

# Stafford Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Our goal at Stafford is for every child to leave us as a thoughtful learner, a positive member of the school community and confident about themselves and their abilities. We want each child to feel like they can be successful at any task or challenge placed before them. Math is no exception to this desired outcome! To further this goal, we will be hosting a Math Night for parents on January 13<sup>th</sup>. As you are all aware there was a district wide renewal of our math curriculum last year. This renewal created the opportunity for us to think deeply about mathematics, instruction and building a strong foundation of understanding for each child in their math knowledge and thinking. There are four main goals for the evening:

- To give an overview of the math content
- To create an opportunity to experience different instructional practices
- To experience some of the same math your child is working with in class
- To provide tips and ideas for supporting your child at home

The site council has been focusing on math for the last year and a half as well. Their feedback and insight into our work has been invaluable. With their efforts and stewardship, we have created a math handbook specifically designed to give insight into math content, instructional practices and ways to support your child. I am so thankful for all their work, questions and help. The handbook will be available in January. The math night will be an enjoyable evening of math and conversation. We look forward to seeing you there.

As a community, we have come into this year with such a strong sense of vigor and commitment to children and their learning. I am proud of the work of teachers, staff and children have done thus far. I look forward to the winter break as a time of reflection and planning for the coming year. I also look toward the winter and spring with a strong sense of excitement and possibility.

Finally, on behalf of all of us at Stafford, thank you so much for your generosity. The number of presents from the giving tree was staggering. The gifts and kind thoughts to teachers and staff were incredible. As always, the thoughtfulness of our community is truly amazing. Stafford truly is a place where care, thoughtfulness and support are at the heart of it all!

Take good care,  
Patrick

## LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

The Lost and Found is over flowing with nice clothing! Your children must be COLD because we have their coats and sweaters! Please view and claim lost items now located in the MPR. Unclaimed items will be donated to a charity after December 21st.



# Messages From The Office



## MINOR MOMENTS

This school year, Stafford will be hosting our annual Science Fair on February 24th. The goal of the Science Fair is to provide an opportunity to learn more about the scientific research process. The enthusiasm of students, parents and staff has been wonderful to see in past years. By helping to guide students through this process we can ensure that this enthusiasm continues throughout the course of an investigation. Students can become easily disengaged if they feel overwhelmed. In order to avoid this, it is important to help students create a testable question in such a way that it guides the rest of the process. By doing an experiment/project that is narrow in scope, students feel like the task is more manageable and often the results are more meaningful. Please look for more information on how you can help in the registration packet that will come home with your child on January 7th.

One of the first steps you can do is to talk with your child to find out what they might like to investigate. By doing this early, you can help to focus on a research/experiment topic so that your child can ask a researchable question, design and conduct their research, gather data and then display their findings. Throughout the process, I will meet with every child who has signed up individually. By meeting with each child, I hope to provide guidance and support so that these projects can be brought to life.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 503 673-7154!

## IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL ADMITTANCE!

**Hib vaccine requirement:** Hib is a severe bacterial disease that mostly affects young children. In recent years, there was a shortage of this vaccine, so children weren't required to be up-to-date on Hib immunizations to stay in child care and preschool. Hib vaccine, which is now plentiful; is back on the required list for children through age 4.

**Tdap vaccine requirement:** Tdap vaccine is required for seventh-, eighth- and ninth-graders. Tdap is a tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough) booster. Whooping cough is a serious health concern in Oregon with more than 255 cases recorded this year. In California, whooping cough is at epidemic levels; there have been about 6,800 cases reported this year, and 10 babies have died.

**Hepatitis A vaccine requirement:** The hepatitis A vaccine, which protects against a communicable viral infection, is a two-dose series now required for children 18 months through second grade.

Parents seeking immunizations for their children should contact their health care provider or local health department, or call Oregon SafeNet at 1-800-SAFENET or 1-800-723-3638. No one can be turned away from a local health department because of the inability to pay for required vaccines. Additional information on school immunizations can be found at

[www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/imm/school](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/imm/school) <<http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=bWFpbGluZ2lkPTExMTU3MjI1bWVzc2FnZWlkPVBSRC1CVUwtMTExNTcyMiZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTEyNzY2OTI4MDEmZW1haWxpZD1zdXNhbm5lLnNtaXRoQHN0YXRILm9yLnVzJnVzZXJpZD1zdXNhbm5lLnNtaXRoQHN0YXRILm9yLnVzJmZsPSZleHRyYT1NdWx0aXZhcmlhdGVJZD0mJiY=&&&100&&http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/imm/school>>. Follow the Oregon Immunization Program on Facebook and Twitter.

## Counseling Corner

I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all of our Stafford families! It is an honor to work at such a fine school within such a fine community. I experience so much joy at Stafford surrounded by such precious little people. Every day, I learn something new from your children. They inspire me. It is a joy knowing you and your children! Thank you for all you do to support our school community!

Warm winter wishes to you and your family! Enjoy the holidays and this special time together!

Laura Barbour

Stafford School Counselor

*"I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community and as long as I live  
it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can."*

*-George Bernard Shaw*

### SUCCESSFUL BOOK DRIVE!

Thank you to all of those who donated to our book drive, **Two Thousand Books in Two Weeks!** Through your generosity and the hard work of the 5th Grade Student Council and a 3rd Grade Brownie troop we were able to raise well over 3,000 books. These books will be donated to the Children's Book Bank and Foster Children of Clackamas County. A huge thank you to Kate Hoots, who brought the idea of a book drive to us last year, so that the Stafford community could help make sure that every child has access to a wide range of books in their home.

### BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB

The December/January birthday party will take place January 27, 1:30 p.m. where your child will receive treats as a thank you. If you'd like to donate a new, hard cover book to the library for your child's birthday, simply turn it in to the library by January 25 with your child's name, teacher and birth date.

### WINTER WEATHER

In case of inclement weather and there is any question about whether school will be open, please tune in to a local radio or television station. They will begin reporting school closures by 6:00 a.m. School closure information is also available on our district website at [www.wlww.k12.or.us](http://www.wlww.k12.or.us) or sign up for an email/text alert when the school has a closure. Click on the link at the top of the district web page and follow the prompts. NOTE: Conditions can change quickly so please stay tuned for closure updates throughout the morning before school begins. Check for Snow Bus Routes on the district website.



### ORDER A YEARBOOK!

**A Yearbook Reminder:** Please pass along any photos to your classroom photo representative of Stampede, First Day of School, Art Literacy, Buddy Classes, Field Trips or classroom parties. You can order your yearbook at [www.myyear.com](http://www.myyear.com) for \$20.00 (plus convenience fee) at any time. If you want to purchase a yearbook by writing a check, we will accept those in the spring of 2011. Erica Yraguen if you have questions @ 503-344-4725.

# West Linn-Wilsonville Education Foundation

plans to raise \$300,000 for 2011-12 school year

-- Holiday donation campaign launched to honor teachers --

## News Release

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**Dec. 6, 2010, West Linn-Wilsonville, Ore.** – In the face of unprecedented state budget cuts to education, the West Linn-Wilsonville Education Foundation today announced at the WLWV School District’s board meeting its goal to raise \$300,000 for the 2011-12 school year. To kick off this school year’s fundraising efforts, the nonprofit Foundation also launched today a new campaign – Honor Our Teachers (H.O.T.) Holiday Gift.

The campaign encourages parents to honor their child’s/children’s teachers this holiday season with a ‘H.O.T.’ Holiday Gift – a donation to the Foundation in one or more teacher’s name(s). Donations, which are tax deductible, can be made at the Foundation’s website – [www.wlwvfoundation.org](http://www.wlwvfoundation.org) or via forms available at each school office. Respective teachers will receive a letter stating that a donation was made to the Foundation in his/her name and by whom.

“We’ve lost 30 teachers across the district for the current school year, leaving our kids in over-sized class rooms,” said Sheila Kyles, president of the WLWV Education Foundation. “To reach our \$300,000 goal this year, we need every community member and business to donate whatever amount they can. Our H.O.T. Holiday Gift is the perfect opportunity to recognize so many teachers for what they do for our children and at the same time raise critically needed funds for the school district.”

The Foundation is a nonprofit fundraising organization committed to preserving teaching positions and supporting academic success in the WLWV School District. It is currently the only nonprofit fundraising entity designed to give funds directly to the school district for additional teaching positions. The Foundation is distinct from the much needed support organizations (PTAs, PSS, PTOs, Booster Clubs, etc.), most of which have bylaws that purpose their funds toward individual school needs (for highly valued program support), rather than to increase the number of teaching positions available to the school district.

Foundation Vice President, Kathryn Whittaker, today introduced the Foundation and the H.O.T. Holiday Gift campaign to board members at the West Linn-Wilsonville School District board meeting. Other Foundation board members were introduced, as well.

“In speaking for the board, we all support the efforts of the Foundation. Each of us today is honored to help kick off the fundraising via personal donations,” said Mary Furrow, board chair of the West Linn-Wilsonville School Board. “The

Foundation represents a viable funding solution for our district that we encourage all community and business members to support.”

Funds raised by the Foundation will be given to the school district to allocate in a manner that maximizes the number of teaching positions district-wide. The Foundation’s funds will work to offset the negative school funding impacts felt in every classroom throughout the district.

“I applaud the people who have stepped forward to lead the West Linn-Wilsonville Education Foundation. They are helping provide a community based fundraising solution to what is a larger challenge for all school districts in the state,” said Dr. Roger Woehl, Superintendent of the West Linn-Wilsonville School District.

Formerly called Teach the Children, the Foundation’s board membership includes at least one representative from each of the district’s schools. It currently has 17 members, of which approximately one-third are teachers or administrators in the West Linn-Wilsonville School District.

Board members include: Allison Clarke; Amy Corcoran; Teresa Cordova; Aaron Downs; Brian Gilday; **Eva Greeff (treasurer)**; Annie Herbert; Shelley Kamikawa; Vicki Krause; **Sheila Kyles (president)**; Carolyn Miller, **Patrick Minor (secretary)**; Kathe Monroe; Amy Schauer; Jane Stickney; Julie Tolboe; and **Kathryn Whittaker (vice president)**.

The Foundation’s meetings are open to the public and are held the third Wednesday of every month from 7:30-9:30 pm at C.R.E.S.T. (WLWV School District’s Center for Research in Environmental Sciences & Technologies, located at 11265 SW Wilsonville Rd., near Boones Ferry Primary and Inza R. Wood Middle School). Community members from West Linn and Wilsonville are encouraged to attend Foundation meetings, to volunteer for fundraising campaigns and/or to donate generously. Donations can be made at the organization’s website [www.wlwfoundation.org](http://www.wlwfoundation.org).

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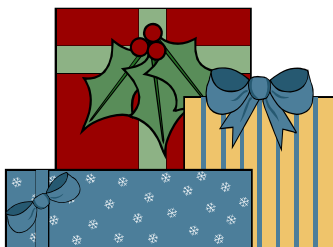
To review the revised District school calendar with furlough days, log on to:

<http://www.wlww.k12.or.us/News/LatestNews/SchoolCalendars.asp>.

### Music and Arts Partners Fundraising Promotion

Recently, MAP entered into a partnership with a company called MyEZDeal that provides drastically discounted products and services from local merchants through a once-daily email to registered myEZdeal members. A percentage of all purchases made by members who register through MAP goes back to MAP throughout the year and helps us fund the programs and services in our schools. Music and Arts Partners will receive 100% of myEZdeal profits on these featured deals! So even if you don’t buy today’s Daily Deal, be sure to register through MAP so we can raise funds on purchases you make in the future. Click on the myEZdeal logo on this page: <http://www.musicandartspartners.org/> or go directly to myEZdeal by following this link: <http://myezdeal.com/nonprofit/ref/WestLinnWilsonville/NP-34901284059169-14> Thank you for your continued support of Music and Arts in our schools!

# What is the H.O.T. holiday gift for teachers this year? ...



## An "Honor Our Teachers" donation to the West Linn-Wilsonville Education Foundation!!!\*

By making a donation to the WLWV Education Foundation, your child's teacher will receive a letter stating that a donation has been made on his/her behalf. All donations will be used to fund teaching positions for the 2011-2012 school year.

To make a donation: Visit the Foundation's website [www.wlwfoundation.org](http://www.wlwfoundation.org)

- Drop off your donation at your school's office

Mail your donation to:

West-Linn Wilsonville Education Foundation  
1980 Willamette Falls Dr. #120-117  
West Linn, OR 97068.

Questions concerning donations, email [info@WLWVfoundation.org](mailto:info@WLWVfoundation.org).

Thank you for your support.

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Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

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Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*All donations are tax-deductible.*

# COMMUNITY NEWS

LINK TO THE COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD!

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

## TALES to TAILS!

Wednesdays and Thursdays 3:30-5:00 [there will be NO TALES to TAILS on Dec. 22]

Kids sign up for 20-minute sessions to read to our dogs downstairs at the library! Each child chooses a book and how much reading and petting to do. Our dog handlers encourage interaction with their dogs and will also offer help if needed.

Reading to the Dog: Increases enthusiasm for reading, develops reading skills, teaches children how to interact with pets and promotes confidence.

### Reservations are necessary!

Please call 503-656-7853 x4 or stop by the kids' desk downstairs at the West Linn Public Library to reserve your time to read to Bode or Caterina

Terrific Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. on December 28 at the West Linn Library...

### THE ALPHABETICIANS, a new and very local musical duo! For ALL ages

Self made millionaires seeking out vigilante justice from a cave? No. Huge, terrifying, reptilian beasts from an ancient time? No. Space travelers from the other side of the universe trapped here because their ship ran out of fuel? Maybe, but no. Then who, or more precisely, what are *The Alphabeticians*? They are two guys (Mr. Hoo and Mr. E) who love playing quirky, funny, upbeat songs for kids and families. Think *They Might Be Giants* meets *The Velvet Underground* meets *Schoolhouse Rock*.

## December

Dec. 16      Stafford Giving Tree Deadline  
Dec. 17      Spirit Day  
Dec. 18-Jan.3      Winter Break

Jan. 4      School Resumes for all students  
Jan. 5      PTSA Meeting at 9:00 a.m.  
Jan. 7      Third Grade Parent Social 7:00 p.m.  
Jan. 10      Scrip Order Deadline with 1/13 delivery  
Jan. 12      California Pizza Kitchen Fundraiser, 1st Time  
Jan. 13      Parent Math Night 7:00 p.m. MPR  
Jan. 14      No School/Furlough Day  
Jan. 17      No School/Dr. King's Birthday  
Jan. 20      Fourth Grade Parent Social  
Jan. 27      Dec./January Birthday Book Club 1:30 p.m.

## January



## February

Feb. 8      California Pizza Kitchen Fundraiser, 2nd time  
Feb. 11      Bingo Night  
Feb 18      No School/Furlough Day  
Feb. 21      No School/Holiday  
Feb. 22      No School/Furlough Day  
Feb. 24      Science Fair 6:30 p.m. MPR

DECEMBER 16, 2010

Stafford Primary

**PTSA**

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# Stafford PTSA NEWSLETTER

## SCRIP FOR STAFFORD

eScrip news – from January 2nd-25th, when you purchase any item within Safeway marked with a school bus tag, Stafford Primary earns 10% of the purchase price. If you haven't signed up or renewed your Safeway escrip account now is the time!

### To Renew:

1. Go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com)
2. Click on "Yes Renew" (bottom of page)
3. Enter one of the following: your phone #, email, or Club Card # \*Renewal only needed for Safeway Loyalty Card

### To Sign-up for the first time:

1. Go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com)
2. Click on "sign-in"
3. Enter "8567018"
4. Select Stafford Primary
5. Continue through the final registration steps

A big thank you goes out to all of the parents for the wonderful support received for the **Teachers Gift of Scrip** program. The teachers were taken back by the overwhelming generosity. Stafford Primary school also benefited by earning \$210, which helps to support all the wonderful PTSA sponsored programs our children enjoy. To date we have earned \$1,237 from Scrip sales.

**The next scrip order is January 10<sup>th</sup> with delivery on January 13<sup>th</sup>.** For more information contact Karen Wied at

[Stafford.scrip@gmail.com](mailto:Stafford.scrip@gmail.com) or 503.781.1700.

## Serving Our Community...

### International Community Service Project:

After the holiday break Stafford kids and the PTSA will be focusing our efforts to serve "Our World". Again this year, the students of Stafford will vote on 1 of 3 choices of international programs to support. We will have three "Stafford Family Dinners" to help raise money for this program. Last year Burgerville was a huge success so we have added another option. Please come have lunch or dinner with your Stafford family and support a worthy cause.

### SAVE THE DATES:

January 12, 2011- eat at California Pizza Kitchen in Bridgeport any time this date and 20% goes to Stafford.

February 8, 2011- eat at California Pizza Kitchen in Bridgeport any time this date and 20% goes to Stafford.

TBD in April, 2011- eat at Burgerville in West Linn between 5-9 PM and 15% goes to Stafford.

For more information contact Briana Currey at [bkcurrey2002@yahoo.com](mailto:bkcurrey2002@yahoo.com) or 503.691.6836



## Spirit Wear

Surprise your student with a new Stafford t-shirt or sweatshirt for the holidays!

There are still items available for purchase. Please call or email me if you'd like to place an order. Sizing information is listed below. For more information, contact Rebecca Demorest 503.638.0868 or [rdemorest@yahoo.com](mailto:rdemorest@yahoo.com).

Our next Spirit Day is December 17<sup>th</sup>.

ITEM	COLOR	AVAIL SIZES & QTY	PRICE
Girl's Hoodie	Grey	Youth M – qty 1 Youth L – qty 3 Youth XL – qty 1	\$16.00
Girl's Hoodie	Pink	Youth XL – qty 6	\$16.00
T- Shirt	Grey	Adult XL – qty 2	\$8.50
Girl's T-Shirt	White	Youth L – qty 2 Adult M – qty 3 Adult L – qty 5 Note: runs small	\$10.00
Full-Zip Hooded Sweat-shirt	Grey	Adult M – qty 2	\$22.50
Hooded Sweatshirt (no zipper)	Grey	Adult S – qty 2	\$18.00
Lanyards	Navy	N/A – qty approx. 70	\$4.00

### Youth Size Notes:

- Med 10-12
- Large 14-16 (same as adult small, but adult size runs longer)
- XL 18-20 (same as adult med, but adult size runs longer)



## **Grade Level Parent Socials**

The PTSA is planning a social night for parents to get to know other parents in their child's grade level.

### **The following grade level events have been planned:**

- **Third Grade:** January 7th @ 7:00pm  
Hosts: Chris & Briana Currey
- **Fourth Grade:** January 20th @ 7:00pm  
Hosts: Frank & Jennifer Peters

Contact Brittainy Tiffany at [brittainyt@yahoo.com](mailto:brittainyt@yahoo.com) for more information.

### Membership Notes...

Tax deductible cards for annual fund donations were sent home last week. If anyone did not receive their card contact Becky Luther at [becky.w.luther@gmail.com](mailto:becky.w.luther@gmail.com).

### **Want More Information Regarding PTSA?**

Try the **Stafford Primary Website** and click on PTSA: [www.stafford.wlwy.k12.or.us](http://www.stafford.wlwy.k12.or.us)

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Courtney Kennedy (503) 638-0989 / [courtney@pickaback.com](mailto:courtney@pickaback.com)

**Volunteers:** Please Contact Erika Vincent (503) 723-9380 / [erikavincent@me.com](mailto:erikavincent@me.com)

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