

# Stafford Primary School Newsletter

WEST LINN-WILSONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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April 28, 2016

## Counseling Corner

Dear Parents,

It is important for children to know personal safety rules. Young people are at risk of assault, abduction and abuse even in the most caring and protective families, schools, and communities. Prevention is the key to protecting children's personal safety. The good news is that there are simple and effective ways of teaching children how to protect themselves.

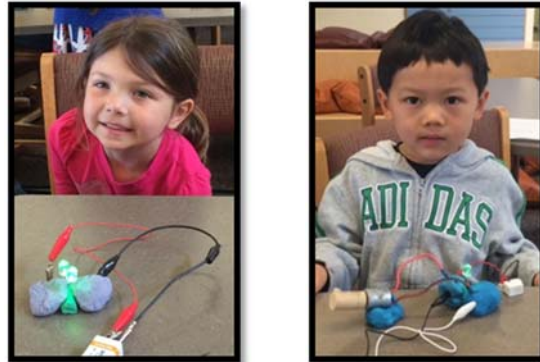
I will be teaching a lesson in your child's/children's class about personal safety. The primary purpose for this lesson is for children to feel strong and in control of their bodies. The intent is not to scare them or make them think that something bad might happen to them but to give them the confidence and skills they need to keep themselves safe. The lesson and video varies based on what is developmentally appropriate for each grade level. I will be showing "The Safe Side" video *Stranger Safety* in grades K-2 and will read the book *Not in Room 204* by Shannon Riggs in Grades 3-5. Both lessons will include a structured discussion of personal safety rules. I will be asking all of the students to follow up with a conversation at home about personal safety.

You are encouraged to follow up with your child/children at home by discussing your family's personal safety rules. Children develop life-long self protection and boundary setting skills and beliefs based on the day to day support and reinforcement they receive from their parents. It is important to review and practice family safety rules and safety plans. Please keep communication open so children feel comfortable talking with you about keeping themselves safe. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at 503-673-7150.

Sincerely,

Laura Barbour  
School Counselor  
Stafford Primary School

# DARLING'S DETAILS



## Bring STEM to life!

**Stafford's first Family Engineering night** is coming soon! It will be **Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30** in the gym and playground.

This is a fun event to inspire the next generation of critical thinkers and problem solvers with exciting, hands-on activities and events for elementary-aged children and adults.

There will be over 20 STEM challenges for families to work on together. It will be an evening of fun and learning with your family and friends at Stafford. Please come!!

If you would like to volunteer for this- please click on the link <http://vols.pt/NwJ9Gc> or email [darlingc@wlwv.k12.or.us](mailto:darlingc@wlwv.k12.or.us)

We appreciate your support!

*Celeste Darling*  
Teacher-Librarian  
Stafford Primary School

# Anderson's Anecdotes

If you've happened to make your way through the library this year, you may have noticed a revamped and healthy fish tank. This is a very popular destination for Stafford students and guests. This past year the Henninger family has graciously volunteered to pay for Hollywood Aquarium to come out to Stafford every two weeks and take care of the fish tank (food, fish, filter pad, new plants, thorough cleaning, etc.). This past year it has averaged \$136 a month, or \$1,634 for the year. If you are interested in donating to our fish tank fund for next year, please inquire through Lisa Alexander or Phil Anderson. Thank you!

# Messages From The Office

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

2016-17

We are now accepting registration for Full Day Kindergarten for the upcoming school year. Please let your friends and neighbors know that we have registration packets available in our school office. Packets can also be downloaded from our Stafford Homepage at: <http://www.stafps.wlwg.k12.or.us> for your convenience.

## Kindergarten Open House

May 20, 2016

Please join us according to the alphabetical placement below for a parent orientation and school tour, while your future Stafford student spends time in the classroom previewing a day in kindergarten.

### Last Name Beginning A-K

Session I 8:15-9:00 a.m.

### Last Name Beginning L-Z

Session II 9:15-10:00 a.m.

## IN-DISTRICT TRANSFERS - It's Time To Resubmit Application!

In District Transfers are submitted and approved annually.

Copy and past the link below to get all the information about the In-District Transfer process.

<http://www.wlwg.k12.or.us/Page/290>

## Incoming 6th Graders - Athey Creek Middle School

### Transition Highlights

Friday April 29th	Athey visits 5th grade classes at 8:45 am
Friday May 6th	5th grade visits Athey at 9:30 am
Wednesday May 11th	All Parent Information Night - Athey at 6:30 pm

We highly recommend that you sign up for the Athey Creek Listserv. You can sign up by going to their website, [www.acms.wlwg.k12.or.us](http://www.acms.wlwg.k12.or.us), and click on the red envelope on the left-hand side of the page. Once you are in we suggest you sign up for the 'ACMS Homes' list as well as the 'ACMS 2023' list.

## 1st and 2nd Grade Informances

Our musical informances are rapidly approaching! Students have been working very hard on selections from *A Tree in Tappen Wood* and can't wait to show off their singing skills. In addition, they have been preparing various pieces on marimba and xylophone. These informances will be held in the MPR and the schedule is as follows-

Wednesday May 18th: 12:30 Wise, 1:00 McNeil, 1:30 Wilhelm

Thursday May 19th: 12:30 Amri, 1:00 Kriesel, 1:30 Evans



## Field Day Volunteer Opportunity

Field day is coming June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Volunteers make field day the great experience it is for students here at Stafford Primary. Volunteers will need to be at Stafford from 8:30-11:30. Please email Jess Menzia at [menziaj@wlwv.k12.or.us](mailto:menziaj@wlwv.k12.or.us) to volunteer for this amazing event of the school year.

## Music and Arts Partner - MAPS

As you may know, MAPs raises money to fund arts, music teachers and events throughout West Linn/Wilsonville schools. They are currently looking to fill a few Board positions, specifically, Secretary, Treasurer and Grants Coordinator. If you are interested or would like to learn more about these opportunities, please contact Lynne Detrick at [maumix@aol.com](mailto:maumix@aol.com) or 503-636-4443.

**Three Rivers Charter School** invites interested parents and students from West Linn-Wilsonville entering 4th - 8th grade next year to attend an informational meeting for the 2016-17 school year! We will share information about our program and answer any questions. The informational meetings and open house dates are:

May 10: 7-8 pm at Three Rivers Charter School

May 16: 4 -5 pm at Wilsonville Library (Rose Room)

May 18: 4-5 pm at Three Rivers Charter School

Open House – May 25: 8:30 -10:30 am at Three Rivers Charter School

Admissions Information Forms must be submitted by May 26th at 4:00 pm to be eligible for the lottery. The form can be found on our website at [www.3rcs.org](http://www.3rcs.org) beginning May 10th. The public lottery will be held May 27th at 4:00 pm at Three Rivers Charter School. Please visit our website or call our office at [503-673-7850](tel:503-673-7850) with any questions.

A special thank you to our Stafford PTSA for our health room update and providing each classroom with a fan to keep cool. We truly appreciate your generosity!! **THANK YOU!!**

**Stafford Primary's Family Engineering Night** will be on **May 19th, from 6:00 to 7:30**. Students will engage in hands-challenges that focus on engineering and scientific inquiry. Challenge stations include sail boats, rockets, solar cars, helicopters, bridges, slingshots, art-bots, catapults, and more! **If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, please contact Celeste Darling at [darlingc@wlwv.k12.or.us](mailto:darlingc@wlwv.k12.or.us) or Phil Anderson at [A graphic for 'Family Engineering Night'. The text is arranged in three stacked boxes: 'Family' in a green box, 'Engineering' in a blue box, and 'Night' in a green box. To the left of 'Family' is a butterfly icon. To the right of 'Family' is a plant icon. To the left of 'Engineering' is a lightbulb icon. To the right of 'Engineering' is a gear icon. To the left of 'Night' is a gear icon. To the right of 'Night' is a ladybug icon.](mailto:ander-</a></b></p></div><div data-bbox=)**

### REGISTRATION VERIFICATION FORMS ARE DUE!

The Registration/Verification forms for attending Stafford in the fall are **due April 29th - tomorrow**. This is your child's registration for the 2015-16 school year! Please take a moment to check ALL information for any corrections or additions and sign the bottom of the form before returning it to the school. If your child is not returning to Stafford please indicate on the signed form.

### SPRING BOOK FAIR - HUGE SUCCESS!

Our Spring Book Fair was another huge success. Our sales totaled over **\$9,000** and we earned over **\$3,700 for our library!** A huge **thank you** to **Rachel Stevenson** and **Eric Tuecke**, along with everyone else who volunteered at the fair. We couldn't have done it without you! So many wonderful books and treasures are now in the hands of our children.

Lost & Found is overflowing!

**Please check the rack when you are in the building and claim your items. Unclaimed items will be donated at the end of the school year.**

# APRIL

April 29 Spirit Day  
Athey Creek Visits 5th grade

# MAY

May 2-6 Staff Appreciation Week  
Scrip Order Week

May 4 PTSA Meeting 9:30 a.m.

May 6 5th Grade visits Athey Creek

May 7 & 8 Stafford Dine Out Day - Baja Fresh on Sunnyside Rd

May 9-13 Volunteer Appreciation Week  
Bus Driver Appreciation Week

May 10 Garden Clean Up

May 11 Athey Creek Incoming 6th Grade Parent Night 6:30 p.m. at ACMS

May 13 Stafford Striders Fun Run 2:10 p.m.

May 14 Stafford PTSA Spring Social 5:30 p.m. at Oregon Heritage Farm

May 16 Scrip Order Week

May 17 District Strings Spring Concert 7 p.m. at WLHS

May 18 Music Informances 12:30 Wise, 1:00 McNeil, 1:30 Wilhelm

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Stafford Family Engineering Night 6-7:30 p.m.

May 20 Kindy Open House 8:15 a.m. Last Name A-K /9:15 a.m. Last Name L-Z

May 23-27 Spirit Week!

May 25 **Early Release 12:10 p.m.** "Professional Growth Wednesday"

May 26 Stafford Market Place

May 30 **No School** - Memorial Day

# JUNE

June 1 PTSA Meeting 9:30 a.m.

June 2 Field Day

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

June 9 5th Grade BBQ Memorial Park 10:30 a.m.

June 10 5th Grade Recognition 9:30 a.m. MPR  
**Last Day of School for Kindergarten - 5th grade 10:45 a.m.**

# Stafford Primary



Family



Engineering



Night



Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>  
6:00-7:30

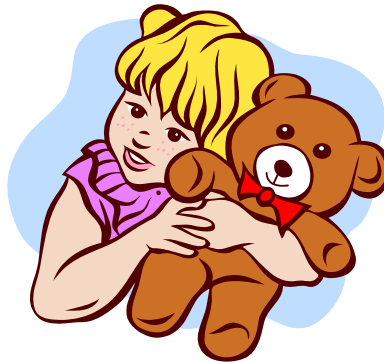
Please join us for an evening of FUN and Learning! Participate in hands-on Engineering Design challenges with your Stafford friends and family.

We NEED Volunteers!

Please contact Celeste Darling or Phil Anderson to see how you can support us!



# Help Kids In Crisis



## West Linn Old Time Fair Court Stuffed Animal Collection

*Collection Through April 2016*

### The Teddy Bear Parade

Held Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> in Oregon City

**All stuffed animals collected go to local Emergency Services:  
*Law Enforcement Agencies, Fire Departments, Emergency Rooms,  
Children's Hospitals and Women's Shelters***



CITY OF  
**West  
Linn**  
PARKS &  
RECREATION

Questions? Call Terri Jones at The City of West Linn Parks Department 503-557-4700





SUPPORT YOUR  
LOCAL SCHOOLS



Registration is now OPEN for the fifth annual TONKIN CHALLENGE fun run!

The Tonkin Challenge is a fun fundraiser for a great cause! **100%** of all entry fees are given back to schools and nonprofit organizations in each participating community!

Summer is around the corner and so is the Tonkin Challenge, which will be held on June 5th at 8:00 am at Audi Wilsonville. You can select from three courses to participate in: 5 Mile, 5K and 0.5 Mile Mascot Dash for kids.

If you register now, you still have time to train for the event! It's a really fun way to kick off summer, as well as a great fundraiser for our schools. Come out and support West Linn-Wilsonville schools and enjoy the after-race party for all participants featuring food, drink and music!

When you register, you can support Music and Arts programs at your school -- go to [TonkinChallenge.org](http://TonkinChallenge.org) and select **MAP - Music and Arts Partners** as the organization that **100%** of your entry fees will go to! **Music and Arts Partners (MAP) of West Linn-Wilsonville** is a volunteer-run nonprofit fundraising organization that grants money to every school in our district for music and arts programs.

**Here's a fun idea: you can sponsor a school music or arts teacher to enter the race!**

**REGISTER FOR THE RACE AT [www.tonkinchallenge.org](http://www.tonkinchallenge.org)**





**LION HOOP CAMP**  
West Linn Boys Basketball

**When:**

**Session 1 - June 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Session 2 - June 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Who:** 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders 9am-12pm  
3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders 1pm-3:30 pm

**Where:**

West Linn High School

**Lion League Staff:**

West Linn High School coaching staff  
and WLHS current/former players.

**Fee:**

\$125 for one session  
\$200 for both sessions

**More Info:**

[www.westlinnbasketball.com](http://www.westlinnbasketball.com)  
[www.wlhoops.com](http://www.wlhoops.com)

Space is limited, sign up today!  
Mail this form and make checks out  
to:

**Lion Basketball**  
Attn. Eric Viuhkola  
WLHS  
5464 West A Street  
West Linn, Or  
97608

**Registration**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\*to notify you of camp changes

**Specify Session:** Please Circle Below

**My player will attend Session 1**

**My player will attend Session 2**

**My player will attend both sessions**

**Waiver**

As the legal parent or guardian of the athlete listed above I hereby give the staff of the West Linn Lion Summer Camp permission to act on my behalf if I can't be reached in any medical emergency. I understand that participation in this camp could lead to an injury to a participant and I hold the West Linn School District/West Linn High School program or any of its coaches not responsible for any injury. I understand that neither the school district nor the basketball program have medical insurance for individual participants and agree to provide my own insurance. The specified athlete participating in this program is in good physical condition.

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**Parent Signature**