

# Stafford Primary School Newsletter

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## Stafford Library



### **O.B.O.B**

If your 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> grade child is interested in participating in Oregon Battle of the books this year, please know that all of the books and OBOB information is available in our library and on our school website. November 20<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for teams to apply. If you have any questions or if you would like to volunteer as a judge, stop by the library or email me at [darlingc@wlww.k12.or.us](mailto:darlingc@wlww.k12.or.us).

### **Typing Agent**

The West Linn-Wilsonville School District has adopted a new keyboarding program called Typing Agent. It is web-based, so 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade students can practice at home using their Rosetta Stone Login and Password. You can find the link on the Stafford homepage under LIBRARY or go to <https://wlww.typingagent.com>. This is a great way for kids to practice and reinforce necessary keyboarding skills and it's fun! If you have any questions, please contact me.

### **New Books!**

We just received a shipment of lots of great fiction and non-fiction books at all reading levels. They will be available for checkout by the end of the week. Please drop by and see our new collection!

### **Book Fair**

Thank you for all of your support and generosity during the Stafford Book Fair. It has been a huge success! The last day to shop is Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

# COUNSELING CORNER

Dear Stafford Families,

October may be Bullying Prevention month, however, our prevention work at Stafford School occurs daily throughout the school year.

Bullying and relational aggression have received a lot of media attention recently, but these are not new problems. What is new is society's attitude towards bullying and relational aggression. What used to be accepted as a natural part of growing up has our full attention because now we know that bullying has serious consequences for everyone involved. Stop and think for a moment about your own experiences growing up. We all have memories of being teased, taunted, excluded, bullied in childhood and even in adulthood. Many of us have memories of being the bully ourselves. We know that the emotional scars of bullying are painful and permanent. We want healthier social and emotional experiences for the children in our lives. Bullying prevention is everyone's responsibility.

## What is Bullying?

Bullying is defined as negative actions carried out by physical contact, words, making faces, gestures, rumors or intentional exclusion. Bullying can be physical, verbal and/or relational.

## What is Relational Aggression?

Relational aggression refers to acts of emotional bullying hidden among networks of friends. Acts of relational aggression may include: exclusion, teasing, manipulation, silent treatment, rumors, gossip, insults, intimidation, and humiliation.

As a professional school counselor, I am devoted to the prevention of bullying behaviors. Every student can benefit from gaining the knowledge and skills needed to safely and effectively address bullying behaviors if encountered in any setting. My goal is to empower children to stand up for themselves and each other. My bullying prevention lessons are focused on developing a school culture of kindness and compassion; effective communication; problem solving and conflict management skills; strategies for standing up for self and others; and reinforcing the importance of reporting bullying behaviors to trusted adults.

At Stafford Primary School, we are committed to addressing issues of bullying and relational aggression honestly and directly. At Stafford, we promote a culture of kindness, respect, compassion and empathy so there is no room for bullying behaviors. As educators, we support children to choose positive friendships and develop skills to problem solve and manage conflict with friends. Stafford students are empowered to

Speak up and stand up for themselves and one another. Our students know that their voices will be heard and they will be supported and protected.

We focus on prevention every day all school year. Every student can benefit from gaining the knowledge and skills needed to safely and effectively handle bullying behaviors should it be encountered in any setting. We are committed to maintaining a respectful, peaceful and safe learning environment for all of our students.

Thank you for your support!

With Gratitude,  
Laura Barbour  
Stafford School Counselor

***Be kinder than necessary because everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.***

-J.M. Barrie

**Recommended Resources:**

“Best Friends, Worst Enemies: Understanding the Social Lives of Children” by Michael Thompson, Lawrence Cohen and Catherine O’Neill Grace. Ballantine Books, 2001.

“The Bully, the Bullied and the Bystander: From Preschool to High School-How Parents and Teachers Can Help Break the Cycle of Violence” by Barbara Coloroso. Harper Resource, 2004.

“Building Moral Intelligence: The Seven Essential Virtues That Teach Kids to do the Right Thing” by Michele Borba. Jossey-Bass, 2001.

“Nobody Likes me, Everybody Hates Me: The Top 25 Friendship Problems and How to Solve Them” by Michele Borba. Jossey-Bass, 2005.

“Odd Girl Out: The Hidden Culture of Aggression in Girls” by Rachel Simmons, Harcourt, 2002.

“Real Boys: Rescuing Our Sons from the Myths of Boyhood” by William Polluck. Owl Books, 1999.

## 2015 Doernbecher Freestyle XII - Shoe Unveiling and Auction

Friday, October 23

5:30pm at the Portland Art Museum

You can watch the video, "Take a Walk in My Shoes" by clicking on this link:

<http://youtu.be/7PUYQmPjZNo>

If you want to learn more about the "Doernbecher Freestyle" program, click here:

<http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/about/dchf/fundraising/nike-freestyle/>

## Messages From The Office

### ENRICHMENT REMINDER:

Please make payment for enrichment classes to WLWV School District and return to Mi Lynn Crollard in the office. Payment is due once classes begin. Thank you for your prompt response.



### Update your FlashAlert Subscriptions

Winter weather is approaching. That means it is time to update your FlashAlert subscriptions. FlashAlert is the system that we use to notify you of school closures, delays, and other similar events. The system is routinely pruned of untouched accounts so even if you had previously subscribed, you should verify your subscriptions at <https://www.flashalert.net/login.html>. Please note that this is not "our" system and we can provide limited help.

You should consider getting the free FlashAlert Messenger app from the Apple AppStore or the Google PlayStore.. The announcements will also be displayed on the local TV channels as well. The "feed" from FlashAlert is available from our district website ([www.wlww.k12.or.us](http://www.wlww.k12.or.us)) under the Inclement Weather link. On the morning of October 21, we issued a test alert using the system. If you did not receive that alert, then your subscriptions are probably not current. You can check them at [www.flashalert.net/loing.html](http://www.flashalert.net/loing.html). Thank you!

### Stafford Logo

We are looking for a graphic designer/artist to help us create a Stafford tiger logo. If you are interested, or know someone who may be interested, please call our office at 503-673-7150. Thank you!

**CHECK OUT THE COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD!**

Check this out! <http://www.bond.wlww.k12.or.us/cbb/>

# Volunteer and Visitor Procedures

Before school and during school hours, all volunteers and visitors **MUST:**

- \* Sign in on the computers in the office
- \* Wear a printed badge or volunteer lanyard

Thank you!!

## 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 MPR at the end of the school day. A staff member will be on duty to sign out your children. **Please call the office by 1:30 if you have a change of plans for your children at the end of the day.** The last half hour of the day is difficult to get last minute plans to children and teachers. Of course we know there are always last minute changes. We want to make sure every child is following the correct afterschool plan!

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.

## MAPS

Stafford needs a choir MAP rep! This person is the liason between the Music/Choir Teacher and the Music and Arts Partners. They help us raise money throughout the year for the choir program. Stafford has not had a MAP rep over the past two years. If you're interested, please contact Sean Cunningham, our Music/Choir Teacher at [cunnings@wlwv.k12.or.us](mailto:cunnings@wlwv.k12.or.us). Thank you!



# Daylight Savings Time Ends on

# Nov. 1st!

# Please turn your clocks back one hour.

### STAFFORD CALENDARS:

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

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

# OCTOBER

- Oct. 23 Scholastic Book Fair—last day closes at 3pm  
Oct. 23 Spirit Day!  
Oct. 26 Scrip Order Week  
Oct. 28 **Early Release at 12:10**  
Oct. 30 Trunk or Treat 4:00-5:30 p.m.

# NOVEMBER

- Nov. 1 Daylight Savings Time Ends  
Nov. 3 Garden Clean Up  
Nov. 4 Picture Re-Take Day  
PTSA Meeting 9:30 a.m.—MPR  
Nov. 9 Scrip Order Week  
Nov. 9-13 Food Drive  
Nov. 11 Veteran's Day—NO SCHOOL  
Nov. 17 Art Lit Training 8:30 a.m.—MPR  
Nov. 20 Spirit Day!  
Nov. 23-27 Thanksgiving Break—NO SCHOOL  
Nov. 30 Scrip Order Week



# ATHEY IDOL

## FRIDAY OCTOBER 23, 7pm

Enjoy an evening of fabulous entertainment while supporting our Athey Creek Middle School Choir/Drama programs. Buy general or reserved tickets at [eticketexpress.com](http://eticketexpress.com), or buy general seating for \$7 at the door. Reserved seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis and fills up fast, so act now! The Dress Rehearsal on Thursday, Oct 22 at 6pm is \$5 at the door for all seats—a great option for extended family and young ones to see the complete show.

### WILSONVILLE MAT CLUB

The Wilsonville Mat Club will start up in early November with a free introduction week scheduled for the week of November 2. We hope to see you show up and be a part of the excitement! The Wilsonville Mat Club will not only help your child get to know the sport of wrestling, it will help them become a better athlete through gymnastics, attack bandz drills, team handball games that improve hand/eye coordination and strength and conditioning.

Free Introduction Practices: November 3rd & November 5th 6pm-7pm

Practice Location: Wilsonville High School Wrestling Room

For More Information: [www.apwrestling.org](http://www.apwrestling.org)

[wilsonvillematclub@gmail.com](mailto:wilsonvillematclub@gmail.com)

[503-523-8218](tel:503-523-8218)



## West Linn – Wilsonville Schools

October 16, 2015

Dear Parents, Teachers, Building Occupants, and Employee Organizations:

In the past, asbestos was used extensively in building materials because of its insulating, sound absorbing, and fire retarding capabilities. Virtually any building constructed before the late 1970s contained some asbestos. Intact and undisturbed asbestos materials generally do not pose a health risk. Asbestos materials, however, can become hazardous when, due to damage or deterioration over time, they release fibers. If the fibers are inhaled, they can lead to health problems, such as cancer and asbestosis.

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) which requires schools to be inspected to identify any asbestos containing building materials. Suspected asbestos-containing building materials were located, sampled (or assumed) and rated according to condition and potential hazard. Every three years, **West Linn Wilsonville School District** has conducted a re-inspection to determine whether the condition of the known or assumed asbestos containing building materials (ACBM) has changed and to make recommendations on managing or removing the ACBM. At the last re-inspection, all materials listed in the Management Plan as asbestos containing (or assumed to be asbestos containing) were inspected and found to be in good condition.

The law further required an asbestos management plan to be in place by July 1989. **West Linn Wilsonville School District** developed a plan, as required, which has been continually updated. The plan has several ongoing requirements:

- publish a notification on management plan availability and the status of asbestos activities
- educate and train its employees about asbestos and how to deal with it
- notify short-term or temporary workers on the locations of the asbestos containing building materials
- post warning labels in routine maintenance areas where asbestos was previously identified or assumed
- follow set plans and procedures designed to minimize the disturbance of asbestos containing building materials
- survey the condition of these materials every six months to assure that they remain in good condition.

The following buildings contain no asbestos-containing building materials; therefore, no operations and maintenance programs or future inspections are required:

- Arts & Technology High School
- Athey Creek Middle School
- Boeckman Creek Primary School
- Boones Ferry Primary School
- C.R.E.S.T.
- Lowrie Primary School (new)
- Rosemont Ridge Middle School
- Trillium Creek Primary School (new)
- West Linn High School (except the 700 Building and lower level)
- Wilsonville High School
- District Operations Center
- District Administration Building



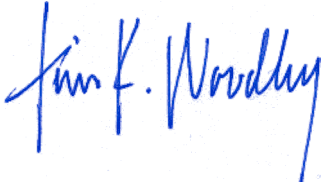
For details concerning asbestos related activities such as, current asbestos removal, maintenance, or periodic surveillance in district facilities, please review our Asbestos Management Plan Notebooks which are located in each facility and at the District Operations Center. The plans are also available on the District website.

It is the intention of **West Linn Wilsonville School District** to comply with all federal and state regulations regarding asbestos and to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure students and employees a healthy and safe environment in which to learn and work. You are welcome to review a copy of each Facility Asbestos Management Plan kept on file in our District Operations Center or at each site during regular business hours.

For all inquiries regarding the Asbestos Management Plan and asbestos-related issues in our district, please contact Tim Woodley, designated Asbestos Program Manager, at (503) 673-7995.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,



Tim K. Woodley, Asbestos Program Manager  
Department of Operations