

Stafford Primary School Newsletter

WEST LINN-WILSONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Dear Families,

It is hard to imagine that we are fast approaching the middle of May already! Life is busy around the school these days. I hope that the updates you have been receiving from me and the district have been helpful. As I have said before, I am extremely hopeful about the coming year. While there have been some reductions here, we have also been able to add a section of 1st grade and 2nd grade. With these changes, I continue to work on the overall staffing picture for the coming year.

One area of reduction as I have mentioned before is in PE/Wellness. Students will continue to have two sessions per week. However, the structure of those two times will be changing. One session each week will be with Deb Lassell with just one class at a time. The second session will combine two classes for their PE/Wellness time. The PTSA has generously allocated money for us to hire another adult to be in the gym with Ms. Lassell during these double sessions.

Yesterday we hosted our annual Kindergarten round-up. I absolutely love round up and seeing the eager faces of our newest members of the school community joining us for the first time. Each year I am reminded of Helen's first day of Kindergarten and the picture we have of her on the back steps of our house – lunch box gripped in front, backpack filled with necessary items on her back and a smile of excitement tinged with a hint of nervousness on her face. Round-up marks the beginning of an incredible journey of learning, self-discovery and exploration for these eager five year-olds that culminates in the 5th grade recognition celebration on the morning of the last day of school. Helen is now a 6th grader and I am overwhelmed by her journey, her growth and the speed at which it has all flown by. I treasure the moments of the recognition when the 5th graders are seated in the MPR with the same looks on their faces of excitement and nervousness that Kindergarteners have when they first start. The 5th graders are ready to take on the next stage of their journey and that moment of good-bye to what was known and the hello of what is possible is remarkable.

I am struck these days by the power of what children can do. Whether it is second graders reading to feed and build for communities half way around the world or 5th graders making cranes to support Japan, children can and do make a difference. It is our on going mission to create the learning environments to foster this incredible part of children. There are wonderful and engaging things that happen every day and in every classroom – we are constantly taking another step in our collective exploration of learning and growing. Parents are a critical part of this journey. On behalf of the entire staff, our heartfelt thanks for all you do for us daily! The generosity of parents last week during staff appreciation week, along with the daily tokens of care, well....words do not accurately express our appreciation. All we can say is, thank you! The journey that in-coming Kindergartners embark on and 5th graders complete after six years would not be possible without your support, generosity and value for all you do.

As we all know there are challenges ahead from budget to the hecticness of the end of the year, but it will be the power of our collective belief in children and this school that will see us through. It is during these busy days of spring leading to summer that I find it important to remember the power and value of the journey our children on each and every day. When I take these moments out of the fast pace of school life, a smile always finds its way across my face. I hope you are able to find these moments as well. Thank you for being such wonderful partners in the journey.

Take care,
Patrick



Messages From The Office



MINOR MOMENTS

The volunteer support we enjoy at Stafford is one of the strengths of our school and community. We are so fortunate to have so many volunteers who come to our school each day. This spring, we will need your help more than ever as our garden work day and Field day fast approach.

On Saturday, May 21st, we will be holding a work day for our teaching and learning garden. Amongst other activities, we will be creating a compost bed, building a potting table and moving the current compost pile. We will need volunteers with carpentry experience and those who have tools they can use to help build these items. Even if you do not have carpentry experience, we would love to have you come and help us as we continue to build this new space for our school. If you are able to come and help, please contact me at minorp@wlwv.k12.or.us

June 8th is our Stafford field day. This is a wonderful end of the year tradition at Stafford where students from all different grades are able to participate in fun, non-competitive activities together. We are looking for several parents to manage activity stations. This year we will have 39 activity groups in all. A clear description of the game will be provided and equipment will be ready before you arrive. The time commitment is from 8:00-11:30 a.m.

If you are interested please reply to Judy Woodruff, woodrufj@wlwv.k12.or.us and we'll be in communication within the next couple of weeks. We all look forward to a fun filled day in the sun!

Thank you for your continued support of Stafford!

SNACKS are Needed by June 6:

For many years the parents have helped provide snacks for students on field day. If you can help us out with a box of crackers for napkins, it would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Families with the Last Name A—O: Bring crackers, (Gold Fish, Ritz, Wheat thins, Granola bars, etc.)

Families with the Last Name P—Z: Bring a small package of napkins

YEARBOOK COORDINATOR NEEDED!

Over the past couple of years Erica Yraguen has done a beautiful job of putting together our school yearbook. We are so appreciative of her care, time and thoughtful efforts in creating a keepsake of memories for all of us to enjoy. Erica's 5th grader is moving on and thus we are in need of someone who would be willing to take on this project. If you are interested, please get in touch with Patrick Meigs. He would be happy to talk about this valuable work.

STAFFORD MARKETPLACE COMING SOON!

Mark your calendars for the 3rd annual Stafford Marketplace on Wednesday, May 25th 9:00-1:30 in the gym. You won't want to miss this fun event! There will be more than one hundred different craft items for sale all created by our very own 4th graders. We will have Jamba Juice, pre ordered pizza, music and more. All proceeds will go towards building new classrooms at our buddy school, Pakati Primary, in Tanzania Africa. Come one, come all to support a great cause and take home some beautiful handmade products!

STAFFORD COMMUNITY RAISES FUNDS FOR JAPAN

Once again, we have been so impressed with the generosity of the Stafford community. In just a few short weeks, our fundraiser to support the people of Japan has been a huge success. With matching donations, we have raised over \$3,500! Your gifts will go to Mercy Corp, who is working to care for those who were affected by the tsunami and earthquake. For every donation received, Ms. Bondi's class has made a paper crane. These cranes will be hung in our new library and we hope to send 1,000 of them to our friends in Japan as well.

Thank you again for your kindness and generosity! Patrick Minor, Instructional Coordinator

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.

LIBRARY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR BIG MOVE! BOOKS TO BE RETURNED BY MAY 25!!



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, Teacher/Librarian

LOST AND FOUND IS OVERFLOWING! Please reclaim your lost items. Thank You!

REGISTRATION/VERIFICATION FORM NEEDS TO BE RETURNED ASAP!

It is very **IMPORTANT** that these forms be turned in as it insures your child's enrollment at for the 2011-2012 school year. This information is needed as we consider our staffing needs and class sizes. We still have some families who have not returned them. If you need another copy to verify your information, please call Kathy at 503 673-7150 and she will send a new form home with you student.

REMINDER:
We are unable to
accept
Canadian
or any other
coin, currency
or tokens
from other
countries or
establishments.

May 12	Senior Choir Spring Concert 7:00 p.m. MPR
May 9-13	Bus Driver Appreciation Week
May 16	Scrip Order due/ 5/20 Scrip delivery
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
June 3	No School/Teacher Work Day
June 8	Field Day, morning event
June 10	5th Grade Recognition, A.M. MPR
	Last Day, 10:40 dismissal
	Enjoy your Summer Break!!

MAY

JUNE



Welcome to Rosemont Ridge Middle School!

Please join us for an evening of 'Life at Rosemont' for your upcoming 6th grade student. We extend this invitation to all parents of current 5th grade students that plan to attend our Rosemont Ridge Community in the fall. This evening is for parents, the students will be visiting with their classmates on the date designated below.

20001 Salamo Rd
West Linn, OR

97068

503 673-7550

WHO: Parents of incoming 6th grade students

WHEN: Tuesday, May 24, at 7:00PM

WHERE: Rosemont Ridge Commons

WHAT: Debi Briggs-Crispin, Principal, Kurt Schultz, Asst. Principal and Leah Martin, Instructional Coordinator, will present a brief look at Rosemont Ridge Middle School. They will also introduce our PTO President.

Discussion topics:

- School Community
- Academic Programs
- Schedule
- Related Arts Programs
- Extra-curricular offerings
- PTO involvement

Review of important dates for incoming 6th graders.

Asst. Principal, Counselor and Instr. Coordinator visits to primary school.

May 2 Cedaroak Park 8:30 am/Bolton 10:30 am

May 3 Willamette 9:15 am/Sunset 10:00 am

May 5 Stafford 9:15 am

School visits to Rosemont

May 17 Cedaroak Park and Bolton

May 19 Willamette, Sunset and Stafford

First day for 6th graders, Tuesday, September 6, 2011

Athletic Clearance Day – Wednesday, August 24, 2011 3-6 pm

Physical and Athletic Emergency forms are available on our website under "Athletics". These completed forms and the athletic/activity fee are required for participation in any sports.) **Students participating in any sport for the school year will need to be cleared on the August 24 'Athletic Clearance Day' in order to participate.**

There will also be an opportunity for questions to be asked.

We look forward to this evening and the opportunity to introduce you to Rosemont Ridge. See you then!

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.

CELEBRATE WITH US

Date: JUNE 2ND, 2011

MARILYN ELLWOODS RETIREMENT

AFTER 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE
WEST LINN -WILSONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
MARILYN ELLWOOD, RN IS RETIRING.

IN HER HONOR WE WILL BE HOSTING AN OPEN HOUSE.

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE MARILYN AND SEND HER OFF ON HER
NEW ADVENTURES.

Location Sunset Primary School
2351 Oxford Street
West Linn, Or 97068

Time: 3:00pm-6:00pm

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

TOMATO PLANT SALE AT CREST: Come to CREST Friday, May 13 between 1:00 PM and 6:00 PM to get your tomato starts!

Heirloom, cherry and slicing varieties will be available for \$3 per plant. All proceeds go to support the CREST garden and farm projects. The plants are grown in the CREST greenhouse. CREST staff and volunteers can give you advice about which varieties would be just right for you. We will also have some plants available May 18th at the district Sustainability Showcase.

ORDER SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR NEXT YEAR!

Pre-packaged School Supply Kits are available to order for next year. Enjoy your summer a little bit more by not worrying about having to buy your child's school supplies. Order online now, then pick up your kit just before school starts up again in the fall.

School Supplies Delivered will donate free supply kits back to Stafford based on the number of kits sold! **Deadline to order is last day of school.** SchoolSuppliesDelivered.com

HOST FAMILY NEEDED

An exciting short-term exchange program is slated for the area this summer. Compass-USA has successfully hosted 3,500 students from China, Spain and France every summer across the U.S. for 12 years. The Chinese Homestay program is looking for caring families to host students or escorts during their visit to Portland, OR July 25-August 8, 2011. The Chinese visitors will be in English class in the mornings and participating in excursions with Compass staff in the afternoons. Evenings and weekends they would be with the Host Family following the Host Family's scheduled activities, learning about American family life and culture and improving their English communication skills. This is a volunteer exchange program and the Host Family is responsible for providing a sack lunch each day and a place for the student or escort to sleep. Families interested in this opportunity should contact Jill Aldrich, Compass Program Coordinator, at 503-620-6899 (Hm), 503-750-2132 (cell) or at jill.aldrich@gmail.com to secure a place. An application will be emailed to the Host Family, followed by a home visit. A 45 minute Host Family Orientation will be held in mid-July at the Academic Center (I-5/Haines Street exit).

WEST LINN—WILSONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

SCHOOL DISTRICT'S 4TH ANNUAL SUSTAINABILITY SHOWCASE MAY 18

It's the West Linn-Wilsonville School District's 4th annual Sustainability Showcase, happening at Wilsonville High School on Wednesday, May 18th from 5:00-8:30 p.m. The Showcase is free and open to the public and features exciting student research, projects done by teachers, live music, art exhibits, local produce tasting, a build-your-own-burrito bar stocked with locally-sourced ingredients, and information and resources for sustainable living from a wide range of community business partners. A highlight of the evening is the "Trashion Show" featuring the latest student-designed fashions made from recycled materials. A number of displays will be focused on this year's Sustainability Showcase theme, "Food for the World".

This is a great community event, so please come join in the fun!

SCHOOL BOND INFORMATION WEBSITE

Take a moment to visit the West Linn-Wilsonville Capital [Bond information website](#) to stay informed on projects that have been done or are in progress across the district. Scroll to the bottom of the page and subscribe to receive the Department of Operations Email newsletter so that you can get up to date information on what is being done on the two new primary school projects - Trillium Creek Primary School in West Linn and Lowrie Primary School in Wilsonville. Once you sign up, you will receive updates automatically for both of these projects. Thank you for your support of the West Linn-Wilsonville Schools! Let me know if you have any questions or comments - [Cindy Hepting](#).

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

Many parents and community members have already heeded the call to **Support Our Schools** by donating to the **West Linn-Wilsonville Education Foundation** to raise funds for the 2011-12 school year and offset the school budget shortfalls. Every donation brings us closer to the Foundation's goal of raising \$300,000 by June 30th to restore teaching positions in the school district for the 2011-2012 school year.

Starting this week, the Foundation will call on all parents to support this mission -- literally. Please take our call and **Support Our Schools, Save Our Staff and Sustain Our Success** with your tax-deductible donation. You will not be called if we have already received your donation, so thank you to all those who have donated.* Your donation will make a difference across the district.

To save us the call, make your donation now at the WLWV Education Foundation's website at www.wlwfoundation.org. Thank you for being part of the **Solution!**

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

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NEWSLETTER

Stafford Family Sock Hop

May 20th

5:30-8pm

Mark your calendars for the end of the year party not to be missed! The Stafford Sock Hop is a family dinner and dance. Tickets are \$4 person which includes a West Linn Lions' hamburger, a popsicle, and chips. Additional hamburgers, drinks, and MAPS goodies will be available for purchase the night of. As a special treat, a beautifully restored '56 Chevy Bel Air will be on display!

Volunteers are still need for 30 minutes of take-down, ticket sales from 6:30-7:30, and individuals to assist with showing the '56

Chevy, Please contact Erika Vincent, Sock Hop Chair at

erikavincen@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 Mitzi Brumbaugh at jonbfootin@comcast.net.

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

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.

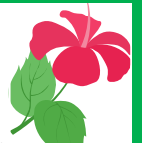
If you are a room parent and would like to present the gift cards at your year-end classroom party please let Karen Wied know as soon as possible. You can contact Karen at Stafford.scrip@gmail.com or by phone 503.781.1700.

So far this year we have raised over \$2,800 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!

Gardening News

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

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



Staff Appreciation Week

Thank You to all of the wonderful parents who donated food, drinks, supplies, raffle prizes, flowers, and their time cleaning up!

A Special Thank You to Rachel Stevenson and Susanne Nelson, who went the extra mile to help out, Kathy Cooley who ran down donated items to the staff lounge many times each day, and to the Custodians Zach and Victor for helping with tables, extension cords, and taking care of all the extra trash each day!

An EXTRA Special Thank You to Clarissa Aoyama for helping me during this entire event!

We could not have done this spectacular event without all of your generosity and support!

Reminder: If you have not picked up your dishes, please stop by the Staff Lounge soon!

- *Emily Schmitt* - Staff Appreciation Week Event Chair

Muchas Gracias!

On behalf of PTSA, we would like to give a heartfelt thank you to Emily Schmitt, Staff Appreciation Week Chair, and Clarissa Aoyama, assistant to Emily! These ladies' enthusiasm and organization created a wonderful week long celebration of the Stafford Staff and their dedication to our students. The staff was well taken care of and loved being showered with treats and gifts!

Stafford PTSA Board 2011/2012

The Annual PTSA General Election and Budget Vote were held on May 4, 2011.

The Executive Committee for the 2011/12 School Year

Co-Presidents: Joanne Masters + Courtney Kennedy

Vice-President: Brittainy Tiffany

Treasure: Rachel Stevenson

Secretary: Dardee Layne

Committee Chairs for the 2011/2012 School Year

Adult Spring Social: Brittainy Tiffany

Apparel: Clarissa Aoyama

Art Literacy: Mitzi Brumbaugh

Cartridge/Cell Phone Recycling: Margo Klose

Community Service: Briana Currey

Directory: Scott Rumsey

Grade-Level Socials: Brittainy Tiffany

Membership/Annual Fund: KC Bildner

Newsletter: Amanda Curdy

Pancake Breakfast: Kris Olson

Publicity/ Historian: Heather Anderson

Scrip: Karen Wied

Sock Hop: Amanda Curdy

Stampede: Rachel Stevenson

Volunteer Coordinator: Erika Vincent

Website: Tracy Gilday

Want to get involved next year? We're looking for volunteers to chair the following: Art Literacy, Bingo, and Garden Up-keep. Contact either Joanne Masters joanne.gmasters@comcast.net or Courtney Kennedy courtney@pickaback.com

The proposed core and special projects budgets were both approved as well. For specific questions on the 2011/12 PTSA Budget please contact Rachel Stevenson at perfectwedding@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

**Wear your poodle skirts
and leather jackets!**



**New this year! A special photo area by a '56 Chevy Bel Air!
Courtesy of Rose City Street Rods car club**

For more information or to volunteer contact Erika Vincent at erikavinc@me.com or 503.705.8587

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



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