

Stafford Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

With the brief breaks for sun that we have seen recently, it give us all hope that summer is actually coming. The ongoing rain makes one wonder if the summer suns will truly ever show themselves.

It is equally hard to imagine that the end of school is soon upon us. This year our overall theme has been centered on completing the statement, "Stafford is a place where..." As I think back over the year, the multitudes of ways this statement has come to life is staggering, but not unexpected for such a great school community. Stafford truly is a place where students delve into their curiosities, explore interesting thoughts and ideas, grow deep and lasting friendships and experience the power their voice and actions can have on our community and the world at large.

Examples of this work include :

Kindergarteners exploring the ocean, 1st graders learning all about habitats and sharing their learning with friends and family, 2nd graders giving back to the world through their read-to-feed/build project, 3rd graders exploring the city of Portland, 4th graders making their own creations to sell at their marketplace, and 5th graders showing their leadership school-wide. While these are just a few examples, they are reminders to us all of the power and importance of engaging children in ideas and explorations that help them understand how much they can do for themselves and others through the formation of Stafford Student Council.

As always, I am honored and humbled by all the Stafford community does for students and staff. Stafford truly is a place where the community makes a tremendous difference to the entire school. There are so many examples of this over the course of the year. I want to express my deep gratitude and thanks to all of you for your work, care and support of staff and students and helping to demonstrate each day the importance of community service.

The PTSA is an example of parents giving back and helping Stafford to be a place where exceptional things happen everyday. The executive board in particular has done extraordinary work on the behalf of children this year. Thank you to Courtney Kennedy, Joanne Masters Susanne Nelson, Brittany Tiffany, and Rachel Stevenson for their stewardship and unrelenting care for Stafford. Their many hours of work, thought and care are hugely appreciated! There are too many parents to name who have also headed up events and organized or volunteered at many school activities, but please know that your efforts are richly valued and appreciated.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to those on Site Council. Their work truly helps to make Stafford a place that is reflective about its practice. They have put in a lot of time and energy towards helping our school with their thoughtful ideas and commitment to student learning. To Shelly Bancroft, Garth Barbee, John Schecter, Marie Bjerde, Kirk Ihlenberg, Sandeep Koranne, Patrick Minor, and Ann VanNiekerk – an enormous thank you to all you have contributed. I would like to extend a special thank you to Devan Kehoe, who will be going off site council this year, for all his years of service. Devon was a tremendous asset to the work of site council and to the school as a whole. He consistently brought forth questions that helped me and the entire group think more deeply about instruction, curriculum and our community as a whole. His voice will truly be missed.

Take care,
Patrick



Messages From The Office



MINOR MOMENTS

Our teaching and learning garden is in full swing! Last Monday, classes from around the school planted lettuce, beans, tomatoes, beets, zucchini, carrots, radishes and strawberries as well as an assortment of other fruits, herbs and vegetables. Our work day was a success as we were able to build two potting tables and a new compost system for use in the fall. As the plants grow and get ready to be harvested, we will need your support to make sure that our garden stays well cared for over the course of the summer. If you are able to help care for our garden, please let me know. Families that are able to help will be provided with supplies and can take home what they are able to harvest. Next time you are at Stafford, come and take a look at our garden and see how much it has grown in just a few weeks!

YEAR BOOK IS HERE FOR VIEWING!

The Yearbook is here for viewing! Download an order form from the school website or pick up one in the office, turn in to Judy Woodruff with cash or check for **\$20.00**. **Yearbooks purchased after May 31 will cost \$25.00. They will be distributed to the classroom on June 8th.** Any questions please call Erica Yraguen at 503 344-4725.

MARKET PLACE A HUGE SUCCESS!

Our Third Annual Stafford Market Place was filled with fun products that children either made or garage sale items brought from home. The market place was filled with joyous noise of transactions and bartering. The Jamba Juice and pizza purchases were also a big hit during lunch time. Thanks to all who donated items and gave suggestions to their student to make this day such a success! Our donation to Africa Bridge is \$3863.00! What an experience for our students to see how their efforts can affect lives across the globe. Well done Stafford students!

SECOND GRADE READS TO RAISE MONEY FOR TANZANIA SCHOOL

The Africa Bridge: Read to Feed/Read to Build Reading Challenge Program inspires children to get involved in a real hands-on way to help solve global problems like hunger and poverty, as well as to help students attend school. The goal is to foster a love for reading, a passion to help others and a way to help create a better world. The children were asked to get sponsors for each book they read during a time frame set by his or her teacher. This year our goal was to raise money to help the students of Pakati Primary School in the village of Ntandabala, Tanzania. The second graders raised \$3590.00. Our readers have made a huge contribution and enjoyed the challenge to make a difference.

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.

FIELD DAY SUPPLIES NEEDED BY JUNE 6!



Parents have been donating snacks for Field Day for several years. This year we're asking families to send the following:

Last name beginning A-O: Please send a small box of snack crackers such as Ritz, Wheat Thins, Goldfish, etc. (10-16oz). **No nut/peanut products please**

Last name beginning P-Z: Please send a package of paper napkins.

Calling all Volunteers!

Volunteers needed for math booklet assembly!

We are putting together teams of 2 for counting pages and binding booklets. Approximately 20 people will be needed to work for around an hour each! Choose any-time to work! Ask a friend or we will pair you up according to availability....

Erika Vincent at erikavincen@me.com or 503-705-8587

LOST AND FOUND

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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!

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 Mealtime Instructions](#) for more information

May 27 **No School/Furlough Day**
May 30 **No School/Holiday**
May 31 Last SCRIP order of the year, due by 9:00am

MAY

June 1 Parent Meeting at Athey Creek for incoming 6th graders 7:00 p.m.

June 3 **No School/Teacher Work Day**

June 8 Field Day, morning event

June 9 Last day for All Kindergarten Students!!

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

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.

The West Linn High School Girls Basketball Team is pleased to host a one of a kind fundraising event.

* 1 Day Only Mattress Fundraiser - Save 30 - 60% Below Retail. Located @ West Linn HS Cafeteria - Sat. July 9th 10am - 5pm

*Print this off: Save \$50.00 w/ Purchase any Mattress SET. Thank you for Helping our Athletes - Coach Glen Lee

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).

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN FOR WEST LINN YOUTH CHEER! Registration will remain open thru June 15th. It's been an incredible first two years for West Linn Youth Cheer and we are looking forward to another great season! Our youth program is designed to help your athlete achieve confidence while learning the basics of cheer. The program is open to grades 3rd through 8th for the 2011 season. Back by popular demand, each team will be coached by a West Linn High School Cheerleader, and supervised by two team moms. Check out the Virtual Community Bulletin Board or go to www.westlinnyouthfootball.org and click on West Linn Cheer for [Cheer Registration](#) and [Cheer FAQs](#) and more details.

Music Camps at Park Place Music Academy arranges three music camps for string instruments in July. Locations at West Linn Unity Center (West Linn) and Park Place Music Academy (Oregon City). For more information call 503-880-4880/Elisa Boynton.

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 christopheriroche@gmail.com.

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So far, thanks to generous donations made by parents, community members and corporations, the West Linn-Wilsonville Education Foundation has been able to raise more than **\$75,000 for our schools.*** These funds will be given to the WLWV School District in June to restore teaching positions district wide for the upcoming school year.

If you have not yet made your donation or mailed in your pledge for the S.O.S. Campaign, we still need your help to reach our \$300,000 goal. Whether you give a little or a lot, your donation will make a difference in classrooms throughout the district in the coming school year. All donations are tax-deductible.

To make your donation, please visit the WLWV Education Foundation's website at www.wlwvfoundation.org or see the attached document for our mailing address (S.O.S. flyer). Be 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.wlwv.k12.or.us/DistrictDepts/CurrInstr/SummerSchool.asp>

Questions? Please contact Vickie Lee at (503) 673-7010, leev@wlwv.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.wlwv.k12.or.us/programs.html>

*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-resentation or by paper draft.*

MAY 26, 2011

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NEWSLETTER

Support our Great Programs...Buy Scrip and be entered to win a Nike Employee Store Pass

Did you know Nike contributes \$6 for every Nike Gift card purchased? Your participation in our last order automatically enters you in a drawing for a Nike Employee Store pass for one visit anytime during the month of June. **Our last order is May 31st by 9:00 AM.** You can find order forms online or in the front entrance of the school.

Please email questions to stafford.scrip@gmail.com

The SCRIP Committee would like to recognize the top three supporters of SCRIP for the 2011 School Year.

It is true - Shopping can be a form of fundraising!

Heather Anderson's participation in SCRIP contributed \$227.39 to help fund PTSA programs

Kay Lang's participation in SCRIP contributed \$191.40

Kimberly Landsem's participation in SCRIP contributed \$161.55

All three will receive a Nike Employee Store pass.

We would also like to recognize the following participants who have ordered 5 or more times throughout the school year: Rachel Stevenson, Joanne Masters, Clarissa Aoyama, Pat Brown, Tara Brown, Mary Jo Chapman, Heidi Garnett, Laura Greyerbiehl, Wendy Ingle, Candi Kadel, Dardee Layne, and Amy Yannotta.

Many thanks to those (too many to name) who have ordered anytime this past year.

The SCRIP program thus far has raised \$3,077 to help support all the wonderful programs PTSA provides.

Three cheers for our Bus Drivers and our Bus Driver Appreciation Chair, Shellie Allen!

During the week of May 9th—13th, the bus drivers were treated royally by Shellie and a team of volunteers who put together scrumptious treats for the drivers daily. Thank you to Shellie and the volunteers who helped us all to show the bus drivers just how much we appreciate them and the importance of their job.

On Your Mark, Get Set, Go!

Stafford Primary is wrapping up the month of May with another exciting season of Striders. Lola Skates and all of the parent volunteers do an amazing job of getting the students moving and becoming more aware of their own physical fitness. Many students look forward each year to Striders and especially enjoy finishing it off with the family fun run! We can't thank Lola and the parent volunteers enough for their time, care, and energy!

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

What fun we had at the Stafford Sock Hop this year!

The weather was great and we had lots of fun dancing to the tunes of **DJ Brandon** from **Mobile Music**. Everyone enjoyed great burgers from the **West Linn Lions Club** and popsicles donated by **Albertsons!**

One of the highlights of the evening was listening to the more than 25 beautiful voices of the Senior Choir directed by **Donna Kagan!** A Special thanks to Donna for staying even longer yet another day for a concert!

Thanks to all these people who volunteered their time on Friday.... **Amanda Curdy** (future sock-hop coord!), **Tracy Peterson**, **Wendy Willett**, **Dardee Layne**, **Holly Hunsucker**, **Lisa Griffiths**, **Jian Zhou**, **Denise Bergstrom**, **Michele Jaffe**, **Rachel Stevenson**, **Heidi Talbert**, and **June Xioa**. Also thanks to **Alli Kirkham** for selling MAPS goodies.

Much gratitude to **Patrick Meigs** and **Patrick Minor** for extending their day to be there as we danced the night away!

Also a big thanks to **Joy Dougherty** for her contact and help with the cool 56 Chev Bel Aire from **Rose City Street Rods!** The car was a fun addition this year!

It was a great time for all! ~ *Erika Vincent*



*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.

We're Gonna Rock Around the Clock Tonight...!

THE SOCK HOP WAS A MEMORABLE EVENT FOR THE YOUNG, YOUNG AT HEART, AND EVERYONE IN BETWEEN! THANK YOU ERIKA VINCENT FOR CREATING A NIGHT FOR ALL TO REMEMBER! YOUR SPIRIT AND CREATIVITY SHONE THROUGH THE SMILES OF EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED!

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

Want More Information Regarding PTSA?

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

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