

# Stafford Primary School Newsletter

WEST LINN-WILSONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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Dear Families,

It is remarkable to me that spring break is already upon us. Winter has been a busy time, which probably accounts for the speed by which it past. Thank you all for coming to conferences and working so closely with your child's teacher to collaborate on your student's growth and success. I know that teachers appreciate and deeply value the partnering.

I believe so strongly in our community and love those times when we come together. Bingo night is just such an event. What an incredible turnout this year! I would like to thank Brittany Tiffany and all those who helped the evening to be such a success.

In January, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade teachers had a rich learning experience in mathematics. They had the opportunity to participate in math residencies. These residencies consisted of time to plan together and the opportunity to be in each others' rooms team teaching. Teachers are lifelong learners and know that time to grow their skills, time to reflect on student learning and working closely with colleagues is so important. I believe that these opportunities are so important as they give time to grow and enhance each teachers understanding of both content and instructional practices. The math residencies were such an opportunity for 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade teachers.

I am so excited that Kindergarten, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers will now embark on this same experience starting tomorrow. The residencies give teachers the time to collaborate, reflect and debrief with their colleagues over an extended and dedicated period. Over the course of the year, we have been studying those instructional practices that illicit student engagement and deepen the conceptual understanding of mathematics and these residencies are an important part of this learning. Once again, the district math specialists, our own Nancy Curtis along with Lana Lervick, will be here to work along side teachers. The 4th and 5th grades will begin their work with two hour planning sessions this Friday. The Kindergarten's session will be on Monday. The in-class teaching work will happen next week. An on-going challenge for teachers is to find blocks of time to collaborate and deeply explore instructional practices, student work and big math ideas in a concentrated manner and this model of professional development provides this time. Thus these residencies have three main goals: 1) to deepen mathematical content knowledge; 2) to focus on the big math ideas and the instructional practices to address those ideas and 3) to create time and opportunities for teachers to specifically focus on the first two goals. The 4th and 5th grade teachers will be working in pairs and Kindergarten will be all together working in one classroom. Patrick Minor and I will be teaching the same math lessons in the other classroom. Patrick and I are excited by the chance to be in rooms teaching math and working so closely alongside teachers.

We are a great learning community – teachers, students and parents – and we continue to be committed to our collective on-going professional growth. As you know, Stafford teachers are an amazing group. I know that I am inspired by their work and commitment to their own learning. Stafford is a wonderful place and it is opportunities such as these residencies that only make us stronger. If you have any questions or would like to know more about our on-going work, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Take care, Patrick

Note: Please remember to spring your clocks forward on March 13th for Daylight Savings Time!!



# Messages From The Office



## MINOR MOMENTS

Our Stafford Science Fair was a great success! Visitors and participants enjoyed exploring the various projects and seeing the results of the investigations. Thank you to all the parents who supported their children through this process, to the students from West Linn High School who came and gave feedback to our students and to the scientist themselves- who created and displayed their beautiful work!

### Enrichment Information- Please Read!

This spring, Stafford will begin an online registration process for our enrichment classes. Our brochure will be posted online through our website with only a few registration forms available in the office. The link to register your child will become active on April 1st and the registration session will end on April 4th. This site will allow us to save paper and better organize our classes to ensure that students are able to enroll in as many of their preferred classes as possible. You will still receive a confirmation letter for all classes your child is enrolled in. Our spring enrichment session begins the week of April 12th.

### WILL YOUR 5TH GRADER ATTEND ROSEMONT RIDGE?

Please let the office know if your student is planning on attending ROSEMONT RIDGE during the 2010-2011 school year. If you are planning on attending ATHEY CREEK, you DO NOT need to let the office know. This information is to help them with their staffing next year and to add your name to a mailing list for upcoming information and events.

Kathy Cooley, Registrar

**Going to Athey Creek next year--** and want to get involved?? Parents of 5th graders going on to Athey Creek may want to consider getting involved with the Athey Creek PTSA. For more information on volunteering contact Sandy Parker at [sandysp@easystreet.net](mailto:sandysp@easystreet.net) or Karin O'Brien at [karin9166@yahoo.com](mailto:karin9166@yahoo.com).

### SENIOR CHOIR TO SING AT PGE PARK

The Senior Choir has been invited to sing the National Anthem at the Portland Beavers Baseball Game on Thursday, April 15, at 7 pm at PGE Park. They are thrilled as this is a huge honor! Tickets for that game can be ordered at school for \$12.50 each. They will be \$15.50 at the gate that evening. If any family would like to attend the game, and buy their tickets ahead of time to save some money, a check can be made to Stafford School with a note stapled to it saying how many tickets are needed. The tickets will be mailed in an envelope two weeks before the game. The Senior Choir are selling the tickets ahead of time as a fund raiser for the music department.

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST ON FRIDAY MORNING

On Friday, March 12 from 7:00am, to 8:00 a.m. the Stafford PTSA will be hosting their annual Pancake Breakfast in the MPR. This is such a wonderful morning of good cheer and tasty eats! I hope that you will be able to join us in this great Stafford tradition. The best pancakes in town for \$1.00!

Tickets can be purchased on Friday morning if you did not preorder them. Hope to see you there!

### SCRIP ORDERS DUE MARCH 15!

There is still time for you to place a "Last Minute Order!" Fill out the attached form and return to the office by 2:00, Monday afternoon. Thank you. Mary Jo Chapman

### **BURGERVILLE STAFFORD NIGHT!**

The Burgerville Stafford Night is Tuesday, March 16th from 5:00—8:00 p.m. Burgerville scrip is available in the office in \$10.00 denominations.

### **PTSA SUSTAINS STAFF WITH DELICIOUS SPREAD!**

Once again, the PTSA has provided the teachers with an amazing soup and salad lunch during conference week. After long hours of preparing for each and every conference the teachers feel supported, appreciated and loved by this on going tradition and one that they never tire of! On behalf of the teachers we wish to thank all those who volunteered their time to shop, cook and bake for us. It was delicious! Your continuous support is so appreciated.

### **BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB**

A big thank you to the FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY BOOKCLUB DONORS:

Morgan Highland, Anna Klose, Austin Rabideau and Chase Warren.

We had a great time! The Birthday Book Club is a great way to celebrate your child's birthday (as well as the birthday of a special teacher or staff member.) We will honor **March birthdays**, as well as any belated wishes at our next party on Wed, March 31<sup>st</sup>, at 1:30. **REMEMBER: It's never too late to celebrate a birthday!** If you missed your birthday month, no worries, join us any month! Watch the calendar for specific times and please bring your new book into the library two days before the party. Include your child's name, birthdate, age on their birthday, their grade and teachers' name. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either, Mary Jo Chapman at 503-722-1138 ([mjcanfamily@comcast.net](mailto:mjcanfamily@comcast.net)) or Joanne Masters at 503-635-2808 ([joanne.gmasters@comcast.net](mailto:joanne.gmasters@comcast.net)). Help us continue to fill our library with your child's favorites!

**PS:** We have a book that was donated last month titled "The Golden Rule", but there was no name on it... please call Mary Jo Chapman if your child donated this book and we will be sure to get a book label in it and get them to the March party!!

### **WEST LINN—WILSONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATION**

#### **Town Center School Accepting Registration for the 2010-2011 School Year.**

The Wilsonville Early Childhood Center at Town Center School is now accepting registration for the 2010-2011 school year.

The school serves 3 and 4 year old children in the Wilsonville area. To learn more about their program, come to one of the informational sessions:

Tuesday, March 16 at 9:30

Thursday, April 15 at 9:30

Monday, April 26 at 4:30

Thursday, May 13 at 9:30

Monday, May 24 at 4:30

Preschool spots will fill up quickly. Preference for morning and afternoon are accepted on a first come, first-served basis.

Come see us at 29790 SW Town Center Loop E, Wilsonville, OR. Call the school office at 503-673-7375 for more information.

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

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 led by CREST staff.

CREST 2010 Oregon Coast Spring Break Trip

March 22 – March 26, 2010

GRADES 4, 5, 6, & 7

FEE: \$335.00

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!

Spring break registration forms and information are available at your school office, the district office and on the CREST website at: <http://www.crest.wlwy.k12.or.us/spring%20break.htm> If you have any questions, please call Vickie Lee at (503) 673-7010 or email at

### NAME THE NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL!

The West Linn-Wilsonville School District is now accepting name suggestions for our 2 new primary schools that will be built. You can submit a name suggestion at [www.wlwy.k12.or.us](http://www.wlwy.k12.or.us) and click on the '*New Primary Name Suggestion*' link. You can find more information on the 2 new primary schools by clicking on '*Bond Information*' on the district home page. The deadline to submit a name is May 15, 2010. Please contact Tara DuBois at [duboist@wlwy.k12.or.us](mailto:duboist@wlwy.k12.or.us) or 503-673-7034 with any questions.

### DONATE TO “DOLLARS FOR THE ARTS ” CAMPAIGN!

March is “National Music in Our Schools Month” and “National Youth Art Month.” In connection with this, March is also MAP's 12<sup>th</sup> annual “*Dollars for the Arts*” campaign. MAP invites every family in our district to donate \$1 or more in support for our schools arts programs. This year, campaign donations will support our district wide piano replacement program, strings program and the annual student art and music scholarship program. **Be a Music and Arts Partner! Keep the arts strong in our schools!**

You may contribute in three ways: 1) send your donation directly to your school office; 2) include it in the MAP envelope that will be sent home with your child in March and send it back to your school; 3) mail it directly to MAP at 1378 Leigh Ct., West Linn, OR 97068. MAP is a volunteer driven, non-profit organization working to bridge the funding gap for arts education in the West Linn-Wilsonville school district. Since 1996, MAP has returned over \$500,000 to all schools. For more information about MAP, please visit our new website: [www.musicandartspartners.org](http://www.musicandartspartners.org). **Thank you!**

*Ego Accessories Grand Opening*

***Saturday March 13<sup>th</sup>***

**Grand Opening Celebration**

*Fundraiser\* for Music and Arts Partners (MAP)*

*Enjoy student performances throughout the day.*

*Open 10-5:30*

*Ego Accessories is the destination for fun jewelry, whimsical gifts, and everything sparkly. You are the star at Ego, so come in and have some fun.*

*21900 Willamette Drive Ste. #204 West Linn, OR 97068*

*Central Village Market Place off Hwy 43. 503-655-8998 [www.shoppingego.com](http://www.shoppingego.com)*

\* Ego Accessories will donate 15% of sales to Music and Arts Partners

# Athey Creek Middle School

## 5<sup>th</sup> /6<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition Highlights 2010-2011

*Welcome to Athey Creek Middle School! We look forward to getting to know you and working together to create years of learning and growth. Listed below are some of the scheduled activities that will support the transition from primary to middle school.*

*Please contact us if you have any questions!*

Date	Event	Description
May 11	Willamette Primary School Visit	Assistant principal and school counselor will visit Willamette Primary School classrooms for a brief welcome and sharing of information regarding the forecasting process.
May 12	<b>Stafford Primary School Visit</b>	Assistant principal and school counselor will visit Stafford Primary School classrooms for a brief welcome and sharing of information regarding the forecasting process.
May 11-12	Forecasting materials sent home	Students will receive forecasting materials when Mr. Schumaker and Athey Creek school counselor visit the schools. If you do not receive these materials, please contact the school office, or check the website for forecasting information.
May 13 6:30	Special Education Parent Information Night	Parents of students with IEPs join our learning specialists to discuss our program. After this 30 minute meeting you are encouraged to join all parents in the commons for the general information.
May 13 7 p.m.	All Parent Information Night	Parents of all incoming 6 <sup>th</sup> graders are invited to learn about Athey Creek. Topics include: student scheduling, school organization, transition process, staff, communication, and parent questions.
May 20	Last day to give forecasting forms to 5 <sup>th</sup> grade teachers	Students give forecasting forms to their 5 <sup>th</sup> grade teacher. Primary schools collect all forms and ship to Athey Creek
June 8 (morning)	Students visit Athey Creek	<b>Stafford Primary</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> graders visit Athey Creek. Students will meet with the principal, assistant principal and counselor. They will then receive a tour and valuable information from their 6 <sup>th</sup> grade tour guides!
June 9 (morning)	Students visit Athey Creek	<b>Willamette Primary</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> graders visit Athey Creek. Students will meet with the principal, assistant principal and counselor. They will then receive a tour and valuable information from their 6 <sup>th</sup> grade tour guides!

## LOOK WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

### ROSEMONT RIDGE FLOWER SALE!

Spring is in the air and if you are a gardener, you have been itching to get outside and dig in the dirt and start planting. Rosemont Ridge is bringing the greenhouse to West Linn! We are prepared to supply you with the most popular annuals, perennials, veggies and herbs. For value and convenience, these healthy and beautiful specimens are available in full flat or half flat quantities so start preparing for them now!

The sale will commence on March 1st and will end March 19th. All orders will be delivered to RRMS for pick up on April 29th. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PICK UP YOUR ORDER, WE WILL DELIVER YOUR PLANTS TO YOUR DOORSTEP WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE DELIVERY DATE OF APRIL 29TH.

We have attached an order form and description of all plant varieties for your convenience. You may order by filling out the forms provided, attaching a check and returning to the RRMS office VIA MAIL AT 21000 Salamo Road, West Linn, Oregon 97068, OR you can go to our website and download a form and pay online by going to:

<http://www.rosemontridgepto.com/fundraising/flower-sale>

If you would like to see the quality and color of the plants offered, visit the site listed above and click on the links for varieties offered. All proceeds go towards defraying science lab and related arts fees, scholarships for outdoor school, academic coaching, and transportation costs for various field trips. Many thanks for your support, RRMS PTO



**\$1**

**\$1 off any Large or Extra Large**

**\$1**

**BELLAGIOS PIZZA will donate \$1.00 for each coupon**

**Redeemed to Stafford School**

**West Linn 557-1406 Tualatin 691-7841 Sellwood 230-2900 Sunnyside 698-6699**

**Beaverton 466-2070 Gresham 465-8000 Goose Hollow 221-0110**

**Lake Oswego 635-8700**

**West Linn 557-1460**

**March**

**April**

March 12 Pancake Breakfast 7:00 a.m.  
March 14 Daylight Savings Begins  
March 16 Burgerville Family Night  
March 22-26 NO SCHOOL / Spring Break  
March 31 Birthday Book Club 1:30 p.m. Library

April 5 Site Council  
Scrip Orders Due  
April 8 PTSA Mtg. 7:00 p.m.  
Scrip Orders Delivered  
April 12-16 Spring Book Fair!  
April 19 No School/Staff Development Day  
April 20-23 Volunteer Appreciation Week  
April 23 Parent Social, Oregon Golf Club 6:30 p.m.  
April 29 Gr. 4 Musical Program 7:00 p.m.  
April 30 Birthday Book Party 1:30 p.m.

