

Stafford Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

It has been an incredible two weeks of community support! There have been a number of events that have shown what a wonderful community we all get to live and work with each day. These are amazing examples of a community coming together to support children, the community and the district vision of "for the world."

There was the incredible parent social last Saturday night. Thank you to the PTSA for an incredible event and a lot of fun. There was a lovely energy and community spirit in the room.

Burgerville night was on Wednesday. Thank you to Briana Currey for all her efforts on the behalf of the Beersheba Organization. Due to the efforts of our community an incredible number of trees will be planted to support the growth of communities half a world away.

There is the on-going community service project to support Japan in their time of need. The generous donations along with the number of origami cranes folded is staggering. Beautiful messages of hope have been hung at the entrance of the school; a touching reminder of what is important in our lives.

The Three Piggy Opera took place today. I always love to see eager singing and acting of the Kindergartners as they have their first "stage" experience. Thank you to kindergarten teachers and Donna Kagan for this lovely Stafford tradition.

The book fair has been going on this week. Thank you to Mitzi Brumbaugh and Mindy Schmitz for their efforts. I have loved watching children be so excited about bringing new books into their lives.

All of these are examples of the power of a community!

The library construction project has given us another opportunity to come together as a school. The courtyard space off of the office has been a staging area for the bulk of the work. This summer, the courtyard will be reconstructed. I would like to offer up an opportunity to our community. If you would like to have an inscription etched into a brick that will be put in the courtyard, now is the time. There are places around the school where engraved bricks have been placed as a dedication to a teacher, class or family as a lasting tribute. Attached is an order form for those who are interested in purchasing a brick. The order forms are due back by May 6th. The money raised from these engraved bricks will go towards our courtyards and learning garden. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Take care,
Patrick

SCHOOL IN SESSION ON APRIL 18th!

April 18th was previously a furlough day, however, we will be in session to make up for the snow day. See you on Monday!



Messages From The Office



MINOR MOMENTS

The work day for our Teaching and Learning Garden has been set for **May 21st, from 9:00-3:00 p.m.** Please feel free to come to all or part of our work day. During this day we will be doing general maintenance around the school, as well as building compost beds, potting tables and possibly a structure to support beans and other plants that like to vine. We are in need of volunteers who have some carpentry expertise and those that will be able to bring tools to support our work. Of course, we welcome volunteers of all ages and skill sets- there is a lot of work to be done to help make sure that our garden is productive this year. If you think you may be able to attend, please contact Patrick Minor at 673-7154 or minorp@wlwv.k12.or.us. Thank you for your support.

CHESS TOURNAMENT WINNERS!

We are proud to announce that Stafford students know their moves around a chess board! Ryan Lew received the Overall Champion award, while Connor Currey, Katelyn LeBlanc (not pictured), Justin LeBlanc (not pictured), and James Rowan (not pictured) received Honorable Mention Awards. Ben Gandy won 2nd place among 4-5 graders and Sera Lew won 2nd place among 3rd graders. We are proud of all of our chess players and wish them continued success in this strategic game.



Yearbook Order Forms on School Website!

Download an order form from the school website and turn in to Judy Woodruff with cash or check for **\$20.00** or www.myyear.com website at any time with a cost of **\$21.85** (processing fee of \$1.85). Any questions please call Erica Yraguen at 503 344-4725.

PLEASE TURN IN THE REGISTRATION/VERIFICATION FORMS

The Registration/Verification forms need to be returned by **April 15th. This is your child's registration for the 2011-2012 school year!** Please remember to sign the form before returning it to the school. If you have not received one, please call the office and one will be sent home with your student. If you are moving out of the attendance area, please indicate that on the form and return it to the office. This information helps us with staffing. Thank you so much for your promptness.

REMINDER:

We are unable to accept Canadian or any other coin, currency or tokens from other countries or establishments.

COUNSELING CORNER
UNPLUG YOUR KIDS
SCREEN FREE WEEK IS APRIL 18-24

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 18-24, 2011)**, 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

BUS ROUTES 11 & 13 HAVE BEEN UPDATED

Check out the district website at www.wlwg.k12.or.us to see the changes and how it affects your child.

COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY PARENT PARTY TO SUPPORT 2011 GRAD NIGHT!

Celebrate the Journey...gather your neighbors and friends for a fabulous community parent party supporting the 2011 Grad Night Party. May 6th, 7:30-11:00 p.m. at the Oregon Golf Club. Live Band...Chaotic Soul, food, drinks, dancing, games, friends and wonderful memories! Tickets \$25 buy online at www.ticketsoregon.com, questions call Cheryl 503-515-8364

Bye Bye Birdie Flying to a Stage Near You!

The 17th annual West Linn/Wilsonville Middle School Musical, "Bye Bye Birdie" will be performed at 7:00 pm April 14, 15, 16, 18, 19 and at 1:30 pm on April 16 at Wilsonville High School, 6800 SW Wilsonville Road. Two casts of seventh and eighth-graders perform on rotating nights--including one matinee. Tickets are \$8.50 and can be ordered on line at: www.eticketexpress.com. There is a small surcharge for ordering tickets online.

Willamette United Soccer Club online registration is now open for fall soccer season. Program information for students in Kindergarten – 12th grade is posted on the club's website at www.wusc.net. Parents who register for their K – 8th grader for the popular recreational program by May 31st can save themselves \$25! Online registration is also open at www.wusc.net for Summer Camps. Please visit the club's website at www.wusc.net, or call the office at 503-638-9777.

Music and Arts Partners will be featured April 15th-20th

MAP has partnered with Sharing Spree to help raise funds for our schools. Sharing Spree extends huge price breaks to buyers, creating remarkable deals on goods, services and activities and they donate at least 10% of their revenue to charitable causes! Music and Arts Partners will receive 10% of Sharing Spree profits on this week's featured deals. For more information, please go to: http://www.musicandartspartners.org/download/MAP_SS_April_15-20.pdf or <http://www.musicandartspartners.org/how-you-can-help/sharing-spree/>

APRIL

April 18

School In Session!! Snow Make up Day!

May 2-6

Staff Appreciation Week

May 4

PTSA Meeting

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May 9-13

Volunteer Appreciation Week

May 9-13

Bus Driver Appreciation Week

May 11

Kindergarten Round Up 3:00 p.m. A-L, 4:15 p.m. M-Z

May 18

Gr. 5 Musical

May 20

Sock Hop 5:30-8:00 p.m.

May 25

Gr. 4 Marketplace Event (during school hours)

May 27

No School/Furlough Day

May 30

No School/Holiday

WEST LINN—WILSONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

BE PART OF THE SOLUTION!

West Linn-Wilsonville Education Foundation is launching its S.O.S. Campaign

Last week, the West Linn-Wilsonville School District announced its proposal to eliminate another twenty (20) teaching positions across the district for the 2011-12 school year. This will bring the total number of teaching positions cut since 2009 to eighty-four (84). The negative impact of these cuts will result in larger class sizes for our children.

In response, the **West Linn-Wilsonville Education Foundation** is launching its S.O.S. Campaign to raise funds to preserve teaching positions for the 2011-12 school year. S.O.S. is the Foundation's call to Support Our Schools, Save Our Staff and Sustain Our Success. All funds donated to the S.O.S. Campaign will be given to the school district for the sole purpose of restoring teaching positions to help maintain optimal class sizes and course offerings.

The WLWV School District has long been one of the top school districts in Oregon and now we need your help to maintain this high quality education for our children. To learn more about the private, nonprofit West Linn- Wilsonville Education Foundation and to make your donation, please visit us at www.wlwfoundation.org or see the attached document (S.O.S. flyer).

Be part of the Solution!

Attachments:

[S.O.S.flyer_1.pdf](#)

ATHEY CREEK WELCOMES PARENTS ON JUNE 1ST

Parents of all incoming 6th graders are invited to learn about Athey Creek on Wednesday, June 1st at 7:00 p.m. Topics: student scheduling; school organization; transition process; staff; communication and parent questions.



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BELLAGIOS PIZZA will donate

\$1.00 for each coupon

Redeemed to Stafford School

**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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NEWSLETTER

“Green for Green”!

The Stafford Parent Spring Social, “Green for Green” was a HUGE Success. We would like to thank everyone who joined us. Thank you to the parents and staff who came out to support our school, and to all of the families who generously donated items for the auction. The evening was enjoyed by all.

There were approximately 100 people in attendance with 50 silent auction items, raffle items and several party boards. **The net earnings for the event are estimated at \$20,000!** A portion of the proceeds will go towards the new Learning Garden and Audio Education.

A tremendous thank you to the following parents, without them the evening would not have happened. **Courtney Kennedy, Joanne Masters, Rachel Stevenson, Dardee Layne, Karen Wied, Julie Froidcoeur, Kelsey Staats, Brianna Currey, Kirsten Juster, Erika Vincent, Rebecca Demorest, Gitte Venderby, KC Bildner, and Emily Schmitt, Susanne Nelson, and Celeste Grannum.** PTSA is eternally grateful to **Donna Kagan, Brian Kagan, and Deb Lassell** for volunteering to check people in and out. We could not have had a more successful night without **Craig Tiffany** at the mic and last but not least, a round of applause and enormous thanks to **Brittany Tiffany**. Her leadership, sense of style, and dedication made the event fantastic!

Again, thank you everyone who helped make “Green for Green” such an enjoyable evening. We look forward to next year!

There are still Party Boards opportunities from Bunco to Poker and more! The boards are posted at school for parents to sign up. Please pay Kathy Cooley in the office. Don't miss out on the fun! Also, don't miss out on purchasing plants for your garden, while supporting the Stafford Learning Garden. Visit the office for plant purchases.

STAFFORD STRIDERS

Get Ready, Get Set, Get Our Kids Moving!

Striders is a wonderful program designed to teach kids about the benefits of exercise. To ensure that all with interest are able to participate, **several more volunteers are required!**

To help with Striders all you need is a positive attitude and a desire to encourage kids to be active. Not only are coaches needed, but so are volunteers to assist with registration and check in/out.

As a Strider's coach/volunteer the registration fee will be waived for your student.



Please contact Lola Skates at lolaskates5@earthlink.net to discuss volunteer opportunities!

Big Night at Burgerville!

A warm thank you to Briana Currey for organizing Stafford's 2nd annual fundraising event at Burgerville. The restaurant was hopping the entire evening as families visited and enjoyed their delicious dinners. All proceeds will go towards Stafford's international community service project in Senegal, Africa. Final figures for the evening will be available soon.

Art Literacy Co-Chair Needed

PTSA is searching for an individual to co-chair Art Literacy for the 2011/12 school year with Mitzi Brumbaugh. Mitzi has held this position for many years, and is looking to train someone to fully take her place for the following school year. Art Literacy is a remarkable program loved by students, teachers, and parents alike! To inquire please contact Susanne Nelson at susanne.nelson@comcast.net.

Staff Appreciation Week is upon us...May 2nd – May 6th: To show appreciation for our fantastic Staff members at Stafford, we will be hosting lunch buffets during this week. The days of spoiling our Staff will be assigned to grade levels as follows:

- Monday 5/2 – Kindergarten & 1st grade
- Tuesday 5/3 – 2nd grade
- Wednesday 5/4 – 3rd grade
- Thursday 5/5 – 4th grade
- Friday 5/6 – 5th grade

Calling all Volunteers!

Volunteers are needed to put math booklets together for next year.

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....

Round 'Em Up for Stampede 2011!

If you are interested in helping with the 2011 Stafford's Stampede, please be sure to attend the upcoming planning meeting scheduled on **Monday, April 18th at 11:00 am**. 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.

SCRIP News...

Our school had an outstanding response to the Burgerville SCRIP flyer, "thank you" to those who placed an order. Last week's SCRIP order earned Stafford \$380.58. The money goes to support all the great programs at Stafford funded by the PTSA including; Scientist in Residence, Artist in Residence, Spanish Teacher in Residence, Visiting Authors, Stafford Striders and many more.

The next SCRIP order will take place April 18th with delivery on April 21st. You can find a SCRIP order form online at <http://www.stafford.wlww.k12.or.us/school/scrip>, in the school's entrance, or by contacting Stafford.scrip@gmail.com.

eSCRIP is another great way to earn money for our school programs. Simply register your Safeway Club Card at escrip.com using our school name and supporter ID 8567018. Ask your relatives to do the same. If you don't know your Club Card # simply phone 877.723.3929. Since September we have earned **\$1,230.64** through eSCRIP.

Stafford Family Sock Hop

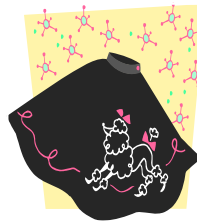
May 20th

5:30–8pm

Mark your calendars for the end of the year party not to be missed! The Stafford Sock Hop is a family dinner and dance. Tickets are \$4 person which includes a West Linn Lions' hamburger and a popsicle. Additional hamburgers, drinks, chips, and MAPS goodies will be available for purchase the night of.

Planning is underway and volunteers are needed to help make this a success. Volunteer opportunities include set-up and take down crews, burger ticket sales and photographers. Please contact Erika Vincent, Sock Hop Chair at erikavincen@me.com or 503.705.8587.

Want a Poodle Skirt for the Sock Hop?



Come to the Poodle Skirt making party on April 28th with Mrs. Donna Kagan. Sewing is from 5:30–8:30pm in the school library. It only takes 20 minutes to make your own skirt!

Supplies to bring: 1 adult, 1.5 yards felt fabric of any color, 1-12X12 piece of black felt, thread to match, and 1 yard of 1 inch elastic for the waist band.

Do you sew? We have a machine available, but are looking for a volunteer to make waist bands. Contact Erika Vincent if you can help out! erikavincen@me.com or 503.705.8587.



Stafford PTSA 50/50 Night

Stafford family owned businesses are
giving back to our school
Make an evening of it!

Tuesday, May 10th

Pizza Schmizza

West Linn Location
Salamo Road
4:30 to 8:30pm

Yo Top It

West Linn Location
Salamo Road
11:30am to 10:00pm

50% of all proceeds made during these hours will be
donated directly to Laura Barbour's Kids Fund.

Hope To See You There!!

No Flyer Required at Time of Purchase

Want More Information Regarding PTSA?

Try the **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@pickaback.com

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

Newsletter Inquiries: Please Contact Dardee Layne (503) 709-6295 / dardinel@hotmail.com

Have a Commemorative Brick at Stafford!

- Each brick is \$30 and will be placed in a courtyard outside the new library.
- All proceeds go towards the courtyard landscaping and the new learning garden.



- Each brick can have a maximum of 3 lines, with a maximum of 14 characters per line.
- Complete the attached order form and return it to Stafford by Friday, May 6, 2011. Make checks payable to Stafford Primary School.

Questions? Please contact Patrick Meigs at meigsp@wlww.k12.or.us

Name of Family _____

Inscription _____

Number of bricks ordered _____ Cash _____ Check# _____