

Stafford Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Stafford families,

One of the many reasons Stafford is a wonderful school and community is the work of all of our parent volunteers. From reading with children to shelving books in our library, our volunteers are essential towards making sure that our school is a success. Over the next month, we have three more events that we need your help with:

West Linn-Wilsonville Education Foundation phone-a-thon: The West Linn-Wilsonville education foundation has been working to raise funds to preserve classroom teaching positions. The COUNT fundraising campaign will culminate with a phone-a-thon on **May 20th** at the district office. Volunteers will be calling families and helping to make sure that our class sizes stay at effective levels. Shifts will be from **3:30-6:00 or 5:30-8:00**, with a light snack provided. We need your help to make sure that this campaign is a success. If you are able to volunteer, please contact me!

Stafford Library Re-organization: Our first year with our new library has been a great success. As you walk through our library you will find students reading silently, chatting with friends, engaging in research for class assignments, playing chess or just relaxing in our "swiss cheese walls." We want to make sure that our library is ready and organized for the upcoming fall, so that we can improve student access to materials. On **June 7th from 9:00-11:00**, we are asking for volunteers to come and help us re-organize our fiction collection. If you are able to volunteer for this, please contact Julie Hoover or myself.

Stafford Field Day: Our field day has long been a celebration for students and families as we conclude another wonderful year. This year, our field day will be on **June 13th**. We will need volunteers from **8:30-11:30**. Parent volunteers have always helped to make this day a success, so we will need your help on this day. I have already heard from a lot of you, but if you have the time and have not responded, please let me know.

Thank you again for all of your support and time in making Stafford such a wonderful school. If you have any questions about the events above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Patrick



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 11th 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.

ATHEY CREEK WELCOMES PARENTS ON JUNE 5th

Parents of all incoming 6th graders are invited to learn about Athey Creek on Wednesday, June 5th at 7:00 p.m. Topics: student scheduling; school organization; transition process; staff; communication and parent questions.

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

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK A BIG HIT!

On behalf of the entire Stafford staff we wish to thank Emily Schmitt and all the great volunteers who contributed to the Staff Appreciation Week! The food was fantastic, and the atmosphere was warm and inviting. The Bento meal was a fun addition to this week long tradition that feeds our hearts and souls. We felt very loved, pampered, spoiled and honored. We thank you for your faithful support! (Can't wait for next year!! . . . Can we do this next week??)
The Stafford Staff

MAY 23 IS THE NEXT EARLY RELEASE DAY!

Counseling Corner

It is important for children to know personal safety rules. Young people are at risk of assault, abduction, and abuse even in caring families, schools, and communities. Prevention is the key to protecting children's personal safety. The good news is that there are simple and effective ways of teaching children how to protect themselves.

This month, I will be teaching a lesson in your child's/children's Class about safe touch, unwanted touch, and unsafe touch. I will be using a research-based curriculum from Committee for Children (for grades 3-5) and "The Safe Side" video (for grades K-2). The primary purpose for this lesson is for children to feel strong and in control of their bodies. The intent is not to scare them or make them think that something bad might happen to them but to give them the confidence and skills they need to stand up for themselves.

All students will learn the Touching Rule: *No one should touch your private body parts except to keep you clean and healthy. If someone breaks the Touching Rule, say "No!", run away, and tell a grownup that you know (No-Run-Tell).*

Students will also learn not to keep secrets about touching.

The Touching Rule can apply to children touching children as well as adults touching children.

Encourage your child to come to you if she/he has any questions about how and when to use the Touching Rule.

You are encouraged to follow up with your child/children at home by discussing the Touching Rule. Children will develop life-long self protection and boundary setting skills and beliefs based on the day to day support and reinforcement they receive from their parents. It is important to review and practice family safety rules and safety plans.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to Call me at 503-673-7150.

Laura Barbour
School Counselor

LOST AND FOUND

We have so many lost items that need to be claimed. Please take a look while you are in the building for Volunteer week and take those long lost items home for the summer or they will be donated on June 22nd!!



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

ATHEY CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL WELCOMES IN-COMING 6TH GRADERS!

Welcome to Athey Creek Middle School. We look forward to getting to know you and working together to create years of learning and growth. Listed below is information that you will find helpful as we begin the transition from primary school to middle school.

May 22nd Forecasting forms are delivered to the primary schools. These forms need to be filled out and returned to 5th grade teachers by June 5th.

June 5th Stafford Primary Students visit Athey Creek at 12:30 p.m.

June 5th Willamette Primary Students visit Athey Creek at 9:30 or 10:30a.m.

Students who do not attend Willamette or Stafford may join us on either time. Please call the office, 503-673-7400, to schedule a time

June 5th Parent Information Night, 6:30p.m. for parents of students with IEP's and 7:00p.m. for all parents, in Athey's Commons.

June 5th All forecasting forms must be returned to 5th grade teachers today.

August All Athey Creek families will receive a letter with 'start of school' information.

Sept.4th First day of school for 6th graders.

We would like to encourage you to find our website at <http://www.acms.wlww.k12.or.us/>. It is a wonderful way to find out information about our school, our staff and our students. And if you have any further questions please feel free to call the Athey Creek office at 503-673-7400.



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Lake Oswego 635-8700

West Linn 557-1460

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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 (continued)

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> or contact Vickie Lee at leev@wlwg.k12.or.us or (503) 673-7010.

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

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

West Linn Old Time Fair Court:

Teddy Bear Drive

The Old Time Fair Court is holding a drive for stuffed animals. The stuffed animals collected are going to a program called Kids in Crisis, who provides free round the clock help for kids, teens and their families in any type of crisis. This program has helped over 5,115 kids in the past year. The stuffed animals will be given to local Emergency Services~Law Enforcement, Fire Departments, Emergency Rooms, Children's Hospitals and Women's Shelters~.

What you can do to help: **Bring in your new or gently used stuffed animals to the collection bin near the office.** The drive runs through Friday May 18th. The drive ends soon so bring your stuffed animals today!

FAIR PRINCESS HOSTS BOOKMARK CONTEST

Princess Olivia of the Old Time Fair Court is hosting a BOOKMARK CONTEST through the West Linn Public Library! The theme is READ AROUND THE BLOCK. There will be four winners selected by the Old Time Fair Court—a boy and a girl from each age group, ages 3-5 and 6-8. Entry forms are available at the West Linn Library and due back May 21st.

13th ANNUAL WILSONVILLE FESTIVAL OF ARTS

You and your family are invited to the 13th annual Wilsonville Festival of Arts June 2nd and 3rd from 10:00 – 6:00 Saturday, and 10:00 to 5:00 Sunday at Town Center Park. The event flyers are on the Wilsonville School district website's 'Community Bulletin Board' for your school's primary, middle or high school level and town or at www.WilsonvilleArts.org Please look at the festival's flyers, and forward to your friends. This is a great event with visual, literary and performing artists and food vendors.

Many of you may know our Saturday 'headliner'-- Rock Concert Violinist, Aaron Meyer. He has been an Artist-in-Residence in many of our schools. We warmly invite WLWV SD patrons to bring their families and friends to this FREE event. Please join us to experience and enjoy the many art activities. Make purchases and help support our 70 artists and authors.

Enjoy our Art Presentations, and Best Wishes to you all,
Theonie Gilmore, President, Wilsonville Arts & Culture Council

Wilsonville Festival of Arts

Saturday, June 2, 2012 3 or 4 Trolley Bus tours of Public Art Sculptures
STAGE 10:00 – 2:00 - Art Auction in Visitor Center

10:15 Tai Chi
11:00 Theatrical Fashion Show.
12:00 - Penny's Puppet Productions
1:00 NW Harmony Chorus
1:45 Wilsonville Theater Company –Radio play
2:00 Elevation - 2 student choruses
3:00 Library Storytelling
4:00 Aaron Meyer Concert Rock Violinist and band

Sunday, June 3, 2012 **STAGE** 10:00 – 12:00 Bike Smart Group rides Tour of Public Art
10:30 Sweet Thunder Jazz
12:30 – 1 – 5 chorus *30 minutes - music from 30's to 60's*
1:00 Tai Chi
2:00 – Bug Toast Orchestra
4:00- Bellissimonde – World Dance Ensemble

Saturday: Non Stage

Sculpture Bus Tour (2 or 3 tours in SMART trolley Bus)
Literary 2:00 Library Storytelling (tent adjacent to stage)
Art Auction 10: 00 -2:00 -Visitor Center

Sunday: Non Stage

Bicycle tour of sculptures 10:00 – 12:00 leave and return to WFOA Info Booth
Film Festival of Shorts 12:00 – 4:00 Film Festival in Visitor Center

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

YOUTH SOCCER SUMMER CAMP

This summer we are having a youth soccer camp in West Linn at Athey Creek Middle school for kids 5-13 years old. July 9-12 from 10:00a.m.—3:00 p.m. Cost: \$150. Deadline to register is July 5. Camp is limited to 100 players. To register online: Click on registration.portlandtimbers.com or go to www.portlandtimbers.com and click on the Youth Soccer tab, then the Camps tab. For more information on Timbers Camps, contact Erick Lyslo at elyslo@portlandtimbers.com or 503 553-5575.

May 7-11	Staff Appreciation Week
May 14-18	Bus Driver Appreciation Week
May 21-25	Volunteer Appreciation Week
May 22	PTSA Planning meeting for Stampede 9:00 a.m.
May 23	Volunteer Tea in the Library 9-12:00 p.m. (All Volunteers Welcome)
	Early Release Day 12:10 p.m.
	5th Grade Musical 7:00 p.m.
May 24	Gift of SCRIP due
May 25	Spirit Day
	Birthday Book Club, Library 1:00 p.m.
May 28	Memorial Day/No School
May 30	Striders Family Fun Run 2:10 p.m.

May

June 1	Summer Send Off! 5:30—8:00 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 14	Last day for Kindergarten
June 15	Last Day of School / early dismissal TBA

June

our kids are **COUNTING** on you



Every year, more students enroll in West Linn and Wilsonville schools, yet due to local and state school funding reductions, the school district has lost 30 teachers in the past 2 years. More students and fewer teachers results in overcrowded classrooms - an equation which doesn't add up for our kids. To combat this alarming trend, the West Linn-Wilsonville Education Foundation is continuing its crusade to secure funds to preserve as many teaching positions as possible in our schools. We're aiming for 100% participation from the families in our district, so please give today, as every donation COUNTS.



You may donate securely online & receive proof of your tax-deductible contribution.

If donating by check, please fill in this form and include it with your donation:



I'm sending my donation to help retain teachers and keep class sizes at effective levels.

Amount of donation: \$50 \$75 \$100 \$500 _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Please make checks payable to West Linn-Wilsonville Education Foundation, and either drop your tax-deductible donation at your child's school or mail to:

**West Linn – Wilsonville Education Foundation
1980 Willamette Falls Drive #120-117
West Linn, OR 97068**

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Stafford Primary

PTSA

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Stafford PTSA NEWSLETTER

Staff Appreciation Week was this week!



Thank you to all of the wonderful parents who donated food, drinks, supplies, raffle prizes, and their time cleaning up! A special thank you to Rachel Stevenson and Heather Anderson who went the extra mile to help out, Kathy Cooley who ran down donated items to the staff lounge many times each day, and to the Custodians Victor and Collin for helping with tables, extension cords, and taking care of all the extra trash each day! A very special thank you to Clarissa Aoyama for helping me during this entire event! We could not have done this spectacular event without all of your generosity and support! (Reminder: If you have not picked up your dishes, please stop by the Staff Lounge soon!)

~ Emily Schmitt, Staff Appreciation Week Event Chair

Emily, please take a bow for all your hard work, we'd like to thank YOU for organizing such a great week for our wonderful staff here at Stafford!

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!**

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.

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 and our weather gets warmer, 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. **Needed items include: small metal bistro sets, benches, chairs and cushions.**

Thank You to Trish Brisbois for donating and delivering a set!

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

Give the gift of Scrip!



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

Let a special teacher or staff member know how much you appreciate them by participating in the End of Year "Gift of Scrip". You should receive a flyer in your child's backpack by tomorrow explaining how the "Gift of Scrip" program works. Your forms need to be returned **NO LATER than May 24th.**

Exciting scrip news: Receive a pass to the Columbia Sportswear Employee store with every Columbia Sportswear gift card purchased! Good for ONE VISIT and one online purchase until September 30th. One pass is good for the buyer and 4 other people---either family or friends. Columbia Sportswear donates \$5 for every gift card purchased. Cards are also good at their big flagship store downtown Portland, PDX airport, outlet stores in Lake Oswego, Woodburn, Lincoln City, Bend, and at the Columbia Employee Store. Questions? Contact Karen Wied at Stafford.scrip@gmail.com or by phone 503.781.1700.



Our last Spirit Day!

Wear your Stafford gear & show your school spirit!

Friday, May 25th

Calling all Volunteers!

Volunteers needed for math booklet assembly project! We need teams of 2 for counting pages and binding booklets. Shifts are around an hour each! 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**

Congratulations to Stafford's own **Stacey Couturier** who has been chosen as one of the ten finalists for the **2012 OnPoint Prize Circle of Excellence in Education Award!**

These teachers were deemed the "best of the best" by the OnPoint Prize Selection Committee. From this group, only one teacher will be awarded the Community Choice winner and that will be based on your votes!



WE NEED YOUR VOTE!

Here's how you can vote:

Go to: http://www.onpointprize.com/TeacherProfiles/Stacey_Couturier.aspx

A successful vote will receive a "thank you for voting" message.

Voting closes May 14th, help us spread the word! Ask your friends and family to vote, encourage your friends on facebook to vote, anyone with a computer can do it!! Ms. C is fantastic and so deserving of this award! **Let's Support our Stafford Community!**

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

Co-Presidents: Joanne Masters (503) 635-2808 / joanne.gmasters@comcast.net - or-

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

Volunteers: Please contact Erika Vincent, Coordinator (503) 723-9380 / erikavincen@me.com

Newsletter Inquiries: Please contact Amanda Curdy (503) 734-7596 / curdyfive@gmail.com

Stafford PTSA Board 2012/2013

The Annual PTSA General Election and Budget Vote were held on May 9, 2012.

The Executive Committee for the 2012/13 School Year:

President: Rachel Stevenson

Co-Vice Presidents: Amanda Curdy + Emily Schmitt

Treasurer: Dardee Layne

Secretary: Clarissa Aoyama



Committee Chairs for the 2012/2013 School Year:

Apparel: Wendy Miller

Art Literacy: Rebecca Demorest, Alaina Kuehn, and Ellen Urbani-Gass

Bingo Night: Courtney Kennedy & Joanne Masters

Bus Driver Appreciation: Julia Henry

Community Service: Kirsten Juster & Erika Vincent

Directory: Scott Rumsey

Garden: Erin Duffy

Membership/Annual Fund: Heidi Talbert

Newsletter: Wendy Ingle

Pancake Breakfast: Kris Olson

Publicity/ Historian: Sharon Feinblatt

Scrip: Heather Anderson

Staff Appreciation: Heather Anderson, Clarissa Aoyama, and Julia Henry

Summer Send Off: Amanda Curdy

Stampede: Rachel Stevenson

Striders: Brianna Currey & Carey Russell

Volunteer Coordinator: KC Bildner

Website: Tracy Gilday

Want to get involved next year? We're always looking for volunteers to help with our PTSA sponsored programs. Please contact KC Bildner at kcbildner@msn.com.

The proposed core and special projects budgets were both approved as well. For specific questions on the 2012/13 PTSA Budget please contact Rachel Stevenson at perfectwedding@hotmail.com

Reimbursement Forms Due!

PLEASE NOTE: The PTSA Fiscal Year ends in June. All receipts for check and reimbursement requests need to be submitted to the PTSA Treasurer, Rachel Stevenson, **no later than June 8, 2012**. Rachel can be contacted at perfectwedding@hotmail.com



Stafford Summer Send off!



Dust off your favorite Hawaiian shirt, you won't want to miss this fun event!

Friday, June 1st

5:30-8:00 pm

Tickets are only \$4



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

***Hawaiian prize for the
first 100 people!**



A fun-filled family dinner event to celebrate the end of the school year and kick off summer! Mark your calendars now!