

Stafford Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

While the timing was less than ideal, I hope your family had quality time in the snow yesterday. We started off our morning with an excellent neighborhood snowball fight. It was so nice to see the neighbors out enjoying the snow and having a great time together. I hope it was the same for all of you!

Stafford's Science Fair has been rescheduled for Monday morning, Feb. 28th. I am always impressed by the incredible quality and thought each participant shows with their project. It is really quite remarkable to see the projects and to listen to the young scientists talk eloquently about their work. If you have a chance to stop by, the projects will be on display in the MPR between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

The next time you are at the school, be sure to look up towards the building as you drive in. You will notice that the slanted roof sections have been placed over the new library space. The sections were brought in via crane on Tuesday. It is amazing to watch the library all of a sudden take shape and has been an impressive process to watch. When you have a moment, take a look at the new pictures on the website.

On the topic of construction, the new learning garden is just about completed. The boxes have been constructed, irrigation lines put in, and the sod removed. The next step is the soil for the boxes and the gravel to fill in the spaces between the boxes. The space looks beautiful and is full of promise. I can not wait until we start planting and begin to see the garden taking its true form. Thank you so much to staff, parents and children for their support and efforts to making our learning garden a reality. A special thank you to Patrick Minor for his constant stewardship and effort in bringing the learning garden to life!

As a reminder, our Spring Learning Open House is next Thursday, March 3rd. Each of you should have heard from your child's teacher regarding the details of their specific open house. While I understand that this is a change from our traditional format, I know these open houses will provide a lovely picture of your child as a learner. Teachers will be checking in with families and, as always, will be available via the phone or email for further discussions.

On a different note, if you know of friends and/or neighbors who have a kindergarten age child who has not yet registered, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible. Thank you for your help with this!

Even in these budgetary times, things are busy with learning, exploration and growth in so many ways at Stafford. Again, thank you so much for your wonderful support of our great school!

Take care,
Patrick



Messages From The Office



READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY!

On Wednesday March 2nd, Stafford will be celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday by participating in *Read Across America Day*. All classrooms will be visited by guest reader, Mr. Meigs, will share his love of reading with your children and spend a few minutes reading a favorite book. This event has been a big hit with children year after year since, as Dr. Seuss so eloquently put it, "Children want the same things we want. To laugh, to be challenged, to be entertained and delighted." On *Read Across America Day* they'll do just that!



BUS RT # 29 HAS BEEN UPDATED:

Please check the district website for changes that may effect your

NEED A DIRECTORY?

Perhaps you missed purchasing a directory in the fall and would like this valuable resource! We are happy to announce that we have more available in the office!

Annual "Dollars for the Arts" Kicks off March 7th

Our annual "Dollars for the Arts" campaign begins on March 7 and runs through March 18th! Every dollar makes a difference for our students. We invite every student or family to donate one dollar or more to MAP to keep arts and music programs alive and well in our schools.

Watch for donation envelopes being sent home with all primary school students in March. Return these envelopes with enclosed contributions to your child's school or mail a contribution to: MAP Dollars for the Arts, 1378 Leigh Ct., West Linn, OR 97068. Thank you for supporting MAP and music and arts education in this district!

ORDER A YEARBOOK!

Yearbook orders via the www.myyear.com website can be taken at any time. The cost is \$20.00, in addition to a processing fee of \$1.85. If you would like to pay with a check, Judy Woodruff will be accepting those in the spring. Any questions please call Erica Yraguen at 503 344-4725

AUTOMATED ATTENDANCE!

The district has implemented an automated phone calling system for all students who are absent. **Please remember to call the school to inform us of your child's absence by 8:45 a.m.** If we do not hear from you, the absence will be recorded as unexcused.

\$1



\$1 off any Large or Extra Large

\$1

BELLAGIOS PIZZA will donate \$1.00 for each coupon

Redeemed to Stafford School

West Linn 557-1406 Tualatin 691-7841 Sellwood 230-2900 Sunnyside 698-6699

Beaverton 466-2070 Gresham 465-8000 Goose Hollow 221-0110

Lake Oswego 635-8700

West Linn 557-1460

\$1 off any Large or X-tra Large

Legacy Children's Hospital Presents
Parenting Teens
Keeping Perspective and Staying Connected
A Full Day Workshop with

Howard Hiton MS, LPC, Therapist and Author

Saturday March 5, 2011
9:00-3:00

Legacy Meridian Park Hospital
Education Building • 19300 SW 65th Avenue • Tualatin, OR 97062



Practical information for parents of 10-18 year olds

Adolescence represents a time of intense change for teens and their families. We sometimes lose perspective which can set off a chain of intense emotional reactions that cause further difficulties. This workshop will provide you with an opportunity to calmly consider what's working well in your family and steps you can take to improve behavior and relationships. Through presentation, video clips and small group conversations we will explore: *setting appropriate limits, monitoring technology, talking to teens about risky behavior, conversational preferences, and communication styles that work.*

Participants will:

- examine the biological and social forces that contribute to adolescent development*
- consider strategies to keep perspective, maintain calm and stay connected*
- discuss important issues with other parents*

About the Presenter:

Howard Hiton is a Licensed Professional Counselor. He has provided individual, family, and chemical dependency counseling services since 1987 in residential treatment, community agencies, middle schools and high schools. Howard has been in private practice since 1995. He was the recipient of the Oregon Pediatric Society's 1999 Award for Service to Children and the 2005 Oregon Peacemaker Award of Excellence for his support of youth. Howard is a co-author of BAM! Boys Advocacy and Mentoring: Helping Boys Connect Through Physical Challenge and Strategic Storytelling, a Guidebook for Leading Boys Groups. His presentation style is consistently evaluated as being warm, engaging, and thought provoking. Hiton is the father of fourteen and ten year old sons.

Advanced registration required.

\$75.00 per person payable at the door

(Cash or check only. Lunch on your own.)

For information and registration call 1-877-435-3500 or visit: www.HitonAssociates.net

IS YOUR 5TH GRADER GOING TO ROSEMONT?

The families that live in the Hidden Springs area have a choice of attending Rosemont Ridge Middle School or Athey Creek Middle School. Please let the Stafford office know if you have decided to have your student attend Rosemont Middle School by March 3rd. Thank you.

Kathy Cooley

ATHEY CREEK 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.

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| May 26 th | Forecasting forms are delivered to the primary schools. These forms need to be filled out and returned to 5 th grade teachers by June 3 rd . |
| May 26 th | Stafford Primary Students visit Athey Creek |
| June 1 st | 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 3 rd | All forecasting forms must be returned to 5 th grade teachers today. |
| August | All Athey Creek families will receive a letter with 'start of school' information. |
| Sept. 6 th | First day of school for 6 th graders. |

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

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To review the revised District school calendar with furlough days, log on to:
http://www.wlwg.k12.or.us/News/LatestNews/sf_calendars/colorCoded/2010/10-11%20calendar-furlough.pdf

MARCH MENU

Here is the link to our March menu for your Primary Schools. Please call if you have any questions or need assistance. <http://www.wlww.k12.or.us/DistrictDepts/FoodService/>

Announcing Newly Launched District Sustainability Blog

A few years ago the West Linn - Wilsonville School District crafted a district-wide sustainability initiative to promote sustainable practices in the district. During these past few years many students, parents, teachers, staff and administrators have put considerable effort into increasing sustainability in the district. As part of this effort, the district's AmeriCorps Sustainability Coordinator at CREST maintains a blog highlighting this issue. The blog covers topics such as updates and discussions on sustainability in the district, resources for parents and teachers, and educational activities for kids. Check it out at <http://blogs.wlww.k12.or.us/Sustainability/>

COMMUNITY NEWS

LINK TO THE COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD!

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

Two Casts Bring Male and Female Versions of "The Odd Couple" to Comedic Life

Wilsonville High School Theatre Department's second production of the year, Neil Simon's *The Odd Couple* will open on Thursday, February 17th. The school is producing both the male and the female version of the classic comedy. The original, "male" version features the characters Oscar Madison and Felix Unger, and will open on February 17th, while the female version, which features Olive Madison and Florence Unger, will open on Friday, February 18th. Both plays are directed by guest-director John Welty.

Remaining dates for the play:

The "male" version plays February 25th at 7:30pm in the Wilsonville High School Auditorium. A 2:00 p.m. matinee of the male version will show on Saturday, February 26th.

The "female" version plays February 26th at 7:30 p.m. in the Wilsonville High School Auditorium.

Tickets for both versions are on sale online through www.wildcatdrama.com. Tickets are \$7 for single tickets, or \$12 for both. Tickets are also available through the Wilsonville High School bookkeeper's office at 503-673-7609.

FEBRUARY 24, 2011

Stafford Primary

PTSA

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Stafford PTSA NEWSLETTER

You are cordially invited to attend the 2011 Stafford Parent Spring Social

Saturday April 9th
6:00 - 11:00pm
Oregon Golf Club
Adults Only Please

Casino Night and DJ
Silent Auction--Raffle prizes--Great Party Boards

Proceeds from this event will go directly towards the teaching and learning garden being built this spring at Stafford and a listening center in the new library

For more information, *Brittainy Tiffany*: brittainyt@yahoo.com

Help Needed for Spring Social!

We are looking for both donations as well as volunteers for the spring social. Please contact Brittainy Tiffany at brittainyt@yahoo.com for more information.

COMMUNITY SERVICE CORNER:

Calendar Alert: The 2nd annual *Burgerville Night* (West Linn location) is on Tuesday April 12th from 5-8 PM. Tell your friends and neighbors because every order counts including the drive through. We will earn 15% of the proceeds for our international service project. (No Flyer Required) For more information contact bkcurrey2002@yahoo.com.

Spirit Day!

Friday, March 17th

Show your school spirit by wearing Grey and Blue or your favorite Stafford apparel!

BINGO

A big shout out to Holly Miller and all of the wonderful volunteers who made this year's Bingo Night a huge success. The PTSA loves putting this event on every year and by the show of families in attendance fun was had by all! *Brittainy Tiffany*: brittainyt@yahoo.com

Stafford PTSA Pancake Breakfast



Friday, March 11th
7:00am
Stafford MPR



Stafford PTSA Pancake Breakfast
\$1.00 per person

Name: _____

of tickets: _____

email address: _____

Please return ticket order & payment to school by
Monday, March 7

Questions? Pollysierk@mac.com



PTSA 2011-2012 Open Positions

If you are interested in being more involved in PTSA for the 2011-2012 school year please contact either:

Joanne Masters @ joanne.gmasters@comcast.net or

Courtney Kennedy @ courtney@pickaback.com

regarding opportunities for PTSA participation.

PTSA 2011-2012 BUDGET REQUESTS

Budget requests for the 2011-2012 school year are now being accepted. Please turn in your request form to Judy Woodruff by April 1, 2011. The forms can be found on the PTSA cart or by email. To request a form or if you have any questions about the budget process please contact Rachel Stevenson at perfect-wedding@hotmail.com.

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

February

Feb. 28 Science Fair 6:30 p.m. MPR (New Date)

March 1 Art Lit Meeting Rm. 1 8:30 a.m.

March 3 No School/Learning Open House

March 4 No School/Furlough Day

March 7 Scrip Order Due end of day

March 8 Choral Concert at WLHS 7:00

March 9 PTSA Meeting 9:00 a.m.

March 10 Scrip Delivery

March 11 Pancake Breakfast 7:00 a.m.

March 17 Spirit Day

March 18 No School/Furlough Day

March 21-25 No School/Spring Break

March

APRIL

April 1 PTSA 2011/2012 Budget Requests Due

April 9 Parent Spring Social 6:00-11:00p.m. Oregon Golf Club

April 12 Burgerville Night 5:00-8:00p.m.

April 11-15 Spring Book Fair

April 18 No School/Furlough Day (TBA)

April 19-22 Volunteer Appreciation Week



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The OnPoint Prize is your opportunity to say "thank you" to a special teacher in your life.

Nominate your favorite teacher by March 15 at www.onpointprize.com

▶▶▶ **THE TEACHER WHO IS NAMED EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR WILL RECEIVE: MORTGAGE PAID FOR ONE YEAR PLUS \$5,000 FOR THEIR SCHOOL.**

Details and qualifications for participation in this promotion apply. See Official Contest Rules at www.onpointprize.com.

The OnPoint Prize for Excellence in Education



Nomination Form

The OnPoint Prize recognizes a strong commitment to education and the results it produces. Nominees should have a demonstrated ability to challenge and inspire students to learn. **Anyone can make a nomination, including nominating yourself.** If you know an educator in our community who should be recognized, we want to hear from you.

Qualifications

- Applicants must be a teacher of grades K-12 in an accredited public, private or charter school located within any county that OnPoint serves (Benton, Clackamas, Columbia, Deschutes, Lane, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Washington, and Yamhill counties in Oregon and Clark and Skamania counties in Washington).
- Applicants must be teaching full time at time of application (not as a substitute teacher).
- In addition to the information provided with this application, the selection committee may conduct interviews with the nominee's principal, peers and other community members who can help verify the applicant's worthiness based on the criteria described.
- Immediate family members of OnPoint staff are not eligible.

Entry Guidelines

- Each entry must include all three completed parts of the nomination form, submitted together at one time. Please do not submit this Qualifications & Entry Guidelines page with your application.
- Each entry must include Part 1 of this form as the front page. Please do not type your own cover page to add to the nomination form.
- Entries must be no larger than 8.5" x 14". Please make sure all your portfolio pieces and letters of recommendation fit in this size stipulation.
- Portfolios can include up to five pieces. If you submit more than five pieces, the Selection Committee will judge the entry based off of the first five pieces you have included.
- Entries become the property of OnPoint Community Credit Union upon submission. If you would like to receive your entry back, you must provide a prepaid envelope with all mailing information filled out and include it with your nomination entry.
- Please see www.onpointprize.com for additional qualifications and contest rules.

Please complete all three parts of the nomination form, print it out, include the letters of recommendation and samples of teacher's work and mail it to:

The OnPoint Prize Selection Committee
PO Box 3750
Portland, Oregon 97208

It is the responsibility of the nominator or the nominee to fill out the form accurately. Nominations must be received by 5:30 pm on Tuesday, March 15, 2011. Nomination packets can also be dropped off at any OnPoint branch location. Please keep this page of the nomination form for your reference.