

Stafford Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Stafford Families,

It is hard to imagine that it is already the end of April! Here's to hoping that the rain soon lets up and allows our vitamin D level to rise with the sun. The information I am sharing concerns the state-wide testing that 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are doing at the moment. Stafford students are working at very high levels and building solid foundations of understanding in all areas of the curriculum. Testing is one measure of a student's progress, but it does not tell the whole story of a student's growth, their level of understanding or their ability to apply their learning to a wide variety of challenges and explorations. I am so proud of the work teachers and students have been doing this year across all grade levels. As you all know, Stafford teachers are inspiring in their dedication to the whole child and to each child's learning!

Change in Math Standards

This school year the State Board of Education changed the way it evaluates math skills of Oregon students in grades 3 through 8. The changes mean that it will be harder for students in those grades to meet math standards—even if their math skills improved since their last assessment. West Linn-Wilsonville schools—as well as other schools across the state—may show a decline in math performance in state and federal reports, at least for the next year or two.

What are the changes?

The State Board of Education raised achievement standards for math skills. That means that students must achieve a higher test score on the Oregon Assessments of Knowledge and Skills or OAKS to meet standards. [See chart below.]

	Grade 3 Meets	Grade 4 Meets	Grade 5 Meets
Prior to 2010-2011	205	212	218
Effective 2010-2011	212	219	225

This will result in students having lower ratings and schools having lower percentages of students meeting standards. **It will not mean** students know less than they did the year before or that they are doing worse in school. These new achievement standards simply require a higher level of mastery of mathematics information and concepts. Essentially, the bar has been raised.

Why did Oregon adopt higher math standards?

While the increased rigor of the new cut scores will initially result in fewer students meeting the achievement standard, this higher bar is necessary to get students ready for the new Oregon graduation requirements and success after high school.

The adoption will also ease Oregon's transition to measuring students on national learning expectations. These are higher than Oregon's current standards. Recently, Oregon has joined 42 states in adopting the Common Core State Standards, a set of K-12 learning expectations for students in math and language arts. These standards reflect the knowledge and skills students need for success in college and careers.

Where can I learn more?

For questions about math achievement standards or the OAKS test, you can contact your child's teacher or Patrick Minor, Instructional Coordinator at Stafford. Also, the Oregon Department of Education has information about the new math achievement standards on its website: <http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?id=3182>.

On another note, there is still time to order a commemorative brick to be placed in the courtyard off of the office. Attached is an order form for those who are interested in purchasing a brick for \$30. 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.

Patrick



Messages From The Office



MINOR MOMENTS

We Really Need Your Help on May 21st with our New Garden!

On May 21, we will be 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. 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.

Order your Yearbook Today!

Download an order form from the school website and turn in to Judy Woodruff with cash or check for **\$20.00**. Any questions please call Erica Yraguen at 503 344-4725.

BOX TOPS UPDATE

Thank you for supporting the Box Tops program at Stafford. We have earned another \$466.00 which will benefit our PE Department.

Kris Olson, will be the new Box Tops Coordinator. She can be reached at earmaster1@yahoo.com if you would be interested in helping her sort labels or expand the Box Tops programs at Stafford. Laura Snyder

SPRING BOOK FAIR GREATER SUCCESS THAN BEFORE!

Our Spring Book Fair was a huge success. We made \$7263.00 and earned \$1816.00 to purchase books for the new library. Thirty-five dollars was collected for "Dollars for Books" which will go to our sister school in southeast Portland! 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.

LIBRARY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR BIG MOVE!

As the end of the year approaches and we begin our organizing for the big library move, Julie Hoover, the library assistant and I are looking for a few volunteers who would be willing to shelve books and help us complete the year's inventory work. We would welcome your help any time you are available! Thanks so much for considering volunteer work for our new library. Shelly Buchanan

FINAL NOTICE!

There are a few families who have not turned in the Verification forms. This insures your registration for next fall. As we plan for next years staffing, this information needs to be turned in by May 6th.

UPDATED BUS INFORMATION FOR BUS Route # 11

As of today, April 28, students who live on Trail Rd and Mountain Rd will be riding bus #17 in the afternoon only. Bus Route #11 will be picking up these students during the AM. Please send in a bus note to let us know if your child will be taking bus #17 home. Thank you.

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, Call me at 503-673-7150. Laura Barbour, School Counselor

APRIL

April 28 Poodle Skirt Party , Library 5:30-8:30 p.m.

April 29 Spirit Day, Funny Hair/Hat day

MAY

May 2 Scrip order Due 5/5 Scrip delivery

May 2-6 Staff Appreciation Week

May 4 PTSA Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

May 4 PTSA General Election at 2:20 p.m. Library

May 9-13 Volunteer Appreciation Week

May 10 50/50 Night! See PTSA Flyer

May 12 Senior Choir Spring Concert 7:00 p.m. MPR

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 7:00 p.m.

May 20 Sock Hop 5:30-8:00 p.m.

May 24 RRidge MS welcomes Parents of incoming 6th graders 7:00 p.m.

May 25 Gr. 4 Marketplace Event (during school hours)

May 27 **No School/Furlough Day**

May 30 **No School/Holiday**

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

TEDDY BEAR DRIVE: A former Stafford student, Lauren Huttula, is one of the West Linn Old Time Fair Princesses. You may have seen fliers around the school about the West Linn Teddy Bear Drive until May 13. Part of Lauren's princess duties is to conduct a drive at a West Linn school. We ask you to bring in new or lightly used stuffed animals and place them in the bin outside the office. These animals will go to various shelters for children in need. Thank you!

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN FOR WEST LINN YOUTH CHEER THROUGH JUNE 15TH! Our youth program is designed to help your athlete achieve confidence while learning the basics of cheer. Check out the Virtual Community Bulletin Board or go to www.westlinnyouthfootball.org and click on West Linn Cheer for more details.

Summer Musical looking for District-Wide Talent!

Wilsonville High School Theatre is producing a district-wide musical this summer at Wilsonville High School -- Willy Wonka. We are **accepting registrations now from students 8-18** from all schools in the district. The deadline is May 15th.

We were recently able to bring the registration down to \$299 from \$399 because the wonderful Middle School Musical folks built a lovely set for Bye Bye Birdie which we think will work wonderfully for Willy Wonka!

WEST LINN—WILSONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

WLWV School Board Candidates' Forum
Tuesday, May 3rd, 7 to 9 p.m.
Wilsonville High School Forum, Room 202
6800 Wilsonville Road

Come and meet your school district's future decision makers. Our seven candidates will explain their policy positions and the direction they hope to take the WLWV school district. The candidates will give an opening statement and respond to questions.

S.O.S.—Support Our Schools * Save Our Staff* Sustain Our Success

THIS SCHOOL YEAR, the WLWV School District lost 30 teachers and endured 15 furlough days (including 9 student days) to absorb the shortfalls in the state's education funding. The school district will not be able to replace these teachers anytime soon -- in fact, the predicted \$5 million budget shortfall will force the loss of 13 more classroom teachers for the 2011-12 school year. Now is the time for the communities of West Linn and Wilsonville to act to minimize the negative impacts these budgetary shortfalls will have on our children's education.

The **West Linn-Wilsonville Education Foundation** is the nonprofit fundraising organization committed to preserving teaching positions and to supporting academic success in the WLWV School District. Funds raised by the Foundation will be given to the school district for the express purpose of maximizing the number of teaching positions for the 2011-12 school year. Reductions in teachers can be felt in every classroom in the district. **Please donate whatever you can to the Foundation today**, to offset these losses and sustain our students' academic success.

To donate or learn more about the West Linn-Wilsonville Education Foundation, please visit us at www.wlwfoundation.org see the attached document (S.O.S. flyer). Be part of the **Solution!**

Attachments:

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

2011 WEST LINN-WILSONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT SUMMER PROGRAMS

The West Linn-Wilsonville School District is offering a variety of summer programs for students entering grades K – 8 in the fall...

Academic Summer School: For students entering grades 1 – 8 in the fall

Dates: July 5 – July 28 Time: 8:30 am – 11:30 am Location: Boones Ferry Primary School

Children's Art Institute: For students entering grades K – 12 in the fall

Dates: July 25 – July 29 Time: 8:30 am – 11:30 am Location: Boones Ferry Primary School

Music & Drama Camp: For students entering grades 3, 4, & 5 in the fall

Dates: June 20 – June 24 Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Location: Athey Creek Middle School

Registration forms for these programs are available at your school office, at the district office, and on the following website:

<http://www.wlww.k12.or.us/DistrictDepts/CurrInstr/SummerSchool.asp>

Questions? Please contact Vickie Lee at (503) 673-7010, leev@wlww.k12.or.us

CREST Summer Camps

Summer Sprouts: For pre-school children and children entering Kindergarten in the fall

Dates: July 11 – July 15 Time: 8:30 am – 11:30 am Location: CREST

Enviro-Day Camp: For students entering grades 1 – 5 in the fall

Session I Date: August 8 – August 12 Location: Mary S. Young Park, West Linn

Session II Date: August 22 – August 26 Location: CREST

Time: Full-day 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Half-Day 9:00 am – Noon

Registration forms for these programs are available at your school office, at the district office, and on the following website:

<http://www.crest.wlww.k12.or.us/programs.html> Questions? Please contact Vickie Lee at (503) 673-7010, leev@wlww.k12.or.us

WHAT WILL ROSEMONT LOOK LIKE FOR 2011-12

We have been receiving feedback from parents that many families in our community are still unclear about what our program will be for next year so we encourage our families to read our current newsletter at the following link: <http://www.rrms.wlww.k12.or.us/saltmarg/Newsletters/current.pdf>. You will find an 'Update on the Budget' article on page 3 for information on next year.

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.

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@wlwv.k12.or.us

Name of Family _____

Inscription _____

Number of bricks ordered _____ Cash _____ Check# _____

APRIL 28, 2011

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PTSA

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Stafford PTSA NEWSLETTER

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:

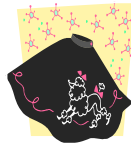
- Monday 5/2 – Kindergarten & 1st grade
- Tuesday 5/3 – 2nd grade
- Wednesday 5/4 – 3rd grade
- Thursday 5/5 – 4th grade
- Friday 5/6 – 5th grade

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 sign up through the [Evite](#). Contact Emily Schmitt at: mle_schmitt@comcast.net

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 or have a sewing machine? We need machines and people to make waist bands. Contact Erika Vincent if you can help out! erikavinc@me.com or 503.705.8587.

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.

Calling all Volunteers!

Volunteers needed for math booklet assembly!

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....

Gardening News

Garden Upkeep Chair Needed! Contact susanne.nelson@comcast.net to inquire.

Tuesday May 10th will be the delivery date for plants & flowers ordered at the Parent Spring Social. Pick-up is at the front entrance of the school between 2:15 and 3:15. Late orders will be accepted up to May 4th. Contact Lisa Griffiths to place an order, 503-650-0670 or lgriffy@comcast.net

Wednesdays after school will be the garden work day for the "Kindergarden"/Front Entrance. Bring your gloves and all other tools will be provided! Contact Lisa Griffiths at lgriffy@comcast.net

Community Service Corner:

Burgerville Night was awesome! We had 210 students show with their families to eat and support our community service project. Ms. Evans' class won the milkshake party with 67% of her class showing up. At Burgerville we raised **\$390.80!** Our grand total donation to the Beersheba Project in Senegal, Africa is **\$1260.53** The kids voted and we will be buying trees to help support the land and provide for the local community there. Great job!

This is our last project for the year. Please tell your children what a wonderful job they did helping others! With the money we raised, Beersheba can purchase **4000** needed seedlings and the additional labor required to plant them. The founders from Beersheba are thrilled with this news. They will be able to do the planting before the rainy season which will help the trees to grow quickly.

END OF YEAR GIFT OF SCRIP

The end of the school year is quickly approaching and with it comes the question of what gift to give your child's teacher or a special staff member. The "End of Year Gift of SCRIP" can help answer that question. Look for the flyer May 12th in your child's take home folder that will give you an opportunity to recognize the hard work of our staff and teachers. With the fantastic response to the "Holiday Gift of SCRIP" that let the teachers choose gift cards to their favorite restaurants, grocery stores etc. we wanted to offer an easy way to collectively show our teachers and staff a token of thanks for all their work throughout the year. The idea is that parents contribute money toward a gift for their student's teacher, or a special staff member and then the teachers and staff get to use the total dollar amount to "purchase" gift cards through Scrip. With all of the money rolled into one "gift" no contribution is too small.

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 as soon as possible. You can contact Karen at Stafford.scrip@gmail.com or by phone 503.781.1700.

So far this year we have raised over \$2,700 through the sale of SCRIP to support all the great programs that PTSA funds including, but not limited to: Scientist in Residence Teacher, Artist in Residence Teacher, Art Literature, Spanish in Residence Teacher, Visiting Authors, Grants for Classroom supplies and more!

The 2011/12 Stafford PTSA General Election will be held on May 4, 2011 at 2:20pm in the Library. If you are a current PTSA Member you will be able to vote on the 2011/12 Executive Committee nominees and the 2011/12 PTSA Proposed Core Budget. The following PTSA Members are the nominees for the 2011/12 Executive Committee:

Vice President: Brittainy Tiffany

Secretary: Dardee Layne

Want More Information Regarding PTSA?

Try the **Stafford Primary Website** and click on PTSA: www.stafford.wlwy.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 / erikavinc@me.com

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

Stafford Sock Hop!



Family Dinner and Dance!!!

Friday, May 20th

5:30-8pm



\$4 admission includes:
Dinner (burgers, chips, popsicles)
Live DJ, dancing, kick ball, hula hooping

MAPS will be selling drinks & treats

**Pull out those poodle skirts
and leather jackets!**



Poodle Skirt Party with Donna Kagan

April 28th 5:30-8:00 – Stafford Primary library

It only takes 20 minutes to make one. Each person should bring: 1 1/2 yards of felt fabric (any color),
matching thread, (1) 12x12 piece of black felt to make the poodle and 1 yard of wide elastic

For more information or to volunteer contact Erika Vincent at 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