

Stafford Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

It is amazing how breaks always seem to come at just the right time. Spring break for all of us around the school was an excellent time to rest and recharge for the busy weeks ahead. It is amazing that we are into that point of the year when we start to think about next year. However, there is much to do this spring and a lot of learning and explorations yet to come. I hope your break was restful as well. My family and I escaped to the sun and snow in Bend. We had some lovely days of skiing.

Spring is always a busy time around schools. There is the work and explorations yet to do, state testing for 3rd, 4th and 5th is soon to begin, and there is the planning for next year. It is always remarkable how fast these last weeks go. There are a couple of upcoming items that I would like you to be aware of and to put on your calendars.

First of all, there is the annual spring social for parents. This year's event will be on Friday April 23rd at 6:30. The event will take place at the Oregon Golf Club. The tickets are \$25.00 each or \$50.00 a couple. Tickets can be purchased at the front office. This will be an enjoyable evening of food, fun and community spirit. I hope that you will be able to join us.

On Monday, April 19 there will be no school when the entire district meets for a staff development opportunity, *The Celebration of Collaborative Inquiry*. This is an amazing opportunity for teachers to share their work, learn from each other and take time to examine their teaching practices. It truly is an amazing day of learning and reflection for all! If you would like to know more about this day, please let me know.

Each year we put out a yearbook to celebrate the school year and as a memento of a year of friends and learning. The book can be ordered on-line at www.myyear.com. The cost is \$20. There is more information about this in this newsletter. A huge thank you to Erica Yraguen for her stewardship of this process.

Next week the PTSA budget committee will also be meeting to begin the work of putting together the budget for next year. In thinking about this process, I am reminded of how supportive all of you are of teachers, all children and our school community. We are so fortunate to have the opportunities that your thoughtful donations, energy and time afford us each day. I know that I speak for all in sending our heart felt thanks and appreciations. We are a stronger school because of all you do!

I want to let families know that Deb Lassell, our part time PE teacher, is taking a leave of absence for the remainder of the school year. I know that you join me in sending her our best wishes. I am happy to announce that Linda Ingalls will be filling in for her. Linda has worked at Stafford before and has a wonderful depth of knowledge about physical education. I am happy that she knows our school and has worked with Tammy Ellis before. I think they will make a great team for this spring. While having a disruption like this can be hard, I know that Linda will do a wonderful job with the transition and children in her care will have a great PE experience.

Finally, if you know families with children of Kindergarten age, please encourage them to register for next year. Thank you for your help with this

As always, thank you for all you do for the school, teachers and children.

Take care, Patrick



Messages From The Office



ENCOURAGE THOSE IN PRIVATE SCHOOLS TO REGISTER!

If you know of families with Kindergarten age children who have not yet registered for next year, please encourage them to do so as quickly as possible. **Kindergarten Round-up will be on May 4th** and we would like to have as many families as possible in attendance. **If you know of any families who have their child in a private school or another kindergarten program who plan on attending Stafford in the fall, please encourage them to come in and register for the first grade.** Thank you for your help with this.

SPANISH IMMERSION OFFERED AGAIN THIS FALL!

The district is offering two Spanish Immersion Programs beginning in kindergarten; one at Boones Ferry Primary School in Wilsonville, and one at Sunset Primary School in West Linn. An immersion program is a form of dual language acquisition, integrating core academic content study in both languages. Enrollment in these classes will be open to students from all West Linn-Wilsonville neighborhood schools. We plan to enroll 24 children in each classroom. Registration for Spanish Immersion will be accepted starting April 1, at 7:00 a.m. at the District Office on 22210 Stafford Road. Registration is on a first come, first served basis. There is no preference given to siblings.

SPRING ENRICHMENT SIGN UP NOW ON LINE!

Starting on April 1, our spring enrichment registration will begin. The brochure and registration process will be available via our school website. You will be able to find the link on our front page. There will be a few brochures in our office, as well as a computer available if you would like to sign your child up for classes while you are at the school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me! Patrick Minor

SPRING SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at Stafford from April 12th-16th. We are looking forward to another fun and successful event! The book fair will be open before and after school, during lunch, and on Monday evening from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Author Deborah Hopkinson will be speaking and available for book signing that evening. We hope that each family can take advantage of one of these times to come to the Stafford library and browse. As in the past, we ask that kindergartners and 1st graders not bring money to school to buy books. These students can use the guidance of an adult to help them select books and make wise buying decisions. Also, please do not send older children with large sums of money as lost bills make unhappy students. Times: 7:30-8:30a.m., 11:00-1:00p.m. and 2:00-3:30p.m. Hope to see you there!

GARDEN CLEANUP DAYS!

Come join the fun as we spruce up the flowerbeds and school grounds!

Saturday, May 15th: from 9:00 to noon. Bark dust the flower beds! For questions please contact Lisa Griffiths at lgriffy@comcast.net

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 11 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

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 9th if you have decided to have your student attend Rosemont Middle School. Thank you. Kathy Cooley

REGISTRATION/VERIFICATION FORMS

Friendly Reminder: The Registration/Verification forms for attending Stafford in the fall are due by April 16th. 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. Thank you so much for your promptness.

FIELD DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Field Day is fast approaching and we are looking for volunteers for June 15. This is a morning event from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. but any time is appreciated. Please sign up on the attached form and return to the office. Your involvement will help make this a successful event.

STAFFORD SOCIAL TICKETS AVAILABLE

Buy your tickets now for the upcoming Stafford Social on Friday April 23rd at 6:30. 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.

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CREST Learning-On-The-Go Field Trip

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

GRADES 6, 7, & 8

FEE: \$40.00

Friday, April 16

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Want to learn how to throw a hammer or dyno a hold? Join CREST to learn all you can about some of the coolest sports around – frisbee golfing, rock climbing, and hiking! We will start out the day with a hike up Beacon Rock in the Columbia River Gorge, and a frisbee golf game at Dabny State Park. Then we will test our rock climbing prowess at the rock wall at Wilsonville High School. All equipment provided and all skill levels welcome!

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. Learn about native plants, freshwater wildlife and the geology of this wet and wild place. We'll hike the South & Lower South Falls in the morning (a 2 mile loop). After lunch, we'll head to the North Falls area, where 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. We'll trek *through* the Lower Ape Cave lava tube, one of the longest in the world! You will also have a chance to go through "the crawl" which is an underground tunnel created from a tree cast. 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

**2010 West Linn Wilsonville Middle School Musical Production of
Disney's Beauty and The Beast**

The 16th 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 17th.

This is the second time for the Middle School Musical to present "Beauty and The Beast", last time it was performed in 2006. This year 129, 7th and 8th graders representing Athey Creek, Rosemont Ridge, Three Rivers Charter, and Wood Middle School comprise the two complete casts. They have been hard at work rehearsing since returning to school after Winter Break in January.

Based on the 1991 Award Winning Disney Classic, "a tale as old as time"... is filled with wonderful costumes and 15 incredible songs. Set in a lovely French town, Belle, often wonders if there is "more than this provincial life". Gaston tries to no avail, to win Belle's affection. When Belle's father, Maurice, becomes lost in the woods on his way to a faire, he seeks shelter in an "Enchanted Castle". The master of the castle is a horrible beast that takes him captive. Belle must give up her freedom to save her father's life. She encounters the castle residence, including: Lumiere, Cogsworth, Mrs. Potts and Chip, who like the Beast, have been transformed by a spell. Can Belle "tame" the Beast and undo the spell in time?

Tickets are available at www.wlwwmsmusical.tix.com. Links to this site can be found on Athey Creek, Rosemont Ridge and Wood Middle School's websites. Cost is \$7.50 (with a small surcharge for online ordering). Tickets will also be available at the box office before each performance.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

April 5	Site Council 2:30 p.m.
April 8	Stafford's Strings Concert at Boones Ferry 6:30 p.m. PTSA Meeting 7:00 p.m.
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.

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May 3	Site Council 2:30 p.m.
May 3-7	Staff Appreciation Week
May 4	Kindergarten Round-Up! 3:00 and 4:30 p.m.
May 5	Garden Work Day (After School 2 hrs)
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

May

