

# Stafford Primary School Newsletter

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## MINOR MOMENTS

### Oregon State Assessments 2011-2012

All students in grades 3 – 8 participate in the statewide Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills tests (OAKS) in the areas of Reading, Math and Science. Students have up to three opportunities per year to demonstrate their proficiency on these assessments.

For the purposes of measuring individual student achievement and educational program effectiveness, students who have met or exceeded the state standards in a given subject may be asked to take the assessment again at a later date. If you would like to exempt your student from taking the assessment after already demonstrating proficiency, please notify Patrick Minor or Jen Freeborn, in writing, of your wishes.

As the season of testing begins it is important to make sure that your child is getting enough sleep and is eating healthy. Tests like this can cause students some stress, so it is important that they are taking care of themselves. Sending them to school with an extra snack on the day they are testing can help make sure that they are not over tired after taking their tests. It is also important to keep your child feeling positive about themselves and the growth they have made over the past year. Letting your child know that you are proud of them and praising them for their hard work and effort on these tests can often help students be even more successful. If you have any questions about what days your child will be taking the state tests, or have other questions about state testing, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or myself.

Patrick

## SOMETHING TO PONDER

### FIELD DAY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

**June 14th is our Stafford field day.** This is a wonderful end of the year tradition at Stafford where students from all different grades are able to participate in fun, non-competitive activities together. We are looking for several parents from each classroom to manage activity stations. A clear description of the game will be provided and equipment will be ready before you arrive. The time commitment is from 8:00-11:30 a.m.

Contact Patrick Minor at [minorp@wlww.k12.or.us](mailto:minorp@wlww.k12.or.us)

## APRIL 25th

### SCHOOL IN SESSION FOR A FULL DAY

This will be the make up day for the snow day in March!

**COUNSELING CORNER**  
**UNPLUG YOUR KIDS**  
**SCREEN FREE WEEK IS APRIL 30-May 6, 2012**

*Why Screen Free?*

Children are spending way too much time with screen. That is why leading health, education, and childcare organizations actively support this year's **Screen-Free Week (April 30-May 6, 2012)**, the annual celebration where children, families, schools and communities turn off screens and turn on life.

- School-age children spend nearly twice as many hours with screen media such as television, video games, computers, and hand-held devices as they do in school.
- Television use is at an all-time high among preschoolers—according to Nielsen, young children spend, on average, more than 24 hours a week watching TV.
- Screen time is habituating and linked to poor school performance, childhood obesity, poor sleep habits and attention problems.

Forty percent of 3-month-old infants are regular viewers of television and DVDs—even though the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends no screen time for children under two.

“The wide-ranging support for Screen-Free Week reflects the growing national consensus that kids spend too much time with television, video games, and computers,” said Dr. Susan Linn, director of the Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood, the official home of Screen-Free Week. “Children spend so much of their leisure time with screens, threatening their health and well-being and undermining their relationships with friends and family,” said Dr. Linn. “Screen-Free Week is a great opportunity to break the screen habit and begin embracing a happier, healthier lifestyle.”

*Who Participates?*

Anyone and everyone! Millions of people around the world participate in Screen Free Week. Children and adults take part through schools or community groups, as families or individuals and even at work.

*How will my family benefit from participating in Screen Free Week?*

Research shows the benefits of reduced screen time:

- Reducing screen time can help prevent childhood obesity.
  - Children who spend less time watching television in early years tend to do better in school, have a healthier diet, be more physically active, and are better able to engage in school work in later elementary school.
  - Television viewing at a young age is associated with later behavioral problems, but not if heavy viewing is discontinued before age 6.
  - Limiting exposure to television during the first 4 years of life may decrease children's interest in it in later years.
- Turning off the screen gives us time to think, read, create, play and do the things we never make time for. This allows us to connect with our families and engage in our communities. We feel good about ourselves as we grow more physically and mentally active.

Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood  
Reclaiming Childhood From Corporate Marketers  
[www.commercialfreechildhood.org](http://www.commercialfreechildhood.org)



# Messages From The Office



## ORDER PRE-PACKAGED SCHOOL SUPPLIES SOON!

Pre-packaged School Supply Kits will soon be available to order for next year. Enjoy your summer a little bit more by not worrying about having to buy your child's school supplies.

**Order online in May, then pick up your kit just before school starts up again in the fall.**

School Supplies Delivered will donate free supply kits back to Stafford based on the number of kits sold!

[SchoolSuppliesDelivered.com](http://SchoolSuppliesDelivered.com)

## LOTS OF CLOTHES STILL LOST! THEY WANT TO GO BACK HOME!

The Lost and Found is over flowing with nice clothing! Your children must be COLD because we have their coats and sweaters! Please view and claim lost items now located in the MPR.

## ENRICHMENT CLASSES ARE COMING!

Enrichment classes will begin the week of April 16th.

Please watch for the confirmation of classes coming to an inbox near you!

## RECYCLE AND \$\$ GO TO STAFFORD

At Lamb's Thriftway in Lake Oswego there is a box for recyclable glass, cans and plastic for deposit. Lamb's will donate the deposit money back to us which will be used for the recess equipment at Stafford. Thank you in advance for recycling your items!



**\$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**

**\$1 off any Large or X-tra Large**



## Order Your Yearbook Today!

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost: \$25.00

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost: \$25.00

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost: \$25.00

Grand Total: \_\_\_\_\_

All yearbooks purchased **after April 6, 2012** will be **\$25.00 each**.

Make checks payable to Stafford School.

Turn in to Judy Woodruff

# COMMUNITY NEWS

LINK TO THE COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD!

<http://www.bond.wlww.k12.or.us/cbb/>

## CHEER CLINIC

Stunting with the S.T.A.R.S, cheer clinic sponsored by **West Linn High School Cheerleading!** Sign up now for the May 12<sup>th</sup> event, 9am-1pm, as space is limited. See your school's [virtual community bulletin board](#) for more details and registration.

April 12	Tigers Have Talent Show 6:00 p.m.
April 13	Parent Social at the Oregon Golf Club
April 16	Scrip Order Due
April 19	Sr. Choir Concert 7:00 p.m.
<b>April 25</b>	<b>Regular Day/NO EARLY RELEASE (Make up for Snow Day)</b>
April 27	Spirit Day
April 30	Scrip Order Due

# APRIL

May 7-11	Staff Appreciation Week
May 14-18	Bus Driver Appreciation Week
May 21-25	Volunteer Appreciation Week
May 23	Early Release Day 12:10 p.m. 5th Grade Musical 7:00 p.m.
May 25	Spirit Day
May 28	Memorial Day/No School

# May

June 1	Sock Hop 6:00 p.m.
June 4	Last Day to Order Scrip
June 8	No School/Teacher Work Day
June 14	Field Day!
June 15	Last Day of School / early dismissal TBA

# June



# West Linn HS Cheerleading



OSAA 6th Place State Champion Cheerleaders & 1st Team All-Academic 2012

## \* 2012 Youth Cheerleading Clinic \*

**When: Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 2012**

**Where: West Linn High School Main Gym**

**Who: Students grades K-8**

**What to Bring: great attitude ☺, gym clothes & shoes**

**Cost: \$25 per child or \$40 per family  
Includes t-shirt w/ registration**

**Questions: email Coach Nikki Stroup:  
[stroupn@wlwv.k12.or.us](mailto:stroupn@wlwv.k12.or.us)**

### Schedule For The Day

9:00-9:30	Registration/Check-In
9:30-10:30	Group Sessions Jumps & Cheers
10:30-11:00	Snacks Provided
11:00-12:15	Group Session Dance & Technique
12:30-1:00	Performances

**~ Come watch your Cheerleaders perform @ 12:30pm!!! ~**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Postmarked by Tuesday, May 1, 2012**

The following student(s) have my permission to participate in the WLHS Youth Cheer Clinic on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012. I understand my signature releases West Linn High School from any medical liability.

**Cheerleader #1:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cheerleader #2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_ **School:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_

**T-shirt Size: YS (6-8) YM (10-12) YL (14-16) T-shirt Size: YS (6-8) YM (10-12) YL (14-16)**

**(Circle) Adult S Adult M Adult L (Circle) Adult S Adult M Adult L**

**Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Contact #** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE MAIL COMPLETED FORM AND CASH/CHECK PAYABLE TO WLHS:**  
Mail to: Nikki Stroup – 5464 West A Street, West Linn, OR 97068

APRIL 12, 2012

Stafford Primary

**PTSA**

everychild. onevoice.

# Stafford PTSA NEWSLETTER

## Staff Appreciation Week is coming up! May 7th - May 11th:

To show appreciation for our **fantastic** staff members here at Stafford, we will be hosting lunch buffets during staff appreciation week! The days of spoiling our staff will be assigned to grade levels as follows:

**Monday 5/7 - Kindergarten & 1st grade**

**Tuesday 5/8 - 2nd grade**

**Wednesday 5/9 - 3rd grade**

**Thursday 5/10 - 4th grade**

**Friday 5/11 - 5th grade**



This is a great opportunity to honor the entire staff for the wonderful job they do educating and caring for our children. **If you would like to contribute a food item, raffle prize, or help with set-up/clean-up please look for the Evite coming soon and sign up!** If you have any questions contact Emily Schmitt at [mle\\_schmitt@comcast.net](mailto:mle_schmitt@comcast.net) or (503) 305-6820.

**Community Service:** A BIG thank you to the West Linn Burgerville and to all the families who participated Tuesday evening!

214 students attended!



We earned \$450 (an increase of \$170 from last year!)

Mrs. Bondi's class won the milkshake party with 88% class participation! (Ms. C's class was a very close second!) *Great job students!*

Stafford kids and the PTSA will be focusing our efforts to serve "Our World". Again this year, the students of Stafford will vote on 1 of 3 possible international programs to support. The Student council is currently at work developing speeches to inform the kids on the available programs that need our help!

## PTSA Executive Board Election coming soon!



The 2012/13 Stafford PTSA General Election will be held on **May 9, 2012 at 2:20pm in the Library.**

If you are a current PTSA Member you will be able to vote on the 2012/13 Executive Committee nominees and the 2012/13 PTSA Proposed Core Budget. **The following PTSA Members are the nominees for the 2012/13 Executive Committee:**

- President:** Rachel Stevenson (2 year position)
- Co-Vice President:** Amanda Curdy
- Co-Vice President:** Emily Schmitt
- Treasurer:** Dardee Layne (2 year position)
- Secretary:** Clarissa Aoyama

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*Don't miss the Stafford Parent  
Spring Social this Friday Night!!*

**Friday, April 13th  
6:00-11:00pm  
Oregon Golf Club  
Cost: \$30 per person**



**Food • Music • Casino night fun!  
Fabulous live & silent auction items!  
Raffles prizes • Party boards!**

The PTSA is raising funds this year for a school-wide art project with a local artist. Please contact Courtney Kennedy at [courtney@glowgift.com](mailto:courtney@glowgift.com) or Joanne Masters at [joanne.gmasters@comcast.net](mailto:joanne.gmasters@comcast.net) if you have any questions! *We hope to see you there!*

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## Scrip News....

We had an outstanding response to the Burgerville Scrip Flyer with 56 Burgerville cards purchased. **We would like to thank everyone who took the time to participate.** Our last two scrip orders netted Stafford \$237. Scrip is an important piece of PTSA fund-raising. This year the SCRIP program has contributed **over \$2,600.** Proceeds benefit: Science Teacher in Residence, Art Literature, Spanish Teacher in Residence, Visiting Authors, Grants for Classroom supplies and much more.

**The next Scrip order is April 16<sup>th</sup>  
with delivery on April 19<sup>th</sup>.**

If you want to find out more or need the latest order sheet please visit our page on Stafford's website:

<http://www.stafford.wlww.k12.or.us/ptsa/order-your-scrip-today>.



## Round 'Em Up for Stampede 2012!

If you are interested in helping with the 2012 Stafford Stampede, please plan on coming to our **planning meeting on Tuesday, May 22nd at 9am.** We will meet at Stafford and start discussing plans for one of the biggest events of the school year. There are many ways to volunteer and it is a fun event to be part of!

Any questions or comments about the event, please contact Rachel Stevenson at [perfectwedding@hotmail.com](mailto:perfectwedding@hotmail.com).

## Calling all Strider Coaches!

It is time to start signing up coaches for Stafford Striders. Don't know what Striders is? It is a 5 week spring enrichment program sponsored by the PTSA to correspond with our Miles in May program. The program meets for 5 Wednesdays starting on **April 18th** (and a coaches meeting on 4-11).



This enrichment class is all about fun exercising and ends with a family fun run. **We need coaches!!** Coaches are provided with a packet of fun, ACTIVE game ideas for the kids. Ideas include everything from octopus tag to baton passing. To make this program a success, we need volunteers who will act as "coaches" for grades 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th. *If we do not get enough coaches, we will have to limit enrollment. To register contact:*

**Briana Currey** at [bkcurrey2002@yahoo.com](mailto:bkcurrey2002@yahoo.com) or  
**Carey Russell** at [tomandcarey@hotmail.com](mailto:tomandcarey@hotmail.com)

## Upcoming Spirit Days!

*Wear your Stafford gear & show your school spirit!*



**Friday, April 27th**

**Friday, May 25th**

Help support your future school -  
The Athey Creek Spring Fling  
Garage Sale is THIS WEEKEND!



**April 13th (Friday) and April 14th  
(Saturday) from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Fun, food, entertainment AND GET YOUR KNIVES  
SHARPENED BY PROFESSIONALS!  
Check out the website at [athecreekgaragesale.com](http://athecreekgaragesale.com)

## Want More Information Regarding PTSA?

Stafford Primary's PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association) 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. 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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