

SEPTEMBER 15, 2011

Stafford Primary

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Stafford PTSA NEWSLETTER

Stampede 2011

Yee-haw, another successful Stafford Stampede! The 2011 Stafford Stampede Committee was thrilled to see the nearly 1000 in attendance. The evening was fantastic because of the outstanding support from YOU, the Stafford Community. Thank you to the volunteers who signed up for over 100 volunteer jobs and then worked in the 90° weather. We couldn't have been successful without you and your positive energy!

Special shout outs of "THANKS" to:

- **Custodial Staff- Colin & Victor for assisting throughout the day and night.**
- **Lee Farms for donating the use of 50 Hay Bales & FREE Hay rides!**
- **Jason and Beth Johnson for donating ALL the Frito Lay Chips.**
- **Soul'd Out Choir, from Wilsonville High, for leading the field games and providing some wonderful entertainment!**
- **Boy Scouts from Troop # 149 for volunteering throughout the evening.**
- **West Linn High School National Honor Society Members for their involvement.**
- **Teachers and staff members for scooping ice cream until all 24 gallons were gone! Thank you Tami Brester, Donna Kagan, Stacey Couturier, Tzaddi Bondi, Eric Schroeder, Rob Moore, Kim Vermillion, Patrick Minor and Principal Jen Freeborn.**
- **Clean-up Crew, you were amazing! We had everything put away and hay bales in nice piles all in less than 1 hour!**
- **Saturday Morning hay sweepers- Becca Stecher and Christie Vasilopoulos.**

Last but not least, a HUGE thank you to all the efforts, input and support of the 2011 Stampede Committee. Linda Park, Helen Ringelspaugh, Dardee Layne, Briana Currey, Karen Wied and Julie Matthiessen you were a great group to work with. I truly appreciate all your time and energy this year.

We will start planning for the 2012 Stampede next spring. Please join us to make sure the Stampede tradition continues. Please email me at perfectwedding@hotmail.com with any ideas or if you want to become involved!

Happy Trails,
Rachel Stevenson



A Big "Thank You" To Rachel Stevenson! The PTSA Executive Board would like recognize the tremendous effort and planning on the part of Rachel Stevenson in creating our outstanding 2011 Stampede. This year's Stampede was hugely successful in fostering a night of family fun and community building. Rachel contributed a great deal of her personal time, heart, and soul into the coordination and execution of such an enchanting evening. Take a bow, Rachel!

Planning for next year's Stampede will begin next Spring. Your ideas, input, and contributions are valued a great deal. Please do not hesitate to become a part of Stafford's biggest event of the school year. The committee is fun and very welcoming. We need all the support we can get to continue this Stafford tradition. Please keep it "alive". Interested? Contact Rachel Stevenson at perfectwedding@hotmail.com

Win an iPod Touch!

Join PTSA and/or donate to the Annual Fund before 3:00 p.m. on Friday, **September 23rd**, for a chance to win an iPod Touch. Don't miss out!

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Please visit the Stafford PTSA website at www.stafford.wlvw.k12.or.us to learn more about our organization, what it means to your child and how you can make a difference. **Also, if you donate \$100 or more to the Annual fund before September 23rd, you'll receive a FREE School Directory.** Thank you in advance for your support! For more information please contact your PTSA Membership Coordinator, KC Bildner at kcbildner@msn.com or 503-675-2980.

Order Your Stafford Primary Directory!

The last day to order a copy of the Stafford Primary Directory is September 23rd. The cost of each directory is \$7.50, unless donating \$100 or more to the Annual Fund. The directory fee is waived in this event.

There will be a draft of the directory available for review near the front entrance during the week of September 19th (including Curriculum night). **Please stop and verify that your contact information has been correctly entered.**

For concerns regarding your family's information in the directory, please contact Scott Rumsey at:

scottrumsey@earthlink.net

Reminders for September 23rd!!

*Last Day to Order Stafford Apparel until Next School Year!

*Last Day to Order a Stafford Primary Directory (\$7.50)!

*Last Day to Enter the Drawing for an iPod Touch! ~Enter the contest by either signing up to become a PTSA member or through your Annual Fund Donation.



"Art is the Queen of all sciences communicating knowledge to all the generations of the world."

~Leonardo Da Vinci

Calling All Artists...

Art Literacy is a PTSA sponsored program that brings art history, art concepts and fun art projects into the classrooms. PTSA generously provides us all the funds for the materials but it's the volunteers who truly make it happen. Without volunteer time and effort it would not be possible to reach 21 classrooms and over 500 students. **Please consider being your child's Art Literacy Classroom Volunteer!**

Look for an informative meeting in early October about the Art Literacy program. Please contact Lariann Royse at lariann66@yahoo.com or Mitzi Brumbaugh at jonbfootin@comcast.net with any questions.

Fall Parent Socials!

Coming this fall are parent socials. The PTSA is planning a social night for parents to get to know other parents in their child's grade level. These events were started a couple years ago and they were a huge success.

We're currently looking for families who would like to open their home to host one of these events for their child's grade level (PTSA will assist with providing food and beverages).

Interested? Questions? Please contact*

Brittainy Tiffany at:
brittainyt@yahoo.com
or (503) 730-8044



Order Your Spirit Wear By September 23rd

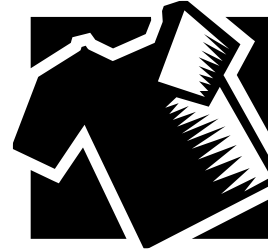
(Last Opportunity to purchase apparel until next school year!)

Stafford celebrates school spirit the last Friday of each month (Spirit Days). Students can show their spirit by wearing Stafford Spirit Wear or sporting the school colors of grey and blue.

Spirit Days 2011-2012

September 30, 2011
October 28, 2011
November 18, 2011
December 16, 2011
January 27, 2012
February 24, 2012
March 23, 2012
April 27, 2012
May 25, 2012

**Show your school spirit! **



Some new items offered this year are nylon pants and large grocery tote bags! Samples of select items can be seen in the display case across from the principal's office.

Order forms for Spirit Wear were included in the PTSA packet sent out earlier this month. Additional forms are located on top of the display cabinet across from the principal's office or online at www.stafford.wlwg.k12.or.us, click on 'PTSA', 'Documents', and 'Apparel Order Form'. Please submit your order forms to the main office.

Questions about sizing??? A general size chart from Hometown Sports is listed below.

Youth

XS	2-4
Small	6-8
Med	10-12
Large	14-16
XL	18-20

Notes

The girls' tees tend to run a little small
Youth Large = Adult Small (but youth will run a little shorter)
Youth XL = Adult Med (but youth will run a little shorter)



Please contact Clarissa Aoyama with questions 503.819.0400 or clarissa@aoyama-us.org

Support our School Programs...Buy SCRIP (Gift Cards)!

******Next order date is September 26th******

The long list of vendors includes: Starbucks, Albertsons, Safeway, Fred Meyer and many more. Check out the order form online at <http://www.stafford.wlwg.k12.or.us/ptsa/what-scrip> or pick one up in the school's entry. Drop your order off at the front office with Kathy or send it via kid carrier. Simply mark an envelope with the word "SCRIP" and your child's teacher will make sure Kathy receives it.

All orders placed by the end of the school day on September 26th will receive the scrip cards on Thursday, September 29th. You can find the order dates on the "[All School Event Calendar](#)" – double click on the word Scrip to access the order form. Questions? Contact Karen Wied at 503.781.1700 or stafford.scrip@gmail.com.

PTSA Staff Lunch

On October 13th, PTSA will provide a lunch for the Stafford Staff during conferences. If you would like to donate a food item or other supplies, contact Courtney Kennedy at courtney@glowgift.com

Recycling = money \$\$\$ for Stafford!

Please donate your used inkjet printer cartridges and old cell phones to Stafford. Send in only original manufacturer inkjet printer cartridges (no re-filled cartridges) and NO laser toner cartridges (those are the large ones). We can only accept old digital cell phones with a camera feature. Please do not send in chargers or accessories with the camera phones.

You can donate these items at the PTSA service center located in the front hallway. Your donation not only helps reduce landfill waste but helps Stafford PTSA earn money through a recycling program that offers cash for these items.

If you have any questions about what is accepted, please contact Margo Klose at klose1@comcast.net

IT'S TIME FOR HALLOWEEN COSTUMES!!

It's no TRICK, but a TREAT for parents:
Save time and money for all your ghosts and goblins!



Don't buy your costumes at the store or order online until you check out this great offer! You can purchase your costume at a WHOLESALE PRICE and benefit Stafford PTSA in the process.

Visit <http://www.wholesalecostumeclub.com/> and use the promo code: **FUN503**. You will get your costume at a guaranteed low price and **Stafford will receive 15% of all sales processed with this promo code**. They have all types of costumes infant through adult. Forward this information to all of your friends and family to help our school.

Funds received through this event will benefit PTSA Community Service. These funds will go towards our spring "World" Program. For more information about the "Our World Program" see the Community Service bulletin board at school and see photos of what we have accomplished the past two years! If you have questions contact Briana Currey at bkcurrey2002@yahoo.com



Garden Corner



First, a big thank you to **Lisa Griffiths** for heading up the Garden Chair for the past 4 years. Many of you probably noticed how beautiful the "Kinder-garden" area looked as you brought your kids to school the first day. The school district did the major clean up but Lisa was in charge of planting, weeding and watering and she spent many of her summer hours devoted to this.

Lisa has officially handed the torch (or trowel) to me, Erin Duffy, and I'm looking forward to keeping our school looking colorful! We're excited to add lots of fun plants, flowers and trees in the courtyards with help from the kids at Stafford and the 4th grade Girl Scout Troops. **If any teacher/class would like to "adopt a planter box" let me know, we have many in need of adoption.** I'd like to form a small committee of parents who are interested in helping with these projects. It will be a low commitment job, only meeting 2-4 times a year. If interested, or if you have any resources to donate (dirt, plants, trees, bulbs, etc.) please contact me at duffy.family@frontier.com.

Happy Gardening!

Community Service at Stafford

Hi, my name is Briana Currey and I'm the Community Service representative for the Stafford PTSA. I will be working hand in hand with Jen Freeborn and Laura Barbour so we can approach community service as a "team" at Stafford. Our goal again this year is "our school, our district, our county, our world". We are mostly going to focus locally given our economic times, but will also remember our world because America is still far more fortunate than many other countries.

Our first project is the last week of September called "Snacks for Barbour's Basket". Laura helps many children who either can not afford a snack or who have forgotten their snack, to be able to have a healthy snack while at school. Her supplies are getting low so we are going to ask the students to help build it back up. This is a small way the children can give back to their own community.

The week of Sept 26th-30th will be a week for the children to bring their own snack, plus one for "Barbour's Basket". Examples are fruit, a Nutragrain/Z bar, pretzels, etc. Each classroom will have a basket marked "Ms. Barbour's Basket" for the children to put their "extra snack" in. We are asking children to bring one extra snack. Of course this is optional. If a child can participate more than one day during the week that is their decision. Encourage your child to take the initiative to help a friend at school by sharing a snack. This is a low cost way to help others, but a valuable one for the school. These snacks will be given to Ms. Barbour for her use.

If you have any questions or ideas, I would love to hear them. Feel free to email me (Briana Currey) at bkcurrey2002@yahoo.com. Our school has a giving heart. Teaching our children to give to others will not only grow their hearts but it is good for their minds and souls.

Thank you for your support!



Want More Information Regarding PTSA?

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