

Stafford Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

With the incessant rain falling, it is hard to believe that we are actually fast approaching the end of the year and the summer holidays. I am reminded of the E.E. Cummings poem "In Just Spring" where he talks about the world being "mud-luscious" and "puddle-wonderful". Here is to the sun peaking out soon for more than five minutes!

Even though the year is coming to a close, the pace of life at school seems to be increasing. While we are all aware there are budget issues looming out there that will have an impact on all of us, teachers and students continue to work diligently. Our school district's mission statement is actually a question, which is unusual for an organization. The mission question reads, "How do we create learning communities for the greatest thinkers and most thoughtful people... for the world?" As a school we strive towards this mission everyday and in a myriad of ways. It is important that students come to understand the power of their voice and their actions within the school, on the playground, in the community and for the world. We work towards this goal through class-meetings, different projects and explorations in classrooms and by engaging students in service learning projects. Examples of this work include Kindergarteners hanging a golden rule poster in the hall, 1st graders tending to a courtyard, the 2nd grade read-to-feed/build project, 3rd graders exploring reusable sandwich bags, the 4th grade marketplace, and 5th graders sharing their learning through information hung on walls around the school. While these are just a few examples, they are reminders to us all of the power and importance of engaging children in ideas and explorations that help them understand how much they can do for themselves and others in school and within the broader community.

Stafford parents model this power of giving back so beautifully. There are so many examples of this over the course of the year. I want to express my deep gratitude and thanks to all of you for your work, care and support of staff and students and helping to demonstrate each day the importance of community service.

First I would like to thank the PTSA executive board. They have done extraordinary work on the behalf of children this year. Thank you to Susanne Nelson, Stephanie Stewart, Debbie Johnson, Courtney Kennedy and Joanne Masters. They have been wonderful stewards of the PTSA and their many hours of work, thought and care are hugely appreciated! There are too many parents to name who have also headed up events and organized or volunteered at the many school activities, but please know that your efforts are richly valued and appreciated.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to those on Site Council. They too have put in a lot of time and energy towards helping our school with their thoughtful ideas and commitment to student learning. To Shelly Bancroft, Garth Barbee, Laura Barbour, Marie Bjerde, Shelly Buchanan, Nancy Curtis, Jackie Hultine, Kirk Ihlenberg, Devon Kehoe, Sandeep Koranne, Patrick Minor, Bonnie Rowan, and Ann VanNiekerk – an enormous thank you to all you have contributed.

Patrick



Messages From The Office



STAFFORD HOSTS WRITER'S FAIR!

Stafford will host our third annual Writer's Fair on June 10th, at 6:30– 7:30 p.m. The theme of this year's fair is **A Celebration of Our Writing From the Last Year**. Students may submit any writing sample that they have completed during the last school year. This is a wonderful event where students can share their stories, poems and research with each other and get feedback from their peers.

On the day of the Writer's fair students will have the opportunity to share part of their work at small assemblies across the school. On the evening of the Writer's Fair, parents are invited to come and listen to our young writers share their work and participate in some shared writing exercises. Students who submit work will have their writing displayed around the school. Participating in the Writer's Fair is easy- students simply need to complete the attached registration form and submit a copy of the writing to Mr. Minor by June 7th. This year's Writer's Fair promises to be a wonderful event!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 673-7154. You can find more information on the attached form or through our website. Patrick Minor

Attachments:

[Writer'sfairInformation-2010.pdf](#)

MARKET PLACE A HUGE SUCCESS!

It was a perfect day to hold the Second Stafford Market Place in the inner courtyard. Each booth was filled with fun products that children either made or garage sale items brought from home. The market place was filled with joyous noise of transactions and bartering. The Jamba Juice and pizza purchases were also a big hit during lunch time. Thanks to all who donated items and gave suggestions to their student to make this day such a success! We are still counting the proceeds of the sale and will have a report of the final total by the next newsletter!

~LIBRARY DATES TO REMEMBER~

The last day for students to check out books will be June 7th. All books need to be in by June 10th. There will be an **ice cream party** for the first class that returns all their books! As always, students can come and use books for work if needed that last week.

SECOND GRADE READS TO RAISE MONEY FOR TANZANIA SCHOOL

The Africa Bridge: Read to Feed/Read to Build Reading Challenge Program inspires children to get involved in a real hands-on way to help solve global problems like hunger and poverty, as well as to help students attend school. The goal is to foster a love for reading, a passion to help others and a way to help create a better world. The children were asked to get sponsors for each book they read during a time frame set by his or her teacher. This year our goal was to raise money to help the students of Pakati Primary School in the village of Ntandabala, Tanzania. The second graders have raised \$3,039.08.! Our readers have made a huge contribution and enjoyed the challenge to make a difference.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO ORDER A YEARBOOK!

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

WE NEED YOU ON JUNE 15! FIELD DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We currently have fifty signed up for field day! 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 Volunteer form on the list serv and return to Judy Woodruff. Thank you! No confirmations will be coming home. If you signed up we are expecting to see you!! Thanks.

FIELD DAY SUPPLIES

Parents have been donating snacks for Field Day for several years. This year we're asking families to send the following:



Last name beginning A-P: Please send a small box of snack crackers such as Ritz, Wheat Thins, Goldfish, etc. (10-16oz). **No nut/peanut products please**

Last name beginning R-Z: Please send a package of paper napkins.

These supplies need to be delivered to Stafford's office by June 11th, in order to inventory the supplies. Thanks in advance for your help.

END OF YEAR MEDICATION PICKUP

Please remember to pick up all medication from Kathy in the office by June 16th. Children will not be able to carry any medication home with them. Any medication that is not picked up will be disposed of unless it is an EpiPen or inhaler that has not expired.



DO YOU HAVE THE OFFICE COPY OF THE STAFFORD DIRECTORY?

The office's copy of the school directory was loaned to a parent. We have forgotten who we loaned it to and are in need of it. If you would please return it ASAP we would appreciate it very much since it has a wealth of information in it that we need to have. Thank you so much for your prompt response! Kathy Cooley

MORE LOST CLOTHING ITEMS!!!

Our wild and unpredictable spring weather has resulted in children leaving their coats behind. Please take a look and find **YOUR** lost items. Thank you so much. The Custodial Staff

A FOOD SERVICE MESSAGE

We currently have a very high number of lunch accounts with negative balances. Please make sure your child's account always has a positive balance. While the district does its best to remind parents when their children have a low or negative balance with phone calls, emails and letters we rely heavily on you to keep track of your child's account balance.

If you would like to put money into your child's account with a credit/debit card or you would like to check the balance you can access the account by going to <http://www.mymealtime.com/>

If you need your child's ID. number and pin number to register, contact Kathy Cooley at 503 673-7150 for that information. We would like to have all negative balances paid by the end of the school year. Thank you so much.

Food Service Changes Options for Last days of School!

On the last three days of the school year the food service is offering a cold lunch selection only.

Menu: Choice of sandwiches, fruits and veggies, chips, juice or milk with a dessert.

WEST LINN-WILSONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

CREST Learning-On-The-Go Field Trip

It's time for another CREST Learning-On-The-Go Field Trip and you're invited!

A Day For The Dogs

GRADES 3, 4, & 5

FEE: \$40.00

Friday, June 11

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Hop on-board the CREST "Mobile Pooch Express!" Together we'll explore a handful of the many valuable canine resources available right here in the Portland Metro Area. We'll visit the West Linn Dog Club to explore the basics of canine care, grooming, and what it's like at a doggie day care.

Then we'll head over to the Guide Dogs for the Blind and learn about their important work. Our next stop will be at the Oregon Humane Society where we'll investigate the many facets of this amazing facility. Registrants are encouraged to bring leafy lettuce, carrots and dog biscuits for our visit to the Oregon Humane Society and are welcome to bring along spending money to use at the gift shops.

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.

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

2010 MUSIC & DRAMA CAMP

for students entering grades 3, 4, & 5 in the fall

Date: Monday, June 28 - Friday, July 2

Location: Athey Creek Middle School

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Tuition: \$225.00

Instructor: Donna Kagan

Registration information is available on the district website at: <http://www.wlww.k12.or.us/DistrictDepts/CurrInstr/SummerSchool.asp>

LOOK WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

Lil' Lions Summer Hoop Camp: June 28th – July 1st

Does your daughter like basketball? Does she like to have fun? Then come play with the “Best in West Linn” for a week of fun-filled basketball, games and team competitions!! Camp runs from 9-11 am for incoming 1st – 3rd graders & 12-3 pm for incoming 4th -9th graders (grades as of September 2010). Camp is held in the WLHS main gym, and is directed/coached by WLHS Varsity Head Coach Glen Lee and his assistant coaches, plus current and past WLHS players. Instruction will focus on:

- **Post Moves & Guard/Wing play**
- **Pivoting / Screening / Passing**
- **Moving without the ball**
- **Defensive Positioning & Schemes**
- **Positive Attitudes & Teamwork**

Download a registration form at www.westlingirlsbasketball.com, and send it in TODAY. Space is limited.

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 Kinder - 12th grade in the fall, and all program details are posted on the website. Online registration is also open for the club's three summer camp sessions. Call or email the office with questions at 503-638-9777 soccer@wusc.net

Unlock the Mystery of Reading Readiness! Attend a fun and informative seminar for parents and grandparents of children from infancy to 5 years and learn fresh, inexpensive ideas and activities to set the stage for your child's reading success. It will be held June 8 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Oswego Heritage House, 389 10th Street, Lake Oswego. Contact Sharon Callen at 503-505-0935 or email sl.callen@comcast.net. The cost is \$35 and advance registration is required. Checks or Visa/MC accepted. Discounts for couples, teachers or groups of 5 or more.

The Portland Trail Blazers, Adidas and Special Olympics Oregon team up to present the most electrifying outdoor 3-on-3 basketball experience in Oregon! From recreational players to elite competitors, **Trail Blazers Street Jam** has games for all ages (8+) and abilities. Teams are guaranteed a minimum of three games (all with certified basketball officials). Come join us at the Rose Quarter July 30 – August 1 and help benefit this great cause. For more information check out our website www.trailblazersstreetjam.com or call us at 1-877-266-5808.

FREE SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM: is being offered at Boones Ferry Primary School during the summer from 11:30a.m.—12:30 p.m. Monday-Friday from June 28 – August 20, 2010. Closed Monday July 5, 2010.

Cultural Passes Are Available for our families to use! You must have a Clackamas County Library card.

You can reserve the pass up to a month in advance. You must pick up the pass from the library either right before they close the night before or the morning you will be using it. It must be returned an hour before the library closes on the day it is reserved. It's for one day only.

It will give free admission to:

Portland Chinese Gardens (2 adults, 2 kids)

Portland Art Museum (2 adults, up to 6 kids living in same household)

Pittock Mansion (2 adults, 2 kids)

Portland Children's Museum (2 adults, 1 kid, or 1 adult, 2 kids)

Japanese Garden (2 adults and kids under 17)

Crystal Springs – Rhododendron Garden (family of 4)

Library locations and hours <http://www.co.clackamas.or.us/lib/>

What: Steve Blake Basketball Camp with the Children's Cancer Association: on August 9-13th, at Lake Oswego High School. Contact: Greg Dundon, 503-806 2510 or gregdundon@hotmail.com to register. Interact, get instruction and play games with Steve Blake, NBA record holder, and other guest speakers. Campers get t-shirts among other great items.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DAY OF SOCK HOP!

To make this a successful event, we need your help! Just a few hours will do. Sign up with a friend!
 Set Up: 3:00-5:00 pm., Ticket Sales: 5:30-6:30 and 6:30-7:30p.m., Take down: 8:00-9:00 p.m.
 50's decorations needed, anything hanging around your house? Show off your car or motorcycle at the Sock Hop!!

Lions Tennis Camps
 at
West Linn High School
Tennis Courts

Ages 8-14
 June 21, 22, 23
 Noon-2:00

Registration: \$50.00 (\$55.00 at the door)

50 participant cap.

What to bring:

- Tennis Racket
- Tennis court shoes
- Water bottles
- Sunscreen
- Willingness to improve

See flyer attached to this list serve for registration form.

STAFFORD SOCK HOP!
FRIDAY, JUNE 4TH
6:00-8:00 P.M.



\$ 4 Bur- **gers! Pop-**
sicles! Live DJ!
Family Dinner and Dance!!

Pull out those poodle skirts and

May 31	No School /Memorial Day Observed
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	Writer's Fair 6:30-7:30 p.m. 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: 1-5th grade, Dismissal at 10:45 a.m.

May

June



Summer Vacation Begins!