

# Stafford Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

As I shared in my letter to you at the end of August, my family and I had a tremendous trip East this summer. It was filled with incredible sights and, more importantly, we had a wonderful time as a family. While summer seemed too short, it is so great to have all the children back at school. The halls are far too quiet without their laughter and smiling faces. The children remind us each and every day of how lucky we are to be a part of their lives and to witness their growth as learners and people.

"Stafford is a place where..." is a powerful notion; it is the myriad ways that this sentence can be finished which brought us all to this school. Revisiting this notion as the school year starts has been important to us. One of the hallmarks of our school is our relationships with children and the community. We started the year with a whole school art project to bring this foundational belief to life. We have created an art piece on the back wall that is quite simply amazing. Each child and staff member had their handprints stamped on the back wall of the undercover play area, in the form of a color wheel, going from yellow to green. Our next step is to weave children's ideas for finishing off the sentence "Stafford is a place where...". This will be a lovely visual image of how we are all connected across the school and a record of our collective beliefs in the power of school community. I thought this was a powerful way to start the year and will serve as a reminder of what is important about our work, about children and about this school as we travel through this year. Next time you are here, I hope you will take a moment and go see this mural.

On the construction front, I am not sure when the actual work will start. The county is still working on our permits. However, you will notice that as of Wednesday afternoon the construction trailer and fencing to create a construction staging area was placed on part of the playground. A small portion of the playground has been taken up by all of this, including the loss of our tire swings for the year, but they have worked to minimize the impact as much as possible. When the work does begin, a lot of it will be done during the swing shift hours which will minimize noise, etc. While some work will be done while children are here, I have been assured that the disruption will be mitigated as much as possible. While having construction will cause some inconveniences over the year, I am so excited for the new library. It will transform our school in many ways. I am working on a display that will have schematics and the plan.

There are budget issues which remain unresolved at this time, however, I will share as much as I know as often as I can. What I do know is that it will be important for our attention to be drawn to the wonderful possibilities of the year, to the incredible potential of each child and to our collective work of supporting each child in the school. Teachers are excited about their work with their students and with each other and are eager to watch the year unfold. I know that we are all committed to making this our best year ever and I look forward to our partnership on this journey.

Our next step along this journey is curriculum night, which will be next Thursday evening, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September. Curriculum night is about the learning your child will engage in this year and building the important relationship between home and school. I have said it many times, but it bears repeating, I am so proud of Stafford teachers and their care for children. They believe so strongly in the power of children and the importance of providing a challenging and engaging classroom environment. We hope you will join us as teachers share their vision for your child's year. The schedule for the evening is as follows:

6:00 – 6:40 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 5<sup>th</sup> grade

6:45 – 7:15 – Come to the gym to hear about the year from me and the PTSA

7:20 – 8:00 – Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

The Stampede was another huge success! A huge thanks to Rachel Stevenson for all her time and efforts and to her crew for all they did. The school was buzzing on Monday with kids talking about all the fun they had. The Stampede is a great way to start the year – thank you all for making it such a terrific event.

We have talked as a staff that our themes for the year are joy and wonder. I believe these are important aspects of our work to remember! Over the course of the year I will continue to share with you how these themes are embedded within the work of us all. As always, please do not hesitate to call with questions, concerns and/or just to chat. Thank you for your care and support for the entire community.

Take care,

Patrick



# Messages From The Office



## FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MAKES CHANGES TO SCHOOL REPORTS

Dear Parents, On the registration form you were asked to provide Ethnic/Race data or "Decline to Report". However, the Federal Government has changed the way that Ethnic and Race data is collected. There are new categories and a recognition that Race and Ethnic Background are actually two different things. We are required to collect updated information and now have developed a system via the online **PASS System** to do so. Log into the PASS System at <http://www.stafps.wv.k12.or.us/smstuff> and use your students ID and PIN, at the link called "Provide Ethnic/Race Info". Fill in the two parts. "Are you Hispanic or Latino?" AND "Select one or more of these 5 races (white, black, American Indian, Asian, or Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander)". A person who has traditionally identified themselves as Hispanic **MUST** select one or more of the Races as well, and click "Save Information".

To be in compliance, this report is due at the end of September. Please help by providing this information in the next few days.

## PICKING UP STUDENTS FROM SCHOOL

Please send a "Bus Note/Memo to School" for your children indicating a change in what they are doing after school. All children being picked up need to be met in the multi-purpose room at the end of the school day. A staff member will be on duty in the MPR to sign out your children.

Please, for the safety of our students, we ask that no students be removed from school before the proper sign-out procedures have been followed. Children are not allowed to meet parents at their vehicles.

## FALL ENRICHMENT SIGN UP NOW ON LINE!

Starting on September 29th, our Fall Enrichment Registration will begin. The brochure and registration process will be available via our school website. You will be able to find the link on our front page. There will be a few brochures in our office, as well as a computer available if you would like to sign your child up for classes while you are at the school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me! Patrick Minor

## ENRICHMENT INSTRUCTORS WANTED!

If you have a talent or an interest you would like to share with our students, please call Patrick Minor at 503 673-7154. Classes are 45 minutes in length. This is a six to eight week paid position!

## PICTURE DAY: WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 29th!

### STUDENT PHOTOS and VOLUNTEER BADGES

**Picture Day is Coming!** The order form will be sent home on Monday, September 27th. **Please return the order form with payment on Wednesday, September 29th** to your child's teacher. If your child misses school on this day or forgets his/her money, we will have a make-up day on November 3rd.

**Need a Volunteer ID Badge?** Adult volunteer photos will be taken in the gym between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m. The volunteer badge is \$3.00 payable in the office.

## ALLERGY REMINDER

There are a number of students in our school who have severe peanut and nut allergies. In order to keep the lunchroom environment safe and healthy for all students, we will be offering a "Peanut/Nut Free Table". Your child is welcome to sit at this table if they do not have peanuts or nut products in their lunch. Please help your child identify whether or not they have peanuts or another type of nut in their lunch. There will also be adults in the lunchroom each day that can offer assistance as needed.

Thank you for your help and support in keeping our school safe for everyone.

# Stafford Library



Welcome back to school! This year holds many wonderful experiences for students, families and friends in our community. Please be sure to stop by the library on Curriculum Night September 23rd, to meet the library staff and take a look at the rich resources and warm spaces your child will enjoy in the coming months.

## **Fall Book Fair**

Mark your calendars for the annual fall book fair coming to Stafford the week of October 18. Students will have the opportunity to buy classic books and recent releases at rock bottom prices. Hurray!!!

## **Birthday book Celebrations**

Participate in the Stafford Birthday Book tradition and help build our book collection. Assist your child in the giving of a new copy of one of their all time favorite books, in honor of their birthday. See Julie or Shelly in the library for more information.

## **Author Visit**

Stafford School is privileged to host a visit by master storyteller and children's author Margaret Read McDonald. She will spend the day with us teaching, sharing and storytelling on March 14, 2011.

## **Stafford Library Volunteer Committee**

Sign up to spend a little, or a lot of time helping in the library. We need your shelving, organizing and display assistance more than ever! To get started, stop in the library or call Shelly Buchanan or Julie Hoover at 503.7160. Email Shelly at [buchanans@wlwv.k12.or.us](mailto:buchanans@wlwv.k12.or.us)

## **A Message From Our Counselor**

Dear Stafford Families,

I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those of you who don't know me yet. I am the Stafford School Counselor and I am delighted to work with all of the Stafford students and families!

I will continue to work collaboratively with the staff at Stafford to sustain a child-centered learning environment. I will be working with the staff to promote our Wellness vision: "*How do we care for ourselves?*"; "*How do we care for each other?*"; "*How do we care for our community?*" My promise to you and your child is that I will pour my heart and soul into my work at Stafford.

Some of my responsibilities include:

- Support for children as well as support for teachers, parents and school administrators in their work with students
- Develop, implement and evaluate the school counseling curriculum to support the growth of all students
- Provide responsive services in the form of both prevention and intervention provide specialized, small group counseling for students
- Identify resources and find solutions to problems
- Collaborate and participate with staff in activities that contribute to the effective operation of the school

I look forward to knowing each of you and your children. Please don't hesitate to call or stop by for a visit.

Sincerely, Laura Barbour

## MINOR MOMENTS

Welcome back to another school year! Each year we strive to improve the primary school experience for all of our students at Stafford. This year, one of the areas that we will be increasing our attention is the behavior on our buses. Throughout the school year we will be working to create environments on our buses that are welcoming and peaceful. Too often students encounter the exact opposite of this when they ride the bus to and from school. On September 17, we will begin a series of meeting with each of the bus groups within our school. At this meeting, students will have an opportunity to create a chart of what they view as expected and unexpected behaviors on the bus. These charts will help to guide our conversations about our behavior expectations for each student.

At this meeting each student will be given a bus journal for them to keep and use however they would like on the bus. This idea came to us from a third grader who would write poetry on the bus as he rode to and from school last year. This helped to make his bus ride a more enjoyable and peaceful part of his day- rather than an anxious and stressful time. These journals are a tool that we hope students will use to draw, write or doodle in as they ride the bus, therefore creating a calm environment. Within the bus journal we have also clearly laid out our expectations for each student and offered some options for what they can do as they ride the bus to and from school. These expectations mirror our three guiding principles at Stafford: **Be safe, Be kind, and Be respectful**. Our goal is that the bus rides are an part of the day that students look forward to and help to begin and end their day with us on a positive note. If you have any questions about our expectations for riding the bus or our plan for these bus meetings, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Patrick Minor, Instructional Coordinator

## WEST LINN—WILSONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

### SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

The West Linn-Wilsonville School District will be sending out communications throughout the year via the District Listserv. You can view previous communications from Superintendent, Roger Woehl, on the district website at the [Superintendent's Corner](#). If you know anyone who may want to be included in these district communications, direct them to our [Email List Self-Service](#) tool where they can subscribe.

### THE BOARD ADOPTS 2010-2011 GOALS

The Board adopted their 2010-2011 goals at the September 13, School Board meeting. You can view them on our website at <http://www.wlww.k12.or.us/News/SchoolBoard/Goals.asp>.

### CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATION FOR FREE & REDUCED PRICED MEALS

This benefit is available to help your family ~ Please apply as soon as possible

Don't wait any longer to apply for the 2010-2011 school year benefits. All previous benefits expire on October 19, 2010 and **reapplication is required each year**. To apply online go to [www.wlww.k12.or.us/districtdepts/foodservice](http://www.wlww.k12.or.us/districtdepts/foodservice) and click on the link "Apply for free or reduced price meals online." (West Linn-Wilsonville SD 3J is the district name on the state list.)

If you are submitting a paper copy, you can bring it to the school office or to the Nutrition Services Dept. behind the Stafford School at the Department of Operations or fax it to (503) 638-0486.

### CHECK YOUR STUDENT'S LUNCH BALANCE!

Now you can check the balance on your students account by going to [www.mymealtime.com](http://www.mymealtime.com) to set up an account where you can track your students account balance at no charge. You will need the students 6 digit ID number to register. The instructions on how to register are on the Nutrition Services website if you need more information.

### CREST OPEN HOUSE—SEPTEMBER 18!

CREST invites all students and their families to our open house on Saturday, September 18th from 10AM-2PM. Come explore the West Linn-Wilsonville School District's science and nature center, meet our staff, and find out what we do! We will be offering: Tours of our Vegetable Garden, Hands-on Science Activities, Fresh-pressed Apple Cider and Animal Presentations.

Metro will also be celebrating the opening of Graham Oaks Nature Park, which has 250 acres of oak woodlands, wetlands, and conifer forests. Festivities will include hands-on activities, music & entertainment, and guided tours.

Please also check out our website: <http://www.crest.wlww.k12.or.us>. We hope to see you there!



**STAFFORD CALENDARS:** To keep up with all that goes on here at Stafford please check our website.

<http://www.stafps.wlww.k12.or.us/> and click on *Calendar*.

## HEAD LICE DID NOT TAKE A SUMMER BREAK!

**Not Sure what you are looking for?** Take a **small amount of hair** using a rat tail comb (as if you were getting your hair woven at the beauty shop) and check to see if there is ANYTHING on the hair shafts or anything crawling on the scalp. Start at the crown of the head and do this procedure on all sides of the child's head. If you see anything other than clean hair, you might have a lice problem. The lice are usually brown and the size of a sesame seed on the scalp. Nits are the eggs that attach to the hair shaft. They might look like dandruff but nits will not come off without a special lice treatment that you get at the drug store. **Nits must be removed** to keep from re-infesting the child. If lice or nits are found, everyone in the household should be checked for lice but only the infected person should be treated. Your child will need to be checked by school personnel before they can re-enter school.

## COMMUNITY FLYERS GOING VIRTUAL!

In order to save paper, the Community Services are no longer approving flyers and sending them to the schools for posting. Instead they are providing a Virtual Community Bulletin Board! If you have a flier, contact the Community Services, and all approved fliers will be posted on the website by category.

Check this out! [http://www.wlww.k12.or.us/Community/sf\\_flyer\\_process/Virtual\\_Information\\_Center.htm](http://www.wlww.k12.or.us/Community/sf_flyer_process/Virtual_Information_Center.htm)

If you have any questions or comments about the new virtual Community Bulletin Board contact Cindy Hepting at 503 673-2996..

## Become a Music and Arts Partner!

Each year MAPS provides a generous donation to the schools to improve our music and dramatic arts department. An information/membership form was sent home last week. Please return the completed form to the front office and show your support for this wonderful program. If you have any questions please call Lynne Derrick at 636-4443.

**CUB SCOUTS** is a great opportunity to get kids involved in the community and do fun activities with friends. Cub Scout Pack 223 provides Stafford families with this fun and rewarding opportunity and we meet monthly at the school. Visit [www.cubpack223.com](http://www.cubpack223.com) or contact David Adams at 503-612-9796 to learn more about our Pack!

Sept. 23	Parent Curriculum Night 3rd - 5th grade, 6:00-6:40 p.m. Meet with Patrick Meigs/Joann Master/Courtney Kennedy (PTSA Co-Presidents) in the Gym, 6:45-7:15 p.m. K - 2nd grade, 7:20-8:00 p.m. (Parking available on Stafford's playground, Buddhist Temple and Athey Creek)
Sept. 24	Spirit Day! Directory and Apparel Orders Due! Last Day to Ipod Touch Drawing
Sept. 27	Birthday Book Club 1:30 p.m.
Sept. 27-Oct 1	Barbour's Basket-snack drive
Sept. 28	Art Literacy Meeting @ 8:30 a.m.
Sept. 29	Photo Day for Students Volunteer Photo for ID Badge 1:00-2:00 p.m.

# SEPTEMBER

Oct. 4 & 5	Evening Parent Conferences
<b>Oct. 6 &amp; 7</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> , Parent Conferences
<b>Oct. 8</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> , State In-service
Oct. 13	PTSA Meeting 9:00 a.m.
Oct. 18-22	Book Fair in the Library
Oct. 28	Birthday Book Club 1:30 p.m.

# OCTOBER

SEPTEMBER 16, 2010

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# Stafford PTSA

## NEWSLETTER

### Stampede 2010

Thank you to everyone that was a part of the 2010 Stampede. Your support by attending and volunteering was amazing! The Stafford Stampede is a tradition that keeps getting better each year. What started as an idea by one mom, Mary Lou Lewis, has evolved into the largest Stafford PTSA yearly event just 12 years later. This year we had almost 1100 people in attendance and over 100 volunteer shifts filled! As the 2010 Stampede Chair I hope you all had a wonderful evening and would like to make a special note of thanks to the following people:

- Patrick Meigs for being there whenever we needed from dawn to dusk and scooping ice cream
- Janitor Staff- Zach & Victor for assisting Patrick Meigs and myself throughout the day and night
- Lee Farms for donating the use of 50 Hay Bales
- Ryser Farms for donating their time and equipment to bring us Hay Rides
- Jason and Beth Johnson for donating ALL the Frito Lay Chips
- West Linn Lions for cooking hamburgers
- West Linn Riverview Lions for cooking hot dogs
- Chris Lundrigan for making improvements and designing new decorations
- Soul'd Out Choir for singing the National Anthem and leading the field games
- Boy Scouts from Troop #149 for volunteering throughout the evening
- West Linn High School National Honor Society Members for volunteering at field games
- Lake Oswego Ice Creamery for a great deal on ice cream
- Wankers Corner for a great deal on ice
- The Teachers for scooping ice cream

Last but not least a huge **THANK YOU** to the 2010 Stampede Committee Members- Catherine Gray, Sandra Hughes, Dardee Layne, Julie Matthiessen, Linda Park, Sandra Sebastian and Karen Wied. It was an honor to work with all of them. Without their dedication and commitment to the Stampede the evening wouldn't have been possible.

We will start planning for the 2011 Stampede next Spring. Please join us to make sure the Stampede tradition continues. Please email me at [perfectwedding@hotmail.com](mailto:perfectwedding@hotmail.com) with any ideas!

Sincerely, Rachel Stevenson

**Thank You To Rachel Stevenson!** The PTSA Executive Board would like recognize the tremendous effort and planning on the part of Rachel Stevenson in creating our outstanding 2010 Stampede. This year's Stampede was hugely successful in fostering a night of family fun and community building. Rachel contributed a great deal of her personal time, heart, and soul into the coordination and execution of such an enchanting evening.

Planning for next year's Stampede will begin next Spring. Your ideas, input, and contributions are valued a great deal. Please do not hesitate to become a part of Stafford's biggest event of the school year. The committee is fun and very welcoming. We need all the support we can get to continue this Stafford tradition. Please keep it "alive". Interested? Contact Rachel Stevenson at [perfectwedding@hotmail.com](mailto:perfectwedding@hotmail.com)

## Win an iPod Touch!

Join **PTSA** and/or donate to the Annual Fund before 3:00 p.m. on Friday, September 24th, for a chance to win an iPod Touch. Don't miss out!

### Thank you Stafford Families for supporting PTSA!

Stafford's Parent Teacher Student Association's primary goal is to enhance our children's experience at Stafford by funding programs that improve the education of our children, supporting our teachers and providing community events. Please visit Stafford PTSA website [www.stafford.wlwy.k12.or.us](http://www.stafford.wlwy.k12.or.us) to learn more about our organization, what it means to your child and how you can make a difference. Join PTSA Today!

**Reminder- if you donate \$100 or more to the Annual fund before September 24th, you'll receive a FREE School Directory. Thank you in advance for your contributions.**

For more information please contact your PTSA Membership Coordinator; Becky Luther at [becky.w.luther@gmail.com](mailto:becky.w.luther@gmail.com) or 503-

## Order Your Stafford Primary Directory!

**The last day to order a copy of the Stafford Primary Directory is September 24th.** The cost of each directory is \$7.50, unless donating \$100 or more to the Annual Fund. The directory fee is waived in this event.

There will be a draft of the directory available for review near the front entrance during evening conferences on October 5th & 6th. Please stop and verify that your contact information has been correctly entered.

For concerns regarding your family's appearance in the directory, please contact Scott Rumsey at [scottrumsey@earthlink.net](mailto:scottrumsey@earthlink.net)

## Reminders for September 24th!!!

\*Last Day to Order Stafford Apparel until Next School Year!

\*Last Day to Order a Stafford Primary Directory (\$7.50)!

\*Last Day to Enter the Drawing for an iPod Touch! ~Enter the contest by either signing up to become a PTSA member or through your Annual Fund Donation

\*First Spirit Wear Day of the School Year! ~Wear your Stafford Apparel or Blue & Grey to Show Your School Spirit

## Calling All Artists...

Art Literacy is a PTSA sponsored program that brings art history, art concepts and fun art projects into the classrooms. PTSA generously provides us all the funds for the materials but it's the volunteers who truly make it happen. Without volunteer time and effort it would not be possible to reach 21 classrooms and over 500 students. Please consider being your child's Art Literacy Classroom Volunteer.

Come find out what's happening in Art Literacy this year on Tuesday, September 28th at 8:30am in Room 1.

Please contact Lariann Royse at [lariann66@yahoo.com](mailto:lariann66@yahoo.com) or Mitzi Brumbaugh at [jonbfootin@comcast.net](mailto:jonbfootin@comcast.net) with any questions.

## Fall Parent Socials!

Coming this fall are parent socials. The PTSA is planning a social night for parents to get to know other parents in their child's grade level. These events were started last year and they were a huge success. We have families that have offered their homes for the 1st, 2nd and 5th grades so look for details to come via grade level Evite. If you have children in Kindergarten, 3rd or 4th grades and are interested in opening up your home for a parent social ( you do not need to provide food/beverages), please contact Brittainy Tiffany at [brittainyt@yahoo.com](mailto:brittainyt@yahoo.com) or (503) 730-8044

## **Order Your Spirit Wear By September 24<sup>th</sup>**

***(Last Opportunity to purchase apparel until next school year!)***

Stafford celebrates school spirit the last Friday of each month (Spirit Days). Students can show their spirit by wearing Stafford Spirit Wear or sporting the school colors of grey and blue.

### **Spirit Days 2010-2011**

September 24, 2010

October 29, 2010

November 19, 2010

December 17, 2010

January 28, 2011

February 25, 2011

March 18, 2011

April 29, 2011

May 27, 2011

Some new items offered this year are sweatpants, cinch bags, pink tees and pink beanies. Samples of select items can be seen in the display case across from the principal's office.

Order forms for Spirit Wear were included in the PTSA packet sent out earlier this month. Additional forms are located on top of the display cabinet across from the principal's office or online at [www.stafford.wlww.k12.or.us](http://www.stafford.wlww.k12.or.us), click on 'PTSA', 'Documents', and 'Apparel Order Form'. Please submit your order forms to the main office.

**Questions about sizing???** A general size chart from Hometown Sports is listed below.

#### Youth

XS	2-4
Small	6-8
Med	10-12
Large	14-16
XL	18-20

#### Notes

The girls' tees tend to run a little small

Youth Large = Adult Small (but youth will run a little shorter)

Youth XL = Adult Med (but youth will run a little shorter)

Please contact Rebecca Demorest with questions at 503.638.0868 or [rhdemorest@yahoo.com](mailto:rhdemorest@yahoo.com)

### **Volunteers Say, "Cheese"!**

More volunteers are needed to assist at photo day on September 29th. Volunteer shifts are either from 8-10 am or 10-12 pm. Contact Erika Vincent, PTSA Volunteer Coordinator if you are interested. [erikavinc@comcast.net](mailto:erikavinc@comcast.net)

**What To Be More Involved?** Return your PTSA Volunteer Form, or pick up a new one, from the PTSA service center in the main hall, across from the principal's office! For more information on volunteering, contact Erika Vincent, PTSA Volunteer Coordinator at 503.723.9380 or [erikavinc@comcast.net](mailto:erikavinc@comcast.net)



## PTSA Staff Lunch

On October 6th, PTSA will provide a lunch for the Stafford Staff during conferences. If you would like to donate a food item or other supplies, contact Joanne Masters at [joanne.gmasters@comcast.net](mailto:joanne.gmasters@comcast.net)

## Recycling = money \$\$\$ for Stafford!

Please donate your used inkjet printer cartridges and old cell phones to Stafford. Send in only original manufacturer inkjet printer cartridges (no re-filled cartridges) and NO laser toner cartridges (those are the large ones). We can only accept old digital cell phones with a camera feature. Please do not send in chargers or accessories with the camera phones.

You can donate these items at the PTSA service center located in the front hallway. Your donation not only helps reduce landfill waste but helps Stafford PTSA earn money through a recycling program that offers cash for these items.

If you have any questions about what is accepted, please contact Margo Klose at [klose1@comcast.net](mailto:klose1@comcast.net)

## IT IS TIME FOR HALLOWEEN

### COSTUMES!!!!



Don't buy yours at the store or order online until you check out this great offer. You can purchase your costume at a **WHOLESALE PRICE** and benefit Stafford PTSA in the process. Go to [www.wholesalecostumeclub.com](http://www.wholesalecostumeclub.com) and use the promo code FUN503. You will get your costume at a guaranteed low price and ***Stafford will receive 15% of all sales processed with this promo code.*** They have all types of costumes infant through adult. Forward this information to all of your friends and family to help our school.

Funds received through this event will benefit PTSA Community Service. These funds will be placed into an account for students at our school whose families need a little extra assistance paying for extracurricular activities (such as sports, summer camps, karate, or music). The PTSA will work with Laura Barbour to distribute the funds to those who need them. Just another way Stafford shows we care for each other!

## COMMUNITY SERVICE AT STAFFORD

I am, Briana Currey, the community service representative for the PTSA. I will be working hand in hand with Patrick Meigs and Laura Barbour so we can approach community service as a “team” at Stafford. Our goal this year is “our school, our district, our county, our world”. We are going to focus locally, given the economic times, but also remember our world because America is still far more fortunate than many other countries.

Our first project is at the end of September called “Snacks for Barbour’s Basket”. Laura helps many children who either can not afford a snack or who have forgotten their snack, to be able to have a healthy snack while at school. Her supplies are getting low so we are going to ask the students to help build it back up. This is a small way the children can give back to their own community.

**The week of 9-27 to 10-1 will be a week for children to bring their own snack, plus one for “Barbour’s Basket”.** Examples are fruit, a Nutra-grain/Z bar, cheese and crackers, etc. Each classroom will have a basket marked “Ms. Barbour’s Basket” for the children to put their “extra snack” in. We are asking children to bring one extra snack. Of course this is optional. If a child can participate more than one day during the week that is their decision. Encourage your child to take the initiative to help a friend at school by sharing a snack. This is a low cost way to help others, but a valuable one for the school. These snacks will be given to Ms. Barbour for her use.

If you have any questions or ideas, I would love to hear them. Feel free to email me (Briana Currey) at [bkcurrey2002@yahoo.com](mailto:bkcurrey2002@yahoo.com). Our school has a giving heart. Teaching our children to give to others will not only grow their hearts but it is good for their minds and souls. Thank you for your support!

### **Want More Information Regarding PTSA?**

Try the **Stafford Primary Website** and click on PTSA: [www.stafford.wlww.k12.or.us](http://www.stafford.wlww.k12.or.us)

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