

Stafford Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

It has been a busy time around school these past few weeks! Walking down the halls during the day, you can feel a certain buzz of energy and exploration going on within the classrooms. One need only to look at the colorful walls filled with art, book posters, patterns and penguins to get a mere glimpse into the activity and learning the children have been engaged in.

This year 4th and 5th graders embarked on a new challenge. Students were offered the chance to be a part of the Oregon Battle of the Books. Teams of four were formed and were responsible for reading 16 books. Over January and February, the teams competed against each other answering questions from each book that range from the specific to the general. It was incredible how much detail the children need to have in order to field the questions asked. Each team participated in at least two "battles" in a double-elimination competition. *The Mean Green Reading Machine* consisting of Anna Donnelly, Kalia Pincock, Kayla Tence and Madison Wilde, were our school champions. The team participated in a regional competition last weekend and won. These four girls will now go on to the state competition in April. This is an incredible accomplishment! Each team that participated did an incredible job and showed an amazing depth of understanding of the books they read. I am so proud of all the teams and their dedication to reading! I know you join with me in wishing these four girls the best of luck at the state competition and in sending all the teams our words of praise for their incredible efforts. I would also like to thank Patrick Minor and Shelly Buchanan for all the work and stewardship in bringing this wonderful experience to Stafford Primary.

I also want to send my thanks and appreciation to all for participating in our Learning Open Houses. I loved walking into rooms and seeing parents, teachers and children engaged in conversations about learning. Thank you all for your time and efforts!

Again, a huge thank you to the wonderful PTSA and all who contributed to the lunch that was provided on the day of open house. The soups and salads were delicious. Once again the generosity and care of the community for staff is overwhelming and words do not adequately convey our appreciation.

On a different note, each year we create a yearbook as a memento to celebrate a year of friends and learning. A huge thank you to Erica Yraguen for her stewardship of this process. Yearbooks can be ordered online at www.myyear.com. The cost is \$20. This book continues to be a reminder of the year and a beautiful keepsake.

Finally, if you know families with children of Kindergarten age, please encourage them to register for next year. Thank you for your help with this.

Take care,
Patrick

SUNDAY IS DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME, SPRING AHEAD ONE HOUR!



Messages From The Office



MINOR MOMENTS

Our Stafford Science Fair was a great success! Over 80 students participated this year- our highest total ever! Visitors and participants enjoyed exploring the various projects and seeing the results of the investigations. Everyone who came was impressed by the creativity and dedication of our students. Thank you to all the parents who supported their children through this process and to the scientists themselves- who created and displayed their beautiful work! As with everything we do at Stafford, we are always looking for ways to improve upon our work. If you have any thoughts or suggestions that would help to improve our Science Fair, please do not hesitate to let me know. Your feedback would be very much appreciated.

SCHOOL IN SESSION ON APRIL 18th!

April 18th was previously a furlough day but has been changed to a school day because of the February snow day. Please make a note of this! Thank you.

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.

Annual "Dollars for the Arts" Campaign

Our annual "Dollars for the Arts" campaign began 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.

To encourage participation, Stafford MAP is hosting a contest for the highest percentage of participation in the classrooms. The class with the most participation will be awarded with a special ice cream sundae making celebration! Please send the envelope with your child to his/her teacher. Thank You. Alli Kirkham

BUS RT # 13 & 24 HAVE BEEN UPDATED:

Please check the district website for changes that may effect your student at www.wlww.k12.or.us

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!

Counseling Corner

It is State Testing time once again!

We all know that taking tests can be a stressful experience for children. Our students receive advice and support from their teachers and are given opportunities to practice for the tests. As a parent, you may want to know what you can do to support your child during this time.

Here are some ideas for helping your child before the test:

- Set realistic expectations
- Have children well-rested
- Encourage a positive attitude
- Serve healthy meals as the brain needs fuel
- Help your child to relax (remind your child to take deep breaths)
- Give plenty of hugs

You can reinforce test taking strategies for your child:

- Read all directions carefully
- Underline key words in directions
- If the directions are confusing, ask!
- Complete the easy questions first
- Eliminate wrong answers on multiple choice questions
- Manage time well
- Check answers at the end of time permits
- Remember it is okay to take a break
- Think positively
- Take deep breaths

If your child feels relaxed and prepared for the test he/she will perform up to his/her full potential.

BOX TOPS NEEDS CHAIRPERSON

Reminder to all parents: We are still collecting Box Tops this school year. Submit your labels before June so Stafford will get credit. Thanks to everyone who participates!

We are looking for a new Box Tops Committee Chairperson to replace Laura Snyder who will be stepping down in June. If you are interested or have questions, please email Laura at snyder219@yahoo.com or call her at 503-692-3091.

WEST LINN—WILSONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR

WILSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE'S DISTRICT-WIDE SUMMER MUSICAL

“WILLY WONKA”

The Wilsonville High School Theatre Department is now accepting registrations for a full-scale summer production of *Willy Wonka*, a musical based on the 1971 film “Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory,” based on the book “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory,” by Roald Dahl. The musical contains songs from the 1971 film including “Pure Imagination,” “The Candyman,” and the original “Oompa-Loompa” songs.

Willy Wonka will be produced by the Wilsonville High School Theatre Department, directed by Jason Katz, Program Director, and will be musically directed by Sue Schreiner, Choir Teacher. The pair produced *Les Misérables – School Edition* at Wilsonville High School last fall, a show over sixty students participated in from across the district. A college-aged graduate of WHS will serve as Assistant & Children’s Director, coaching younger and less-experienced actors in theatre games and other activities to help prepare them for participation in a full-fledged musical theatre production.

Willy Wonka takes place in a mythical place where a young boy, Charlie Bucket, lives with his parents and four grandparents in a ramshackle house on the outskirts of town. Charlie dreams of one day working at Willy Wonka’s fabulous chocolate factory like his Grandpa Joe had done in the old days, but this is impossible because Wonka has fired all of his workers (because of spies) and no one ever has ever seen or heard from Wonka again. Much to Charlie and everyone else’s surprise, however, there is an announcement that the factory will reopen to just five children – each a winner of one of the five “Golden Tickets” – hidden in candy bars spread all over the world. Charlie’s dream comes true when he wins one of the tickets, along with four greedy, nasty children – but this is just the beginning of his journey!

Like other “summer” shows Wilsonville High School Theatre has produced in the past – *Aida* in 2007 and *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* in 2008 -- a one-time fee is charged per student at the time of registration. This time the registration fee includes a t-shirt, makeup kit, DVD, and four family tickets. Each registered student is guaranteed a part in the play.

Auditions/rehearsals begin June 20th and go from 9 am – 1 pm through the end of July. Evening rehearsals begin July 28th and the show opens on August 3rd and run for eight performances – until August 13th. There is no rehearsal on July 4th.

The cost to register is \$399 per student. A sliding scale is available for siblings (1st Student \$399, 2nd student \$299, 3rd \$199). To register, visit the Wilsonville High School Theatre website, www.wildcatdrama.com, download and complete a registration form, and drop it off or send it to Wilsonville High School. Checks should be made out to Wilsonville High School Theatre and mailed to the school with payment by May 15th. Spaces cannot be held. Age groups will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis — registrations are limited by age group according to casting needs. All roles will be assigned by audition.

Send questions via email to Theatre Program Director Jason Katz at katzj@wlwv.k12.or.us.

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/>

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

Calling all Chess Players!

On Saturday, April 9, 2011, we will be holding our annual Primary School District Chess Tournament at Athey Creek Middle School in West Linn. If you are in grades K-5, have learned the game of chess or are currently learning, we invite you to join us for a challenging day of strategy and fun!

The tournament will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will last until approximately 2:00 p.m. Pre-registration is encouraged. Please contact Julie Lane at 503-673-7024 or lanej@wlww.k12.or.us for a registration form via email. There is a \$20.00 registration fee for pre-registration (The walk-in registration fee on the day of the event will be \$30.00.)

COMMUNITY NEWS

LINK TO THE COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD!

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

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO ON MARCH 18?

The Oregon Symphony has a terrific Young People's Concert "Musical Seasonings" geared for grades 3-8 on March 18th at 9:30 and 11 am at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. Parents take this opportunity to take in a great 50 minute Symphony concert downtown with your child/ren! The cost is only \$3 per student, **free for students** on FFR Lunch program and **free for adults!** If you order tickets, you will also get a free companion CD. This is a great deal and great opportunity for a fun cultural trip downtown. This is the link about the concert and reservations

<http://www.orsymphony.org/edu/youthconcerts.aspx>

MARCH 10, 2011

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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
Live and Silent Auctions--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

Donate to the Spring Social!

We are looking for donations in the forms of vacation homes, wine, and party board hosts. Please contact Brittainy Tiffany at brittainyt@yahoo.com for more details or if you plan to contribute.

SCRIP for Stafford

eScrip update – We had 15 additional families register for eScrip in January. As a result our net contribution from eScrip for January alone was \$340.72. Thank you! Since September of this year we have earned \$1,057.22. Help us earn even more with eScrip by simply registering 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.

Our next SCRIP order is March 14th. Look for new vendors on the SCRIP Order form including: Famous Dave's Bar B Que and McCormick & Schmick's. So far this year we have almost raised \$2,000. Let's make it \$3,000! *Karen Weid* at weidfamily@gmail.com

Stafford Primary Adult Spring Social
Presented by your PTSA

Casino Night
Green for Green!

*All Proceeds Benefit the Building of a New Learning Garden
and Listening Center at Stafford Primary School*



Date: Saturday, April 9th

Time: 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm

*Place: Oregon Golf Club
West Linn, Oregon*

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Name _____

Email _____

Number of Tickets _____ @\$25.00 \$ _____

Voluntary Donation for staff to attend \$ _____

Checks payable to

Stafford PTSA (return to front office) TOTAL \$ _____

RETURN TICKET FORM BY Thursday March 17th and be entered to win a \$50 Visa Card

Raffle tickets and additional "Funny Money" available for sale night the night of, Cash, Credit or Check accepted.

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Adults only Please

Contact Briana Currey at bkcurrey2002@yahoo.com for more information regarding tickets.

Coming Soon....Stafford Striders

Spring is almost here, and so is Striders! Please consider volunteering for this annual running club at Stafford. We are looking for volunteers to help with registration, facilitation, and sponsorship. No experience or knowledge necessary, we'll guide you through it! Contact Lola Skates at laskates5@earthlink.net for Striders volunteer opportunities.



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

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, by email, or attached as the final page of this newsletter issue. To request a form or if you have any questions about the budget process please contact Rachel Stevenson at perfectwedding@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 / erikavincent@me.com

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

March

March 10	Scrip Delivery
March 11	Pancake Breakfast 7:00 a.m.
March 12	SUNDAY IS DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME, SPRING AHEAD ONE HOUR!
March 17	Spirit Day
March 18	No School/Furlough Day

APRIL

April 1	PTSA 2011/2012 Budget Requests Due
April 6	PTSA Meeting, 9:00a.m.
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	School Day!! Snow Make up Day!
April 18-22	Volunteer Appreciation Week

STAFFORD PTSA BUDGET REQUEST FORM
2011-2012

The Stafford PTSA Budget Committee will soon meet to develop the budget for fiscal year 2011-2012. The first step in this process is to solicit ideas and requests from teachers, staff, committees and parents. Once all requests are submitted, the Committee will meet to determine which projects are economically feasible. Costs must be as accurate as possible in order to be included in the proposed budget. The Budget Committee will then publish a "Proposed Budget" upon which the PTSA membership will vote.

The timeline to be used for the process is as follows:

- April 1, 2011: All budget requests due
- May 4, 2011: General meeting preliminary vote on proposed budget
- September 2011: General meeting final vote to approve budget, no later than September 15

Please complete this form and deliver to Judy Woodruff in the office at your earliest convenience, but NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2011. Contact Rachel Stevenson if you have any questions at 503.638.9319 or perfectwedding@hotmail.com.

Proposed project title: _____

Ongoing or one time project: _____

Description of project: _____

Who will benefit: _____

Estimate of project cost: _____

Requestor Name: _____

Requestor Email/Phone Number: _____



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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.