

Stafford Primary School Newsletter

WEST LINN-WILSONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Counseling Corner

UNPLUG YOUR KIDS

SCREEN FREE WEEK IS APRIL 30 –MAY 6, 2012

Children are spending too much time with screen. **That is why leading health, education, and child-care organizations actively support this year's Screen-Free Week.**

(<http://www.commericalfreechildhood.org/screenfreeweek/index.html>) **(April 30-May 6, 2012)**, the annual celebration where children, families, schools and communities turn off screens and turn on life.

This is a great resource! Please check it out!!

<http://www.stafps.wlww.k12.or.us/school/turn-your-tv-week>

SPRING BOOK FAIR GREATER SUCCESS THAN BEFORE!

Our Spring Book Fair was a huge success! We sold \$8400.00 in books and earned \$4000.00 to purchase books for the new library. Many thanks to everyone who volunteered at the Fair. We couldn't have done it without you! So many wonderful books are now in the hands of our children.

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

FIELD DAY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

New Date for Field Day is June 13th!

June 13th is our Stafford field day- please note the date change. 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 to manage activity stations. This year we will have 39 activity groups in all. A clear description of the game will be provided and equipment will be ready before you arrive. The time commitment is from 8:30-11:30.

If you are interested please reply to Patrick Minor at minorp@wlww.k12.or.us and we'll be in communication within the next couple of weeks. We all look forward to a fun filled day in the sun!



Messages From The Office



PLEASE TURN IN THE REGISTRATION/VERIFICATION FORMS

The Registration/Verification forms for attending Stafford in the fall will be going home by Friday, May 4th and need to be returned by **May 18th**. **This is your child's registration for the 2012-2013 school year!** Please take a moment to check ALL information for any corrections or additions and sign the bottom of the form before returning it to the school. If your child is not returning to Stafford, please indicate that on the signed form. This information helps us with staffing. Thank you so much for your promptness.

Chess Tournament Trophy Winners

On Saturday, April 21, 2012, Stafford Primary School played host to the twenty-second annual Primary School District Chess Tournament. The tournament was well attended, boasting a final roster of 28 participants with many of our district primary schools represented. Under the direction of Bob Luck, students participated in 5 rounds of play which lasted approximately 4 hours. We salute all 28 of our dedicated chess players. Special congratulations go to the following trophy winners:

Peter Woltjer	Stafford Primary, Grade 5	Overall Champion
Jeffrey Fang	Sunset Primary, Grade 2	1st place, K-2 Division
Sophia Anikin	Stafford Primary, Grade 1	2nd place, K-2 Division
Ethan McCarty	Stafford Primary, Grade 3	1st place, 3rd Gr. Div.
Brenden Koblaha	Stafford Primary, Grade 3	2nd place, 3rd Gr. Div..
Colin Palmer	Sunset Primary, Grade 4	1st place, 4th Gr. Div.
Ryan Olds	Sunset Primary, Grade 4	2nd place, 4th Gr. Div.
Ben Gandy	Stafford Primary, Grade 5	1st place, 5th Gr. Div.
Trevor Johnson	Boones Ferry Primary, Grade 5	2nd place, 5th Gr. Div.



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

WEST LINN-WILSONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT SUMMER PROGRAMS

Summer Sprouts Camp *For Pre-School children* & children entering Kindergarten in the Fall*

Date: July 16 -July 20

Time: 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Location: CREST - 11265 SW Wilsonville Road, Wilsonville

Registration fee: \$100.00

Join us at CREST for a super-fun science camp for preschoolers! This camp is specially designed for the busy young scientist and outdoor enthusiast. Campers will do a wide variety of hands-on, minds-on activities that will engage their natural sense of wonder and curiosity about the natural world. We'll be exploring the environment around CREST from a bug's eye view to a bird's, and doing age-appropriate experiments that allow children to discover basic scientific principles while having a lot of fun! Parents may attend with their children, but we encourage you to let your child experience camp on his/her own, to facilitate engagement with the activities, staff, and other children.

**Pre-school campers must be at least age 3 to attend*

EnviroCamp *Students entering grades 1 – 5 in the fall*

Session 1: July 23 – July 27

Location: Mary S. Young Park, West Linn

Friday Field Trip: Columbia River Gorge

Session 2: August 6 – August 10

Location: CREST – 11265 SW Wilsonville Road, Wilsonville

Friday Field Trip: Wildwood Recreation Site

Time: Full day 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (Registration Fee: \$200.00)

Half day 9:00 AM – Noon (Registration Fee: \$120.00)*

This nature day camp is full of exploration, learning, and discovery! Spend your days exploring local creeks and forests, finding interesting critters, playing active games, and making new friends. Students will learn to interpret their local natural environment by developing tracking, observation, and survival skills. A strong camp community is formed with the leadership of dedicated high school, college and adult staff. During this fun-filled week, we will explore our main camp site and also visit nearby natural areas on three exciting half-day outings and an all-day adventure on Friday!

**Half-day registrants, please plan to attend the all-day Friday field trip!*

Garden Camp *For students entering grades 1 – 5 in the fall*

Date: August 27 – August 31

Location: CREST - 11265 SW Wilsonville Road, Wilsonville

Time: Full day 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (Registration Fee: \$200.00)

Half day 9:00 AM – Noon (Registration Fee: \$120.00)*

Enjoy plants, insects, and all the other things a garden has to offer? Spend your days digging in the dirt, planting vegetables, finding cool insects, playing games, and making awesome crafts at the CREST center! You'll learn how to harvest fruits and vegetables and how to make yummy things to eat. We will also take three half-day field trips to farms and gardens around Wilsonville, and on Friday we will travel to Sauvie Island for an all day adventure.

**Half-day registrants, please plan to attend the all-day Friday field trip!*

2012 CREST Summer Camps

Music & Drama Camp

For students entering grades 1 & 2 in the fall

Date: Monday, July 1 – Friday, July 6 (No Camp on Wednesday, July 4)

Music & Drama Camp

For students entering grades 3-4-5 in the fall

Date: Monday, July 9 – Friday, July 13

Children's Art Institute

For students entering grades 1 – 12 in the fall

Monday, July 30 – Thursday, August 9

Middle School Adventure Camp

For students entering grades 6 – 8 in the fall

Date: July 30 – August 3

Teen Leadership Training

For students entering grade 8 – 10 in the fall

Date: June 21 & June 22

Registration forms for all summer programs are available on the district website:

<http://www.wlwg.k12.or.us/domain/116>

Registration forms for CREST Camps are also available on the CREST website:

<http://www.crest.wlwg.k12.or.us/summercamp.html>

If you have questions about any of these program, please contact Vickie Lee at leev@wlwg.k12.or.us or (503) 673-7010.



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\$1 off any Large or Extra Large

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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

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COMMUNITY NEWS

LINK TO THE COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD!

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

SUMMER TENNIS CAMP

The summer tennis camps are geared towards inexperienced players from ages 6-13. There will be specialized nets and balls provided for the youngest campers. The camps will be held from 9am-noon on June 18-20, June 25-27, July 9-11, and July 16-18. The cost is \$50 per session. If the campers are unable to obtain racquets, let us know and we can help to provide some. To register or if you have questions, please contact Abby Farrell at farrellabby3@gmail.com or 503.989.7997.

FAMILIES NEEDED TO HOST INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS!

Cultural Homestay International is looking for HOST families for International Students coming from Italy, China, Slovakia, Brazil, Mongolia, Germany, Spain and Mexico who are coming to our community to attend local high schools for the coming school year. They would like to live with a typical, busy American family. This is a cultural experience, not only for the students, but also for your family. If interested, call Kathie Simmons, Academic Coordinator at 503-737-4131 or email at kasimmons322@gmail.com

April 27	Spirit Day
April 30	Scrip Order Due
May 7-11	Staff Appreciation Week
May 9	PTSA general Election 2:20 p.m.
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 30	Striders Family Fun Run
June 1	Summer Send Off! 6:00 p.m.
June 4	Last Day to Order Scrip
June 5	Parents Information Night at Athey Creek 7:00 p.m.
June 8	No School/Teacher Work Day
June 13	Field Day! (Date has been changed)
June 15	Last Day of School / early dismissal TBA

APRIL

May

June

Dear Parents, We currently do not have any confirmed cases of Pertussis at Stafford, however, we still thought this was good information to share with our school community.



PUBLIC SERVICES BUILDING, # 367
2051 KAEN RD OREGON CITY, OR 97045

April 24, 2012

Dear Parents, Guardians and School staff:

Pertussis (also known as whooping cough) is on the rise this year in Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington. Many schools in the region, including those in Clackamas County, have had one or more students sick with pertussis. This bacterial illness begins like the common cold but turns into a bad cough that lasts for weeks. Pertussis can lead to hospitalization, intensive care, or death for infants. While pertussis is less dangerous for school-aged kids and adults, it still leads to weeks of coughing and suffering.

The most effective way to prevent pertussis is vaccination. The vaccine is now available for ALL AGES including pre-teens and adults. Early diagnosis and simple antibiotic treatment of those ill with pertussis also help limit spread. Please follow these recommendations to halt the spread of pertussis in our community.

1. If you or your child have symptoms of pertussis - as described below - please stay home and consult with your health care provider about testing and treatment.
2. Review and update your and your child's immunization record.
3. If you are a pregnant woman or have contact with infants, please make sure you have been immunized.

If you need assistance in obtaining vaccine or healthcare for illness please contact 503-655-8411.

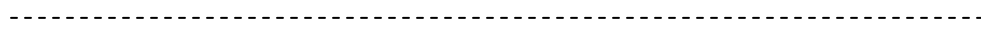
Paul Lewis, MD
Deputy Health Officer
Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington Counties


WLMS Dance Team Technique Class

SESSION ONE	\$85.00
DATES: 8 Mondays April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 May 7, 14, 21	
TIME: 4:30-6:30 (4:15-4:30 changing and snack time)	
LOCATION: West Linn H.S.	
GRADES: 5th — 8th	

SESSION TWO	\$85.00
DATES: 8 Mondays June 4, 11, 18, 25 July 2, 9, 16, 23	
TIME: 4:30-6:30 (4:15-4:30 changing and snack time)	
LOCATION: West Linn H.S.	
GRADES: 5th — 8th	

In this class you will work on the technical side of dance in a fun environment. You can take this class to prepare for the West Linn Middle School “Competition Team”, or if you are trying out for HS Dance Team this year or next, or if you just want to better your skills, meet new friends, and have fun. Class will be taught by Sydnie Bray and Karlie Gilliam, both are current dance coaches for the WLMS Dance Team, former High School Dance Team dancers, and they have also trained in ballet, jazz and hip-hop. You can do one or both sessions...they will have some different curriculum, and those that do both will go into more advanced techniques. *Make sure to wear comfy/dance clothes and shoes to dance in. Bring a friend. Open to West Linn/Wilsonville School District Boundary Residents.*



 Name: _____ Address _____	Email: _____
	Grade: _____ School _____ Phone number: _____
Emergency Contact: _____	Emergency Phone: _____

Please bring your payment in check or cash and this information with you to the first class. Please note that we need a min. of 10 people signed up to fill this class. Checks can be made out to WLMS Dance

For more information contact Christy Bray at WLHS brayc@wlwv.k12.or.us

APRIL 26, 2012

Stafford Primary

PTSA

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Stafford PTSA NEWSLETTER



Staff Appreciation Week is 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. You will receive an Evite asking you to sign up for items to bring and help with set up and clean up. If you don't receive the evite or have questions, please contact Emily Schmitt at mle_schmitt@comcast.net or (503) 305-6820.

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

The PTSA Adult Spring Social was a GREAT success!

We raised over \$14,000!



With these funds we plan to fund an **artist in residence for the 2012 – 2013 school year** that will help all of the students at Stafford create a permanent mural in our school to bring together our new Stafford family in the first year of transition. Due to the success of the social and upon board approval at the May 9th PTSA meeting, we plan to purchase and install a **reader board sign** attached to the Stafford School sign at the street that will keep everyone informed on what's happening at the school. Additionally, we will be able to purchase **PE equipment, sensory support supplies, Hokki stools**, and some **outdoor furniture** for the newly cleaned up courtyards! These improvements would not be possible without your support at our social.

Thanks again for your continued support of the Stafford PTSA!

Give the gift of Scrip!

Need an idea for a year-end gift for a special teacher or staff member? Use Scrip!

Look for the flyer May 10th in your child's take home folder that will give you an opportunity to recognize the hard work of our teachers and staff. With the fantastic response to the "Holiday Gift of SCRIP" (letting the teachers choose gift cards to their favorite restaurants, grocery stores etc.) we wanted to again offer an easy way to collectively show your teachers a token of thanks for all their work throughout the year and help support the school at the same time!

If you are a room parent and would like to present the gift cards at your year-end classroom party please let Karen Wied know at Stafford.scrip@gmail.com or by phone 503.781.1700.



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.

Community Service News...



Thank you to everyone who participated in our "Stafford Family Dinners" and to the local restaurants that hosted events (California Pizza Kitchen, Papa Murphy's, The Yogurt Shack and Burgerville).

We earned approximately \$900.00 for our International Service Project!

The Student Council will be completing speeches to the student body soon and the Stafford kids will vote on the program they want to donate this money to.

Thank you for your support and for teaching your children to help others around the world.

Striders is off & running!

The Striders kids are moving, shaking and running. The annual **Family Fun Run** is scheduled for **May 30th at 2:00.** Come join your children and support their big running finale!

We need volunteers for set up from 1-2, for race support from 2-3 and for clean up from 3-4. Please contact Briana Currey at bkcurrey2002@yahoo.com or Carey Russell at tomandcarey@hotmail.com to sign up.

Thanks in advance for your help with this fun event!

Calling all Volunteers!

Volunteers needed for math booklet assembly project!

We are putting together teams of 2 for counting pages and binding booklets. Approximately 20 people will be needed to work for around an hour each! Choose anytime to work! Ask a friend or we will pair you up according to availability....Interested & willing? Contact: Erika Vincent at erikavincen@me.com or 503-705-8587

Upcoming Spirit Days!

Wear your Stafford gear & show your school spirit!



Friday, April 27th

Friday, May 25th

Mark your calendars for the Summer Send-Off!

(used to be the Sock Hop)

Friday, June 1st

5:30-8:00 pm

Tickets are only \$4

Dj & Dancing • Burgers • Chips • Popsicles • Fun activities

A great family dinner event to celebrate the end of the school year and kick off summer! You won't want to miss it!





We would like to send a huge thank you to the volunteers, staff, and families who made our Spring Social so successful. We were able to raise \$14,000 because of our generous and supportive community!

Thank you to the following donors and party board hosts:

- The Snook family for **Papa Murphy's** and **Yogurt Shack** donations
- The Thayer family for **Pete's Mountain** wine donation
- The Vincent family for the Beauty basket donations
- Brittainy Tiffany for **Tiffany Home Furniture & Accessories** donation
- KC Bildner for Cookie Dough Truffles donation
- The Vincent & Thayer families for hosting the 2012 Riverhouse Party
- The Kennedy & Feinblatt families for hosting the 2012 Wine Tour
- Erika Vincent & Celeste Grannum for hosting the 2012 Women's Bunco
- The Peters for their Sunriver home
- The Ihlenberg and Olmsted families for wine donations
- Daria Knowles for **Hot Skwash** pumpkins
- The Skates family for hosting the 2012 Boots n' Beer party
- The Bennett family for **Cinetopia** tickets
- The Highland family for hosting the 2012 Dad & Me Campout
- The Tiffany family for hosting the 2012 Poker Night
- Kara Walhstrom for **Joe Jackets** donation

We had two fantastic emcee's the night of the event. **Dave Siegel** and **Chris Olmsted**, we are so thankful that you accepted this role and did it with such ease. What a couple of pros!

We were so happy to see many teacher and staff members in attendance. Thank you to the kind donors who helped to make that possible. A big hug of gratitude goes out to the teachers and staff who helped to keep the evening running smoothly. **Tzaddi Bondi, Tami Brester, Lisa Alexander, Deb Lassell, Allison O'Brien and Kristin Hilal** you were all spectacular helpers!

Lastly, to the Spring Social Committee members we truly appreciate your time and energy! Whether you were involved with procurement, set-up, or clean-up we couldn't have done it without you. Thank you to **Wendy Miller, Alexia Halen, Emily Schmitt, Sharon Feinblatt, Gitte Venderby, Becca Stecher, KC Bildner, Julie Froidcoeur, Amanda Curdy, Celeste Grannum, and Erika Vincent.**

Your PTSA Executive Committee,
Courtney Kennedy, Dardee Layne, Joanne Masters, Rachel Stevenson, and Brittainy Tiffany



Our school courtyards are getting a face lift! Can you help with furniture donations?

If you are planning to get rid of or trade in your old patio furniture, maybe you'll consider donating your set to our courtyards at Stafford School? As the courtyards get cleaned up one by one, we are realizing they are a great outside space to gather on nice days for the children, faculty and staff of our Stafford Community. The PTSA will be purchasing some chairs and tables, but we could use your help filling out the rest! If you are interested in donating your used patio furniture, please be sure it is suitable and in safe condition for our school. We would also be happy to take any money donations to put toward a new set.

Items needed include: small metal bistro sets, benches, chairs and cushions.

Please contact Erin Duffy at duffy.family@frontier.com if interested.

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

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Courtney Kennedy (503) 638-0989 / courtney@glowgift.com

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