

# Stafford Primary School Newsletter

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## MINOR MOMENTS

Welcome back to school! Here in the library we have been busy enjoying our new space. For the first few months we will be working with students in the library helping them to find "just right" books, use the online library catalog and for the older students, even checking out their own books. We are so grateful for the support of our community that has allowed us to build such a wonderful new library. Already, our library has been used as a place for families, students and staff to meet, as a place for teachers to assess students in mathematics and of course, as a cozy place for students to curl up with a good book. This Friday at 8:00 A.M. we will hold our library dedication where students and staff will formally acknowledge all those who worked to create this space and to celebrate the addition to our school. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Each of my past 4 years as Instructional Coordinator at Stafford, I have been lucky enough to be a part of new programs and initiatives that have helped to build on our success. Last year, we built our teaching garden and participated in the Oregon Battle of the Books. This year we will continue the various programs and activities that help make Stafford such a wonderful school, such as our enrichment program, Battle of the Books, our science fair and Field day. As these events and programs draw closer, we will be sending home more information in our newsletter and through list serv. As always, we are looking for ways to improve our programs and activities, so if you have an idea, please feel free to let me know.

## A Message From Our Counselor

Dear Stafford Families,

I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those of you who don't know me yet. I am the Stafford School Counselor and I am delighted to work with all of the Stafford students and families!

I will continue to work collaboratively with the staff at Stafford to sustain a child-centered learning environment. I will be working with the staff to promote our Wellness vision: "*How do we care for ourselves?*"; "*How do we care for each other?*"; "*How do we care for our community?*" My promise to you and your child is that I will pour my heart and soul into my work at Stafford.

Some of my responsibilities include:

- Support for children as well as support for teachers, parents and school administrators in their work with students
- Develop, implement and evaluate the school counseling curriculum to support the growth of all students
- Provide responsive services in the form of both prevention and intervention provide specialized, small group counseling for students
- Identify resources and find solutions to problems
- Collaborate and participate with staff in activities that contribute to the effective operation of the school

I look forward to knowing each of you and your children. Please don't hesitate to call or stop by for a visit.

Sincerely, Laura Barbour



# Messages From The Office



## Stafford Library



Welcome back to school! This year holds many wonderful experiences for students, families and friends in our community. Please be sure to stop by the new library on Curriculum Night September 22nd, to meet the library staff and take a look at the rich resources and warm spaces your child will enjoy in the coming months.

### Fall Book Fair

Mark your calendars for the annual fall book fair coming to Stafford the week of October 17th. Students will have the opportunity to buy classic books and recent releases at rock bottom prices. Hurray!!!

### Birthday book Celebrations

Participate in the Stafford Birthday Book tradition and help build our book collection. Assist your child in the giving of a new copy of one of their all time favorite books, in honor of their birthday. See Julie or Patrick Minor in the library for more information.

### Stafford Library Volunteer Committee

Sign up to spend a little, or a lot of time helping in the library. We need your shelving, organizing and display assistance more than ever! To get started, stop in the library or call Patrick Minor or Julie Hoover at 503.7160. Email Patrick at [minorp@wlwv.k12.or.us](mailto:minorp@wlwv.k12.or.us)

## ALLERGY REMINDER

There are a number of students in our school who have severe peanut and nut allergies. Each classroom teacher will carefully create a safe and healthy environment for all students. Please allow for differences across classrooms; each student's allergies differ in severity. If your child has a peanut allergy, please confirm with the teacher what precautions are taking place during the community lunch time.

## PICKING UP STUDENTS FROM SCHOOL

Please send a "Bus Note/Memo to School" for your children indicating a change in what they are doing after school. All children being picked up need to be met in the multi-purpose room at the end of the school day. A staff member will be on duty in the MPR to sign out your children.

Please, for the safety of our students, we ask that no students be removed from school before the proper sign-out procedures have been followed. Children are not allowed to meet parents at their vehicles.

## ENRICHMENT INSTRUCTORS WANTED!

If you have a talent or an interest you would like to share with our students, please call Kathy Cooley at 503 673-7150. Classes are 45 minutes in length. This is a six to eight week paid position!

**STAFFORD CALENDARS:** To keep up with all that goes on here at Stafford please check our website. <http://www.stafps.wlwv.k12.or.us/> and click on *Calendar*.

## FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT

### **DISTRICT OFFERS NEW LUNCH PROGRAM!**

We are also pleased that the quality of our school menu continues to meet and exceed expectations of healthy, tasteful nutrition for our children. Sandwiches—both vegetarian and meat—are served on a variety of wheat breads, rolls, wraps or pita pockets. There is an extensive selection of fruits and vegetables served on a rotating basis, the majority grown in the Northwest. Produce from our West Linn-Wilsonville District CREST Farm is included when available. Most of our foods, including snacks and chips, are low in sugar and fat and contain no high fructose corn syrup. Fresh Alpenrose milk is delivered directly to our schools ensuring the purest quality of milk and no preservatives. **A carton of 2% milk comes with each school lunch, and students will be able to purchase it separately if they bring a lunch from home. If your child is lactose intolerant, contact us and we will make arrangements for your child to have a juice. Because the food is brought to us, we need prior notification so we have this available.** Each lunch continues to meet heart-healthy guidelines and recommended dietary allowances of calories, fat, sugar and sodium.

**Meal prices:** Primary Lunch \$3.20, Middle/High \$3.45, Adult Lunch \$4.20 (FYI-Adult meals are higher as the costs are not offset by USDA subsidies)

<http://www.wlww.k12.or.us/DistrictDepts/FoodService/index.asp>

### **CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATION FOR FREE & REDUCED PRICED MEAL**

This benefit is available to help your family ~ Please apply as soon as possible  
Don't wait any longer to apply for the 2011-2012 school year benefits. All previous benefits expire on October 18, 2011 and **reapplication is required each year.** To apply online go to [www.wlww.k12.or.us/districtdepts/foodservice](http://www.wlww.k12.or.us/districtdepts/foodservice) and click on the link "Apply for free or reduced price meals online." (West Linn-Wilsonville SD 3J is the district name on the state list.) If you are submitting a paper copy, you can bring it to the school office or to the Nutrition Services Dept. behind the Stafford School at the Department of Operations or fax it to (503) 638-0486.

### **CHECK YOUR STUDENT'S LUNCH BALANCE!**

Now you can check the balance on your students account by going to [www.mymealtime.com](http://www.mymealtime.com) to set up an account where you can track your students account balance at no charge. You will need the students 6 digit ID number to register. Contact Kathy Cooley for this information at 503 673-7150. The instructions on how to register are on the Nutrition Services website if you need more information.

### CHECK OUT THE COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD!

In order to save paper, the Community Services are no longer approving flyers and sending them to the schools for posting. Instead they are providing a Virtual Community Bulletin Board! If you have a flier, contact the Community Services, and all approved fliers will be posted on the website by category.

Check this out! [http://www.wlww.k12.or.us/Community/sf\\_flyer\\_process/Virtual\\_Information\\_Center.htm](http://www.wlww.k12.or.us/Community/sf_flyer_process/Virtual_Information_Center.htm)

If you have any questions or comments about the new virtual Community Bulletin Board contact Cindy Hepting at 503 673-2996.

### Cub Scout and Girl Scout information available soon on the Virtual Community Board!

### Become a Music and Arts Partner!



Each year MAPS provides a generous donation to the schools to improve our music and dramatic arts department. An information/membership form was sent home last week. Please return the completed form to the front office and show your support for this wonderful program. If you have any questions please call Lynne Derrick at 636-4443.

## WEST LINN—WILSONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

### SUPERINTENDENT'S PAGE

The West Linn-Wilsonville School District will be sending out communications throughout the year via the District Listserv. You can view communications from Superintendent, Bill Rhoades on the district website at the [Superintendent's Page](#) If you want to be included in these district communications, go to our [Email List Self-Service](#) tool where you can subscribe.

## SEPTEMBER

Sept. 22 Parent Curriculum Night  
K- 2nd Grade, 6:00-6:40 p.m.  
Meet with Principal Jen Freeborn, Joann Master/Courtney Kennedy (PTSA Co-Presidents) in the Gym, 6:45-7:15 p.m.  
3-5th Grade, 7:20-8:00 p.m.  
(Parking available on Stafford's playground, Buddhist Temple and Athey Creek)

Sept. 23 Directory and Apparel Orders Due!  
Last day to enter Ipod Touch Drawing!

Sept. 26 Scrip Order Due/ Sept. 29 delivery date

Sept. 27 ??? Birthday Book Club 1:30 p.m.

Sept. 26-30 Barbour's Basket-snack drive

**Sept. 28 Early Release! 12:10 dismissal**

Sept. 30 Spirit Day!

## OCTOBER

Oct. 5 PTSA Meeting

Oct. 10&11 Evening Parent Conferences

**Oct. 12& 13 NO SCHOOL**, Parent Conferences/ Staff lunch provided by PTSA!!

**Oct. 14 NO SCHOOL**, State In-service

Oct. 13 ??? PTSA Meeting 9:00 a.m.

Oct. 18-22 Book Fair in the Library

**Oct. 26 Early Release! 12:10 dismissal**

Oct. TBD Sept/October Birthday Book Club 1:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 15, 2011

Stafford Primary

**PTSA**

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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 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](mailto: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 to 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](mailto: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!

Stafford's PTSA mission is to strengthen parent/teacher/student communication and education through newsletters, workshops, events, and activities. The PTSA's goal is to enrich the educational environment in order to assist the school in stimulating our students into becoming creative thinkers and problem solvers who strive to reach their maximum potential now and throughout their lives.

Please visit the Stafford PTSA website at [www.stafford.wlww.k12.or.us](http://www.stafford.wlww.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](mailto: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](mailto:scottrumsey@earthlink.net)

## Reminders for September 23rd!!

Annual Fund Donation.

\*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](mailto:lariann66@yahoo.com) or Mitzi Brumbaugh at [jonbfootin@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:brittainyt@yahoo.com)



## **Order Your Spirit Wear By September 23rd**

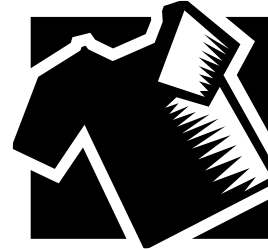
***(Last Opportunity to purchase apparel until next school year!)***

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.wlvv.k12.or.us](http://www.stafford.wlvv.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](mailto: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.wlvv.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 26<sup>th</sup> will receive the scrip cards on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:klose1@comcast.net)

## IT'S TIME FOR HALLOWEEN COSTUMES!!

It's no TRICK, but a TREAT for parents:

Save time and money  
goblins!



for all your ghosts and

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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For more information contact:

**Stafford Primary Website** and click on PTSA: [www.stafford.wlww.k12.or.us](http://www.stafford.wlww.k12.or.us)

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