

# Stafford Primary School Newsletter

WEST LINN-WILSONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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Dear Stafford Families,

Here is a poem that fits the season beautifully.

Every year at just this time,  
In cold and dark December,  
Families around the world  
All gather to remember,  
With presents and with parties,  
With feasting and with fun,  
Customs and traditions  
for people old and young.

- Helen H. Moore

I hope that your holidays are peaceful, joyous and filled with good cheer. Thank you for a wonderful fall. I am excited to see you all in January and continue to carry on our work together.

Be well,  
Patrick

## LIBRARY CORNER

Our school library is busier than ever. Please check out Mrs. Buchanan's blog for the December update and lots of terrific links for parents and children at Stafford's new website at [www.stafps.wlww.k12.or.us](http://www.stafps.wlww.k12.or.us).

## NEW WEBSITE UP AND RUNNING!

Another Big Thank You to Brian and Tracy Gilday for their work on designing and constructing our new website! We also want to thank Holly Miller and Shelly Buchanan for their contributions in helping with the design and implementation of it. Please visit our new website and discover all the wonderful information at your finger tips!

## WINTER WEATHER

In case of inclement weather and there is any question about whether school will be open, please tune in to a local radio or television station. They will begin reporting school closures by 6:00 a.m. School closure information is also available on our district website at [www.wlww.k12.or.us](http://www.wlww.k12.or.us) or sign up for an **email/text alert** when the school has a closure. Click on the link at the top of the district web page and follow the prompts.

**Note:** Conditions can change quickly so please stay tuned for closure updates throughout the morning before school begins. **Snow Bus Routes are now available on the district website!**



# Messages From The Office



## MINOR MOMENTS

### SCIENCE FAIR PROCESS TO BEGIN

Stafford will be hosting its annual Science Fair on February 25, 2010. The goal of the Science Fair is to provide an opportunity to learn more about the scientific research process. The enthusiasm of students, parents and staff has been wonderful to see in past years. By helping to guide students through this process we can ensure that this enthusiasm continues throughout the course of an investigation. Students can become easily disengaged if they feel overwhelmed. In order to avoid this, it is important to help students create a testable question in such a way that it guides the rest of the process. By doing an experiment/project that is narrow in scope, students feel the task is more manageable and often the results are more meaningful. Please look for more information on how you can help in the process. The registration packet that will come home with your child on January 7th.

One of the first steps you can do is to talk with your child to find out what they might like to investigate. By doing this early, you can help to focus on a research/experiment topic so that your child can ask a researchable question, design their research, conduct their research, gather data and then display their findings. We will help support your child through weekly meetings on Friday afternoons, from 2:15-3:00 P.M., starting January 15th. These meetings are not required and the purpose is simply to provide support for your child. If your child wishes to attend a session, please make sure to write them a bus note!

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

### STAFFORD HAS NEW DIRECT DIAL!

**You can now leave a message directly with the teacher.** This additional number gives you access to their mailbox 24 hours a day! Leave a message in the teacher's voice mailbox by calling 503 673-7115. Press #5 to reach the directory then enter the last name of the person you are trying to reach and follow the prompts.

**Attendance and bus note information still needs to be called into the main office or general mailbox at 503 673-7150.** Thank you.

### BUS ROUTES HAVE BEEN ADJUSTED!

Bus Routes have been adjusted for the following bus routes: Rt. 20 AM/PM, Rt. 21 AM/PM, Rt. 22 PM and Rt. 24 PM. Please check the district website at [www.wlww.k12.or.us](http://www.wlww.k12.or.us) to see how this might impact your student(s).

### LOST and FOUND ITEMS!

Please check the lost and found for any clothing you might be missing. Any unclaimed items will be donated during the winter break.

## WEST LINN—WILSONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATION

### CREST LEARNING -ON-THE -GO FIELD TRIPS FOR 2010

It's time for another CREST Learning-On-The-Go Field Trip and you're invited! CREST, the district's science center offers field trips on non-school days so students have an opportunity to get outdoors and explore the natural areas around them. All trips will be lead by CREST staff.

To learn more about CREST visit our website at <http://www.crest.wlww.k12.or.us>

#### WINTER WONDERLAND

GRADES 1, 2, & 3

FEE: \$40.00

Monday, January 18, 2010

8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Have you ever wondered how animals survive the winter? Or how a snowflake is formed? Or whether or not you can garden in the winter? Well, wonder no more! Join us at CREST where we'll spend some time outdoors to explore the world of migrating birds and hibernating animals. We'll play with pelts, play some fun games, and get a chance to plant some seeds in the garden for spring!

#### SCIENCE OF SWEETS

GRADES 3, 4, & 5

FEE: \$40.00

Friday, February 12, 2010

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Got yourself a sweet tooth? If you do, then join CREST as we discover the science and chemistry behind making sweets! We'll learn how the professionals do it and have a chance to make and sample some of our own creations. Some of the things to look forward to include: root beer, rock candy, and ice cream! Make sure not to pack anything too sugary, because after today, you may need a sugar-vacation!

#### CREST 2010 Oregon Coast Spring Break Trip

March 22 – March 26

Grades 4, 5, 6, & 7

Spend a fun-filled week exploring the amazing Oregon Coast! We will explore the coastal forests, dunes, and seashores during our week-long, overnight adventure. Activities will include exploring tide pools, canoeing, a boat ride, campfires, and much more! Stay tuned for more information!

Information and interest meeting:

January 28, 2010

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

### NOTICE! IMMUNIZATIONS UPDATE

If you have received a letter alerting you that your child is incomplete with his/her immunizations, please take notice!

The exclusion process begins in January. Turn in your letter, complete with dates and signature to your child's school.

Children with incomplete immunizations will be excluded from class in early February. If you have any concerns, please call Barbara Watt (Immunization Secretary) at (503) 673-7007.

## December/January

**Dec. 21-Jan 4**

**No School: Winter Break - Happy Holidays**

**Jan. 5**

**School Resumes**

**Jan. 7**

**PTSA Meeting, 9:00 a.m.**

**Jan. 18**

**No School—Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday Observance**





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