

Stafford Primary School Newsletter

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April 29th, 2010

Dear Families,

Every May, Stafford welcomes Spring with a wellness program called Miles in May. This program encourages students to spend their free time during their recesses running laps around our track to get fit. This wellness program is generously supported by our PTSA.

Every time students run a mile, they earn a plastic foot that they put on a necklace. This year, in addition to earning feet for every mile that 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 voluntary run-a-thon where students can be sponsored for each mile that they run. This service learning project will benefit Mercy Corp and their work providing earthquake relief in Haiti. This group is dedicated to providing access to clean water and sanitation, as well as helping the people of Haiti rebuild their nation's infrastructure after this devastating disaster.

Wellness and global citizenship are important to the mission of our school district. This wellness and service learning opportunity will give students a chance to feel great and help others at the same time. This idea was brought forth by the buddy classes of Ms. McNeil and Mr. Schroeder. Together, students from both classes will be visiting other classrooms to invite students to participate.

Students will receive a sponsorship form at school. Along with support from the parents, students can invite donors to sponsor them as they run. Teachers will help students track the amount of miles that they run throughout the month. At the end of the month, students can total up their miles and collect their donations. Donations can be submitted in the form of cash or checks made out to Stafford Primary School. All donations must be submitted by June 4th.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Patrick Minor at school, 503 673-7154.

LAST CALL FOR REGISTRATION/VERIFICATION FORMS: DUE MAY 7TH!!!

Haven't turned it in? Turn it in!

Moving? Turn it in!

Don't know what you are doing? Turn it in!

We really do need these forms to know how many students will be attending next year. Class placement and hiring new staff members will be happening soon and this information is a key to that process. It is very important that these forms be turned in as it insures your child's enrollment at Stafford for the 2010-2011 school year. If you need a new form, just let us know and we will resend you one via your student.
Kathy Cooley, Registrar

LOTS OF FIELD DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We currently have twenty signed up for field day! We need YOU 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. Thank you!



Messages From The Office



Counseling Corner

It is State testing time once again! We all know that taking tests can be a stressful experience for children. Our students receive advice and support from their teachers and are given opportunities to practice for the tests. As a parent, you may want to know what you can do to support your child during this time. Here are some ideas for helping your child before the test:

- Set realistic expectations
- Serve healthy meals as the brain needs fuel
- Have children well-rested
- Help your child to relax (remind your child to take deep breaths)
- Encourage a positive attitude
- Give plenty of hugs

You can reinforce test taking strategies for your child:

- Read all directions carefully
- Underline key words in directions
- If the directions are confusing, ask!
- Complete the easy questions first
- Eliminate wrong answers on multiple choice questions
- Manage time well
- Check answers at the end of time permits
- Remember it is okay to take a break
- Think positively
- Take deep breaths

If your child feels relaxed and prepared for the test s/he will perform up to his/her full potential.

SNACKS STILL NEEDED

Thank you so much for the snack donations for our students. We still need more to stock our shelves. If you are able to donate some healthy snack choices, please include gold fish, nutrition bars, Cliff bars, wheat thins, popcorn, etc.

Thanks so much for your care and concern for our children. Laura Barbour, Counselor

SPRING BOOK FAIR GREATER SUCCESS THAN BEFORE!

Our Spring Book Fair was a huge success. We made \$8600 and earned \$5000 Scholastic dollars for our library to use. Thirty-five dollars was collected for "Dollars for Books" which will go to our sister school in southeast Portland! Many thanks to everyone who volunteered at the Fair. We couldn't have done it without you! So many wonderful books are now in the hands of our children.

BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB

This is a great opportunity to celebrate your child's birthday and give back to your library at the same time. The next party will be May 20 at 1:30pm in the library to celebrate birthdays from any month. Just drop off a new, hard cover book by May 18 to participate. This will be our last party of the school year.

BOX TOPS REFUND

A huge thank you to all of you who collect, cut and turn in those Box Tops! Once again, it proves to be a worth while project! We have received \$1,330.00 to enhance the PE department. Wow! We are excited to purchase more equipment for our kids!

KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP ON MAY 4TH

Just a reminder that from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and again at 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. we will be welcoming the incoming kindergarten students and their parents in the multi-purpose room for a sneak peak at the Kindergarten day. They will sing a song, plant a seed, read a story and take a ride on a school bus! This is an exciting time for all! If you know of someone who may not have registered in your neighborhood, please let them know to come in and pick up a registration packet.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO ORDER A YEARBOOK!

The website is now closed to pay for your yearbook , so please use the attached form and send in cash or check to Judy Woodruff in the office. Cost is \$20.00.

STAFFORD MARKETPLACE COMING SOON!

Mark your calendars for the 2nd annual Stafford Marketplace on Thursday, May 27th 9:00-1:30 in the Stafford Court-yard. You won't want to miss this fun event! There will be more than one hundred different craft items for sale all created by our very own 4th graders, Jamba Juice, Popcorn, music and more. All proceeds will go towards building new classrooms at our buddy school, Pakati Primary, in Tanzania Africa. Come one, come all to support a great cause and take home some beautiful handmade products!

LAST CHANCE TO CLAIM THE LOST AND FOUND!

We have an abundance of winter coats, sweaters, etc. that need to find their owners! **Please claim by Friday, April 30th.** All unclaimed items will be donated to North Clackamas County Clothes Closet.

ENRICHMENT PAYMENTS ARE DUE

Please turn in your enrichment payments by May 7th so we can pay our teachers and close out the fiscal year with the district.

Community Resources for Families

Free or low cost health care for children:

Healthy Kids is Oregon's new health coverage for uninsured children. www.oregonhealthykids.gov 1-877-314-5678

The Rolling Hills Community Church on Borland Road offers community support and outreach programs:

1. The Northwest Children's Outreach (<http://www.northwestchildrensoutreach.org/>), a faith-based, non-profit organization dedicated to helping families in the Portland area and surrounding communities. They help fill the needs of families by providing clothing, infant care products, diapers, formula and many of the other necessities

2. The Tualatin Schoolhouse Pantry provides emergency food for families in the Tualatin-Durham area. They may also provide food for families living outside of this area on an emergency basis. Their number is: 503-783-0721

Community Outreach-Free Breakfast:

The Table at Willamette Christian Church provides a free breakfast Friday mornings from 7:00 to 8:30 am. Open to everyone, 'no questions asked.' Their number is: 503-656-2328

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CREST Learning-On-The-Go Field Trip

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

Showcase Highlights Sustainability in West Linn-Wilsonville School District

Students, teachers and community partners will come together to present the West Linn-Wilsonville School District's **3rd Annual Sustainability Showcase** on Wednesday, May 19, 2010, from 5:00-8:30 p.m. at Wilsonville High School. The Showcase is a free public event celebrating sustainability efforts in schools and the wider community, offering ideas and products for sustainable living as well as the chance to catch a glimpse of next-generation thinking about sustainable living. This is a great opportunity to learn about home gardening, energy efficient practices, healthy living, eco-friendly products, and money saving green strategies.

At this year's Showcase there will be numerous booths and displays sponsored by a variety of agencies and vendors of sustainable products and services. In addition, student projects for the Jane Goodall "Roots and Shoots" program will be shown along with scientific and engineering research focused on one or more aspects of sustainability. To feed the body as well as the brain, healthy food with a local emphasis will be for sale. Even the evening's entertainment will be sustainable, featuring student music and a "Trashion Show" featuring wearable student art made from recycled materials, modeled on the runway in the main auditorium. There will also be a student art display featuring various media and styles.

The theme of this year's Sustainability Showcase is: *Water for the World*. Exhibits will include explorations of issues related to water and a chance to take a pledge to increase reusable water bottle use. The first 500 people to take the pledge will receive a free stainless steel reusable water bottle to support their efforts. Water bottle filling stations have been installed at both high schools to encourage the use of reusable water bottles.

The Showcase began in 2008, when eminent scientist and author Dr. Jane Goodall paid her 4th visit to West Linn-Wilsonville schools. The District hosted that year's statewide Roots & Shoots conference and held a special evening event for the public at which Dr. Goodall spoke and sustainability-focused projects from several schools were on display. Goodall founded Roots & Shoots in 1991 as a way to support young people carrying out their own environmental and social service projects. Twelve District schools are Roots & Shoots members and engage in special projects each year.

People are encouraged to attend the Showcase in a sustainable way by riding a bus or bike, walking or running if possible; a shuttle bus will run every 15 minutes from Wilsonville City Hall for some overflow parking. For more information, see <http://sustainabilityshowcase.blogs.wlww.k12.or.us> or call 503-673-7034.

THREE RIVERS CHARTER SCHOOL INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

Are you interested in sending your student to The Three Rivers Charter School? Please attend one of the informational meetings:

May 10th, 4-5pm at the Wilsonville Public Library in the Rose Room

May 10th, 7-8pm at TRCS

May 18th, 7-8pm at TRCS

Lottery: May 27th - 4pm at TRCS

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks a ton!

Kate Ray, Office Coordinator

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WEST LINN-WILSONVILLE SUMMER SCHOOL 2010

You are invited to attend... A summer experience you will never forget...Come play, learn, and have fun!

The West Linn-Wilsonville School District is offering a high quality summer school experience of discovery, learning, and fun for students entering First through Eighth grade in the fall.

“What is this place?”

Students will be guided to focused improvement of their skills as readers, writers, mathematicians, and thinkers. Summer school will include CREST field study experiences in local forests, ponds, wetlands, farms, and gardens led by the CREST staff. Breakfast and lunch will be included each day!

Date: July 12 – July 29, 2010
Days: Monday through Thursday
Time: Breakfast 8:00 – 8:30
Class time: 8:30 – 11:30
Lunch: 11:30 – Noon

Location: Boones Ferry Primary School

Questions, please contact Vickie Lee at (503) 673-7010 or email at leev@wlwv.k12.or.us
<http://www.wlww.k12.or.us/DistrictDepts/CurrInstr/SummerSchool.asp>

LOOK WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

TEDDY BEAR DRIVE! The West Linn Old Time Fair Court is holding a teddy bear drive at Stafford Primary! The stuffed animals we collect will be donated to emergency services, like firemen, children's hospitals and law enforcement to hand out to kids in tough situations. Please contribute by bringing in new or gently used teddy bears or stuffed animals to the bin just outside the office. We will be collecting stuffed animals until **Friday, May 14**. Thank you for your support!

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 to learn more about this fun and rewarding opportunity.

Willamette United Soccer Club opens online registration for the fall soccer season. Go to www.wusc.net. Recreational registration fees increase by \$25 June 1st, so parents should try to register online by May 31st. Willamette United Soccer Club has programs for players from Kindergarten - 12th grade in the fall, and all program details are posted on the website at www.wusc.net. Online registration is also open for the club's three summer camp sessions.

You may call or email the office with questions at 503-638-9777 soccer@wusc.net

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 or 503-620-6899. Thank you for your assistance in getting the word out about this fabulous opportunity. Sincerely, Jill Aldrich

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 x4 or 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.

April 29

Gr. 4 Musical Program 7:00 p.m.

April

May 3

Site Council 2:30 p.m.

May 3-7

Staff Appreciation Week

May 4

Kindergarten Round-Up! 3:00 p.m. and 4:15 p.m. (Note time change)

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 13

Parent Meeting at Athey Creek Re: incoming 6th graders 6:30 p.m. (Commons)

May 15

Garden Work Day 9:00 a.m. - 12 :00 p.m.

May 20

Birthday Book Club Any Month! 1:30 p.m.

May 25

Parent Meeting at Rosemont Ridge Re: incoming 6th graders 7:00 p.m.

May 27

Stafford Marketplace Event 9:00-1:30 p.m.

May 31

No School /Memorial Day Observed

May

June 3

5th Grade Musical 7:00 p.m. MPR

June 7

5th Grade visits Rosemont Ridge Middle School

June 7

Site Council 2:30 p.m.

June 8

5th Grade visits Athey Creek Middle School

June 10

PTSA Brunch

June 11

No School/Teacher Work Day

June 15

Field Day (morning event)

June 16

Last Day for Kindergarten

June 17

Last Day for Students Dismissal 10:40 a.m.

June

Summer Vacation Begins!