

Stafford Primary School Newsletter

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Stafford Kindergarten Registration for 2010-2011

Dear Families,

It is amazing that the time of year has come once again to begin our thinking about next year. The first step is Kindergarten registration. This is a great time of year because we get to start meeting the newest members of the Stafford community. I cannot wait to welcome them to school next fall.

Registration packets are now available in the office. Kindergarten registration will begin on February 1 at 7:00 a.m. in the Stafford Multi-Purpose Room. We will be asking each family to mark their preferences; morning, afternoon, or all day as this will help us determine the appropriate number of sessions. We will make every effort to honor your preference and placements will be made on space availability. A \$100.00 deposit is required at the time of registration for all-day kindergarten (tuition based*). The cost of the all day program is \$386.00 a month. Deposits will be refunded if we cannot provide a space for your child. Financial assistance may be available for families who qualify for free or reduced lunch or demonstrate a hardship. There is no tuition for the half day Kindergarten session. Both the half-day and full day programs are excellent!

We currently have two all day sessions and one afternoon session for the 2009-2010 school year. We hope to offer a morning session if there is enough interest and increased enrollment for the 2010-11 school year. Your child will be considered registered when our office has the complete registration packet. It is our hope to offer two full days and a morning and afternoon session. We will keep you informed as the registration process continues.

Patrick Meigs

Kindergarten Spanish Immersion Registration dates and process:

The West Linn—Wilsonville School District is now offering a Spanish Immersion Kindergarten class at two campuses. If you are interested in this opportunity for your child, please fill out the district form in the registration packet and return to your home school.

JANUARY 2010 - Pick up a Kindergarten registration packet from your child's home school.

FEBRUARY 1st, 2010 - Register your child for Kindergarten at your home school with the \$100 deposit since this is an all-day program; be sure to indicate your preference for Spanish Immersion on your registration form.

MARCH 9 & 10 - Parent Information Evenings, 6 - 7 p.m. Attendance at one of these information nights is paramount to enrolling your child in the class. Enrollment Forms for the class will be distributed during these nights.

APRIL 1st, 2010 - REGISTRATION FOR SPANISH IMMERSION will be accepted starting at 7:00 a.m., at District Office on 22210 Stafford Road. *NOTE: Registration for Spanish Immersion is on a first come, first served basis. There is no preference given to siblings.



Messages From The Office



MINOR MOMENTS

The Science Fair is approaching quickly. Registration forms can be found on the link below. Please turn in the registration as soon as possible. Thank you. Attachments: [Science-Fair-Registration.docx](#)

We are proud to announce that Patrick Minor is the proud papa of a baby girl, Francis Jean, born on Saturday, January 9th. He will return to Stafford on January 26.

WELLNESS CORNER

A Wellness Update from the Counseling Department

It's a new year and with each new year comes a fresh start! This is a time for all of us to reflect on the last year and set personal goals to increase our health and happiness in the years ahead. In following the tradition of making New Year's Resolutions, I am teaching class lessons on setting wellness goals. We are engaging in class discussions to define wellness as we all have different perspectives on what is important for our own health and wellness. Children are talking about everything that contributes to their health and wellness: engaging in physical activity; making healthy food choices; drinking water; maintaining healthy hygiene habits; caring for each other; managing stress; playing and having fun.

Goal setting is an important skill that children can carry into adulthood. Your children are writing 'SMART' goals. A SMART goal is: **S**pecific, **m**easurable, **a**ttainable, **r**ealistic, and **t**imely. Children are writing goals about exercising more; eating less candy; being kinder to their siblings; having more play dates; playing video games less and playing outside more. Your children will be asking you for support in helping them meet their wellness goals.

Thank you for your support! Laura Barbour, Counselor

A Wellness Update from the P.E. Department

We are taking full advantage of the new year by "Resolving to be Fit". They know about the health benefits of regular physical activity combined with nutritious food choices. In PE classes we are reinforcing these wellness habits by providing a calendar for the months of January and February to document progress. Click on the PDF attachment to open the two month calendar.

To use the attached record keeper with your child, simply place an "X" on each day you/and students exercise for 20 minutes or more. Exercise is recommended 5 times per week. Getting this activity can be as simple as taking a brisk walk, biking, swimming, playing an organized sport, or planning a family hiking adventure. Using this opportunity to reduce stress, breathe fresh air and enjoy nature is a wonderful way to get moving.

In addition to recording physical activity, tracking healthy food choices is included. Students can color in the day they choose fruit instead of candy, water or milk instead of pop. Trying a fruit or vegetable also counts.

This is a two month calendar that can be turned into me at the end of February. Please encourage your student to use this record keeper and place it in a convenient location, like on the fridge, so they can refer to it daily. With your help, we can tag team by instilling the value of healthy food choices and daily physical activity.

Thank you and be well, Tammy Ellis/Deb Lassell, PE Instructors

CLOTHES CLOSET CURRENTLY IN MILWAUKIE

The Clackamas County Clothes Closet is moving to the old Oregon City HS building in Oregon City. Until they are situated at their new location, we should bring gently used (clean) clothes to the Family Support Center at the Wichita Community Center (used to be Wichita Elementary in Milwaukie, OR) -- 6031 SE King Road, Milwaukie. For questions, contact Sandy Parker sandysp@easystreet.net. Thank you for your support!

STUDENT PICK UP FROM SCHOOL

Just a reminder for all parents: Please wait for your student in the multi-purpose room and sign your student out with a staff member at the stage area. This is a safety issue and keeps our teachers from going into a panic when a student is missing from their line. Thank you for following the dismissal procedures.

YEARBOOK REMINDER!

A yearbook reminder: Please pass along any photos to your classroom photo representative of Stampede, First Day of School, Art Literacy, Buddy Classes, Field Trips and Halloween. Also, at any time you can order your yearbook at www.myear.com for \$20.00 (plus convenience fee). If you want to purchase a yearbook by writing a check, we will wait to accept those until spring of next year. Thank you! Any Questions please call Erica Yraguen @ 503-344-4725

LOST AND FOUND FOR PARENTS!

Have you brought a casserole or a special treat for the staff but forgot to pick up your bowl, platter? We have lots of items in the staff lounge that need to be returned but there are no names on them! So please help us out by identifying your item and taking it home. All unclaimed items will be donated. Thank you.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES: SUBMIT EARLY IN THE WEEK!

All newsletter articles need to be submitted to Judy Woodruff for the school newspaper and to Rachel Stevenson for the PTSA newsletter no later than Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. before the date of publication. We are unable to guarantee that it goes to print if the information comes to us after that time. Publications go out on list serv every other week. Newsletter dates: Feb. 4, 18, March 11, Apr. 1, 15, 29, May 13, 27, and June 10

NO WOODEN NICKLES PLEASE!

Please remember that we can only use American coin or currency when paying for field trips, recorders, pencils or lunch. Coins from Chucky Cheese, Dr. Sessions, Canada, or damaged coins can not be accepted in our bank deposits or the bank. This creates a shortage for our deposits and cannot be recovered. Thank you.

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>

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, CREST - 11265 SW Wilsonville Rd, Wilsonville, OR

LAST HINI CLINICS TO BE HELD IN WLWV SCHOOL DISTRICT

January 28, 2010

4:00 to 8:00 pm at West Linn HS

All clinics will be open to *anyone* that wants to attend for dose #1 or dose #2. Dose #2 is for those 9 years of age or younger. Second dose will be given to those children 9 years of age or younger who had the first dose at least 28 days before the requested second dose.

In an effort to manage the clinic efficiently we request that you bring the completed Influenza Screening Form (VAR) form for each person receiving the vaccine to the clinic. The VAR form as well as the Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) are available on the school district website www.wlwy.k12.or.us

The Clackamas County Health Department will be providing FREE vaccines to the first 400 people at each clinic. Tickets will be given out on a first come first served basis.

Sunset Task Force—Superintendent Recommendation

Following the Superintendent's recommendation, the School Board will have an open hearing during their regularly scheduled meeting on February 1, 2010. You can view the Sunset Task Force and Superintendent recommendations at <http://www.wlwy.k12.or.us/News/SchoolBoard/> (Boardbook>December & January Board Packets). If you have any questions please contact Tara DuBois at dubois@wlwy.k12.or.us or 503 673-7034.

eCAP Check Recovery Service

Writing a check to the school or district? Our school district has established the following policy for accepting checks and collecting bad checks: For a check to be an acceptable form of payment it must include your current, full and accurate name, address, telephone number, driver's license number and state. When paying by check you authorize the recovery of unpaid checks and the recovery of the state allowed fee by means of electronic re-presentment or by paper draft. When reordering your checks, please add these requirements. Thank you.

February

- Feb. 1 **Kindergarten Registration 7:00 a.m. MPR**
Author Visit: Deborah Hopkinson
Site Council 2:30 pm
- Feb. 4 PTSA Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 12 NO SCHOOL / Staff Development Day**
- Feb. 15 NO SCHOOL / Presidents' Day**
- Feb. 19 BINGO Night 6:00 p.m.
- Feb. 25 Science Inquiry Fair 6:00 p.m.

March

- March 2 Evening Conferences
- March 3 Evening Conferences
- March 4 NO SCHOOL / Parent Conference
- March 5 NO SCHOOL / Parent Conference
- March 8 Site Council 2:20 pm
- March 11 PTSA Meeting 9:00 a.m.
- March 12 Pancake Breakfast 7:00 a.m.
- March 22-26 NO SCHOOL / Spring Break

LOOK WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

Girls Youth Lacrosse Registration opens January 15, 2010 for all girls 3-8th grade who want to be part of West Linn Girls Youth Lacrosse. Sign up at www.westlinngirlslax.com. Questions contact Jennifer Weinhart at 503-704-0172 or wgirlslax@gmail.com

Girls Softball and T-ball registration is now open for the 2010 spring season. On-line registration and program information can be found at www.wilsonvilleyouthsports.org An email reply to confirm is appreciated. Please let me know if you have any questions.

"Nite With the Lions" -- an opportunity to support the high school basketball programs -- will be held on three dates in coming weeks. On Jan. 22, the boys' team will face Rex Putnam HS. On Jan. 29, the women's team will play Clackamas HS, and on Feb. 12 they will play Lake Oswego HS. Students wearing jerseys from West Linn Youth Basketball Association teams will be admitted free.

OREGON SCHOOL SCRABBLE Competition on Feb. 6, 2010 -- 5th Graders interested in participating in the School Scrabble competition on Sat. Feb. 6th ((8:30 - 9:00 is registration, ends at 4:55 p.m.) at the Chehalem Youth Center contact your teacher or Donna Paul at scrabbleladyz@yahoo.com. Registration forms are due shortly!

Calling All Chess Players!

On Saturday, January 30, 2010, we will be holding our annual Primary School District Chess Tournament at Stafford Primary School in West Linn. If you are in grades K-5, have learned the game of chess or are currently learning, we invite you to join us for a challenging day of strategy and fun!

The tournament will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will last until approximately 2:00 p.m. Pre-registration is encouraged. Please contact Julie Lane at 503-673-7024 or for registration information. There is a \$20.00 registration fee for pre-registration (The walk-in registration fee on the day of the event will be \$30.00.)

February West Linn SnoBlaster's Bus To and From Willamette Primary School

Now is the time to sign up for a four week session with the **West Linn SnoBlasters** for Sundays in February! This is for children in 1st through 5th grade (and siblings close to those grades). The kids have a blast while learning with their peers!

Kids enjoy fun days of skiing or snowboarding with certified instructors at Mt Hood Meadows. Parents can leave the kid-toting to experienced parent chaperones and leave the driving to professional coach bus drivers!

Four week package includes chartered bus transportation (to and from Willamette Primary School) and a variety of lift, lesson and rental packages (\$360-\$490.) Prices increase after January 22nd.

For more information, please contact West Linn Advisors: Jen Butts, Donna Bezio or Kristine Webb at snoblasters@comcast.net. Additional information can also be found at Facebook, group name: Snoblasters of West Linn, and <http://www.skihood.com/Lessons/Consecutive-Week-and-Busing>



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Lake Oswego 635-8700

West Linn 557-1460