

Stafford Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that this is our last newsletter for the year. The year seems to have flown by. I am so proud of the students and their dedication to their learning this year. I am also incredibly appreciative of the staff; they have all put their heart and soles into each child and their instruction. I am also so thankful of our community – it is your support and care for all of us that helps remind us each and every day of the importance of our work. This has become abundantly clear over the past two weeks with your overwhelmingly thoughtful notes of care towards my next steps. I am humbled by your generous spirit.

As you are all aware, the school district has once again faced budget challenges this spring. The number of classes reflects a commitment to addressing class size concerns in Kindergarten through 5th grade district wide. Class sizes range from low to mid 20's in Kindergarten and 1st grade to mid to high 20's in 4th and 5th grades. I am pleased with the prospect that we may be having the two additional sessions of 1st and 2nd grade classrooms in the coming year. As we all know there are ripple effects that I have previously shared with you. I am very optimistic about the coming year and know that Stafford is in a great place!

The staffing will remain the same at each grade level as this year, except for a few changes. At Kindergarten, we will have two all-day classes taught by Addie Benfield and Jenny Cavanaugh. We are also planning on having an AM kindergarten class taught by Kristy Claypoole and a PM kindergarten class will be taught by a new hire. It is amazing that we will actually be able to hire for this position. (Again, if you have friends or neighbors who have not registered, please have them do so soon.) We will also be in the fortunate position to be able to hire a 1st grade teacher. Again, this is a result of adding a class for 1st grade for the coming year.

Mary Dargen will be joining the 2nd grade team for the coming year. Mary will be a wonderful addition to this awesome team! Rob Moore did a wonderful job teaching Kindergarten this year however, as a result of the reduction of one all day section Rob will be joining the 4th grade team. I am pleased that the AIM classrooms will be here at Stafford for the coming year. The K-2 classroom will be taught by Carly Lefferts. Carly has taught in the K-2 AIM classroom a few years ago. She has spent the last few years working at Wood Middle School as a resource room teacher and at Bolton as a classroom teacher. Nithasha will be moving to Sunset to teach in the district wide CRC classroom. She has done a tremendous job here and I wish her all the best in her next venture! Toni Snapp will return next year to teach the 3-5 classroom.

Zach Nicol, our building engineer, will be leaving as well due to a promotion. For those of you who know Zach, you know of the amazing level and quality of his work around the building. He will be sorely missed. Colin Wall will be joining the Stafford community in his place. Colin worked at Stafford a few years back and it is a pleasure to welcome him back to Stafford.

We will also be saying good bye to Nanette Muench and Elaine Barney who have been so wonderful in the kitchen. Their work has been wonderful and I appreciate their care for each and every child.

It is hard to believe this my final newsletter article. I have so enjoyed writing to the community every other week about the happenings at Stafford. In looking back at past articles, I find they tell the story of a wonderful school, its growth and changes and the teachers and students who fill its halls each day. Words clearly do not describe my thanks and appreciation for being able to be part of this exceptional community. Thank you.

Take care,

Patrick



Messages From The Office



LOW BALANCE LUNCH ACCOUNT NOTIFICATION

A \$20 low balance alert was recently placed on all meal accounts to help prevent accounts from going negative. This will initiate a one time low balance call. When lunch is purchased, this will trigger another low balance alert via email and/or auto-call.

Please check the balance on your students account by viewing "details" at www.mymealtime.com

Click [My Mealttime Instructions](#) for more information

LOST AND FOUND IS OVERFLOWING!

The clothes that are not picked up by June 17 will be donated to the PTSA Clothes Closet over the summer. Please reclaim your lost items. Thank You!

END OF YEAR MEDICATION PICKUP

Please remember to pick up all medication from Kathy in the office by June 10th. Children will not be able to carry any medication home with them. Any medication that is not picked up will be disposed of unless it is an EpiPen or inhaler that has not expired.

June 10 5th Grade Recognition, A.M. MPR
Last Day for PTSA Reimbursement Checks
Last Day for Grades 1- 5, 10:40 dismissal Enjoy you Summer Break!!

JUNE

AUGUST

August 16 7:00 PTSA Meeting
August 26 10:30 Back to School Packet Stuffing
August 27 9:00-12:00 Garden Clean Up

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 9 5:00 Stafford Stampede
Sept. 14 8:00a.m. PTSA Meet and Greet
Sept. 14 9:00 a.m. PTSA Meeting
Sept. 15 8:00 - 1:00 p.m. New Volunteer Orientation
Sept. 15 Life Touch Photo Day/Students/Volunteer

Art Literacy 2010-2011

Your child should be bringing home or has already brought home the 5 art projects completed this school year through the Art Literacy program generously supported by Stafford PTSA. Below is a brief summary of the artist and the projects.

Wassily Kandinsky: A Russian Modern Painter who was considered the first artist to create an entirely abstract work of art. Important elements in Kandinsky's art were his use of color and shape, both organic and geometric, and how he used both to create balance and rhythm in his work.

The project was to create an abstract piece of art on black fine grit sandpaper using oil pastels. Students challenged themselves to create balance and rhythm by using a variety of shapes organic and/or geometric and a variety of colors.

Dale Chihuly: A Contemporary Glass Sculptor from the Pacific Northwest. Chihuly has led the avant-garde in developing glass blowing/sculpturing as a fine art. The waters of the Puget Sound, the basket weaving, and Indian Blanket colors and patterns of Pacific Northwest Indian Tribes inspire many of his works.

The project gave the students an opportunity to create a 3-dimensional organic free form sculpture with the brilliant color and transparency of glass from a flat sheet of Dura-lar and porcelain paint. They were able to cut and mold the Dura-lar sheets with the use of hot water and then applied colorful porcelain paints to give the look of glass.

Grandma Moses: American Folk Art Painter best known for her landscape paintings which depicted rural life and farm communities. Diminishing and atmospheric perspectives was a key element in her paintings. Her ability to give depth and layers to her paintings to create a 3-dimensional look on a 2-dimensional surface.

The students learned how to create depth and dimension in their painting through a step-by-step layering process and through tinting of paint colors both lighter and darker.

Huichol Indian Yarn Paintings: The cultural project this year. We studied the history and culture of this indigenous Central American Indian Tribe, which amazingly has held onto their culture, way of life and traditions dating back to Pre-Columbian Mexico of 1540's. They believe their traditions and ceremonies celebrating and honoring earth, life in all forms, and prayers for peace keep the world in harmonious balance. Their colorful and intricate yarn art tells their stories and relays their beliefs to the next generation.

The project was to create an original yarn painting using either traditional Huichol Indian symbols or create a picture telling a story significant to the student. We used the traditional Huichol techniques for yarn painting, which is very simply yarn, scissors, their own two hands and a sticky board (we used precut sticky cardboards they used wood boards covered with beeswax).

Pop Art A 20th Century Art Movement popular in 1950-1970's. This was an eclectic uncohesive group that used many different artistic styles and techniques what tied them together was their use of popular culture, celebrities, and brand name products to appeal to mass markets. They began to break down the beliefs that art had to hang in museums or was only accessible to the very wealthy.

Andy Warhol was perhaps the most famous Pop Artist and his repeated altered images of Marilyn Monroe were the inspiration for this really fun project. The students took 4 identical images of themselves and with the use of neon markers altered each of those images to give each a new and different look.

COMMUNITY NEWS

WILDCAT BOYS HOOP CAMP: Boys entering the 3rd through the 11th grades who love basketball are invited to attend the Wildcat Hoop Camp. This year, due to popular demand, there will be two sessions of camp on the following dates;

June 27-30, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

July 11-14, 12:30 pm - 5:00 pm

A focus on the fundamentals of the game, as well as many core Wildcat principles, are prevalent at the Wildcat Hoop Camp. Current and former coaches and players run the camp, and kids are welcome to attend either or both weeks if they like. Discounts are given to anyone attending both camps or to families with multiple kids in camp, as well as to anybody who registers before June 1.

For more information, please see the attached flyer or email Coach Roche at christopherjroche@gmail.com.

ORDER SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR NEXT YEAR!

Enjoy your summer a little bit more by not having to shop for your child's school supplies.

Your pre-packaged kits for next year can now be purchased directly through [School Supplies Delivered](#), then picked up just before school starts up again in the fall.

And just like the last 2 years, School Supplies Delivered will donate free supply kits back to Stafford based on the number of kits sold!

Order your kit before the last day of school at SchoolSuppliesDelivered.com

WEST LINN—WILSONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

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

The **West Linn-Wilsonville Education Foundation** is pleased to share that thanks to the generous contributions from parents, community members and corporations, it raised **\$100,000** for the purpose of restoring teaching positions in the school district. The WLWV School District will use these funds to put teachers back in our classrooms across the district in the upcoming school year.

The WLWV Education Foundation wishes to express its sincere gratitude to all the donors, volunteers and contributors who have worked to make a positive impact on our schools in these challenging financial times.* The Foundation will continue its campaign next year to support our schools and sustain the success of our school district. For more information about how you can help in the effort, please visit the WLWV Education Foundation's website at www.wlwvfoundation.org.

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 Session II Date: August 22 – August 26

Location: Mary S. Young Park, West Linn 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

You are invited to attend...

A summer experience you will never forget...Come learn, play and have fun!

The West Linn-Wilsonville School District is offering a high quality summer school experience of discovery, learning, and fun for students entering First through Eighth grade in the fall.

“Looking closely”

Students will be guided to focused improvement of their skills as readers, writers, mathematicians, and thinkers. Summer school will include CREST field study experiences in local forests, ponds, wetlands, farms, and gardens led by CREST staff.



Date: July 5 – July 28, 2011

Week 1 Tuesday, July 5 – Thursday, July 7

Week 2 Monday, July 11 – Thursday, July 14

Week 3 Monday, July 18 – Thursday, July 21

Week 4 Monday, July 25 – Thursday, July 28



Time: 8:30 am – 11:30 am

Location: Boones Ferry Primary School

Tuition: \$300.00 (some scholarships available)



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

Registration is by mail only (*we cannot accommodate phone-in registrations*). Class sizes are limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis until full or until our May 27, 2011 registration deadline. Confirmations will be mailed once we place students in classes. If you don't get a confirmation in the mail prior to the week before the first day of summer school, please call Vickie Lee at (503) 673-7010 to verify your registration form and fee were received. If classes fill and we are unable to meet your request, we will call you and shred your registration form and fee.

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“Looking closely” 2011 Summer School Registration Form

STUDENT NAME _____
SCHOOL _____ GRADE IN FALL _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
HOME # _____ DAY OR CELL # _____
PARENT OR GUARDIAN _____
Email address (to email confirmation to you) _____

Yes, I give permission for my child to be photographed or video taped by staff for educational purposes. _____

My child has the following health concerns/special needs _____

My child will need medication (either self administered by child or by staff) _____

Please send registration form to:

Vickie Lee
West Linn-Wilsonville School District
22210 SW Stafford Road
Tualatin, OR 97062

Please make check payable to
West Linn-Wilsonville School District
*When paying by check you authorize the recovery of unpaid
checks and the recovery of the state allowed fee by means of
electronic re-presentation or by paper draft.*

JUNE 9, 2011

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Stafford PTSA

NEWSLETTER

Thank you from the PTSA!

As the school year winds down, the PTSA Executive Committee would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for the efforts that all of you have made to make the 2010/11 school year such a success. Whether by volunteering, making annual fund donations, or bringing your families to PTSA sponsored events, we appreciate the commitment that you have made to ensure our children's school community is so strong. THANK YOU cannot express our appreciation! Without your time and energy we wouldn't be successful.

Sincerely- Courtney, Joanne, Brittainy, Rachel and Susanne

Principal Meet & Greet

This summer the PTSA will schedule Meet & Greets so parents and students can meet Stafford's new principal for 2011/2012. Watch for the dates and times through listserv!

Did You Know West Linn is Turning 100 Years Old?

The Stafford PTSA has been asked to participate as the City of West Linn celebrates their centennial. If you are interested in participating in this commemoration please contact Joanne Masters at joanne.gmasters@comcast.net.

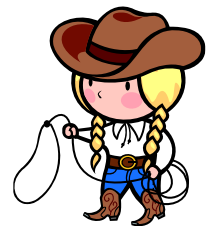
2011 Stampede Committee NEEDS YOU!

All the plans for the 2011 Stafford Stampede are in place and vendors are booked. Now we just need YOU! Will you please consider volunteering for one or two of the over 75 shifts? This year the Stampede is scheduled for Friday, September 9th from 5-8pm.

There is a place for everyone! Volunteers are needed for set-up, beverage station, inflatable obstacle course supervision, dining hall, hay ride supervision, and clean-up. The Stafford Stampede is a long standing tradition and is only successful with YOUR help.

Please review the available volunteer opportunities by clicking on the link below. **VolunteerSpot** is a free web based program that allows non-profit organizations to keep track of volunteer shifts for events. If you have any problems logging in or just want to contact me directly with your shift preference feel free to email me perfectwedding@hotmail.com or call at 503.201.2393. I really appreciate you giving your time to help make the Stampede run smoothly.

Sign-up TODAY to get the shift you want! Click the following link for Stampede volunteer opportunities: <http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/312345634184320077>



Thank you-

Back To School Packet Stuffing

Want to help put together the back-to-school packets on Friday, August 26 at 10:30am? It takes 1-2 hours, kids are welcome, and it's always a fun way to start the new school year! If you can help, please contact Erika Vincent at erikavincen@me.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FALL!



- 8/16 @ 7:00pm PTSA Mtg.
- 8/26 @10:30am Back to School Packet Stuffing
- 8/27 @ 9:00am -12:00pm Garden Clean-Up
- 9/9 @ 5:00pm Stafford Stampede
- 9/14 @ 8:00am PTSA Meet and Greet
- 9/14 @ 9:00am PTSA Mtg.
- 9/15 @ 8:00am or 1:00pm New Volunteer Orientation

SCRIP...

With the generosity of the parents at Stafford the end-of-year "Gift of SCRIP" was a success. We were able to give out gift cards totaling \$7,400 to the amazing teachers and staff at Stafford. Every teacher and staff member received a token of our appreciation for all they do throughout the year. We also raised \$503.70 to help support all the wonderful programs our children enjoy.

I cannot express the teachers' gratitude better than a quote from Mrs. Kagan, "Thank you so very, very much. I can't believe this!"

Through SCRIP and eSCRIP, this past school year, we netted \$5,322 to help support all the wonderful programs our children enjoy.

To keep supporting our wonderful programs throughout the summer - DON'T forget to have family and friends register their Safeway cards with escrip.

To Sign-up:

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

Questions??? Karen Wied at stafford.scrip@gmail.com

50/50 Night Great Success!

Thanks to Pizza Schmizza & Yo Top It and to all of our Stafford families who were able to make it. The Stafford 50/50 night on the hill was a great success. Together we raised \$400 for Laura Barbour's Kids' Fund. Thanks to everyone for your generosity and support!

A big thank you to Susanne Nelson for organizing the 50/50 Night!

Community Service Corner:

A huge thank you for all of the support for community service this year. You did an awesome job! This is a community that cares!

Briana Currey bkcurrey2002@yahoo.com

Grade Level Social Hosts Needed for the 2011-12 School Year

PTSA will once again be planning parent grade level socials for this coming fall and winter. These socials are an excellent opportunity to meet other parents who have students in the same grade. We are looking for families to open their homes as hosts for each particular grade level. If you are interested contact Brittainy Tiffany at brittainyt@yahoo.com.

Van Gogh, Salvador Dali, Picasso, Michelangelo, Need your Help!



PTSA is Looking for a new Art Literacy Chair

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 Mitzi Brumbaugh at jonbfootin@comcast.net.

HOW GREEN IS YOUR THUMB?



Garden Upkeep Chair Needed! Contact Lisa Griffiths lgriffy@comcast.net to inquire.

Lisa will continue in a mentor position, but is looking for someone to take over the primary duties.

PLEASE NOTE: 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 10, 2011. Rachel can be contacted at

perfectwedding@hotmail.com

CAN YOU HELP WITH SUMMER WATERING?

New trees and shrubs need extra water this summer in order to get well established. Please contact Lisa Griffiths at lgriffy@comcast.net if you can help. Even an hour or two would be greatly appreciated!

Want More Information Regarding PTSA?

Try the **Stafford Primary Website** and click on PTSA: www.stafford.wlww.k12.or.us

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