appreciation Week
May 15	Garden Work Day 9:00 a.m. - 12 :00 p.m.
May 31	No School /Memorial Day Observed

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