

Stafford Primary School Newsletter

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Counseling Corner

Dear Stafford Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you as the Stafford School Counselor. I am absolutely delighted to work with all of the Stafford students and families! I am energized by the potential of a new school year and the opportunities to support each child at Stafford School to find his or her greatness.

It is joyful to begin a new school year and welcome our Stafford friends new and old. Stafford is a school where everyone belongs. We are a community that treats one another with kindness and care. We value a school culture where everyone has a strong sense of belonging and significance.

At Stafford School, we value the importance of social and emotional learning. We teach important skills for life including goal-setting, problem-solving, resilience, optimistic thinking, character strength development, emotional intelligence, self-confidence and positive social skills. Together, we are learning skills to build resiliency and increase wellness and happiness. Together, we will help each child flourish.

I am grateful for the opportunity to know each of you and your children. Please do not hesitate to call or stop by for a visit.

Be well,

Laura Barbour

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I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community and as long as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can. –George Bernard Shaw

Children's Advocate & Best-Selling Author Trudy Ludwig Returning to Stafford Elementary!

On Thursday, September 29, Stafford School students, staff, and parents will have the opportunity to spend more time with children's advocate and award-winning author Trudy Ludwig. Our friend Trudy has been featured in U.S. national media outlets including ABC's "Good Morning America," PBS's nationally syndicated show, "Keeping Kids Healthy," *Wall Street Journal*, *Huffington Post*, *Reading Rainbow*, and the National Crime Prevention Council's Circle of Respect program. She has also served as an expert panel member on Sesame Street Workshop's video series addressing bullying. Her books (*My Secret Bully*, *Just Kidding, Sorry!*, *Trouble Talk*®, *Too Perfect*, *Confessions of a Former Bully*, *Better Than You*, *The Invisible Boy*, and *Gifts from the Enemy*) have received international praise for addressing friendship and bullying issues and for helping children cope with and thrive in their social world.

During the school day, Trudy will present to our students, with assemblies comprised of grade clusters (i.e., Kindergarten – grade 2; and grades 3-5, respectively), so that she can address friendship issues and social peer cruelty in an age-appropriate manner.

ATTENTION PARENTS: Please join us at our Coffee Morning session from 8 a.m. - 9 a.m. on Thursday, September 29, to hear Trudy talk about "Promoting Kindness Offline & Online in Today's Digital World." Trudy will offer some great tips and resources for parents on cybersafety and how to help kids connect and engage with one another in kinder ways. **Please Note--A limited supply of Trudy's books will be available for sales and author signings at this special parent event!**

For more information about Trudy, her books, and other resources on the topics of friendship and bullying issues, please visit the author's website: www.trudyludwig.com.

**We wish to give special thanks to our generous Stafford School PTSA
for making this author visit possible.**

DARLING'S DETAILS

Welcome back to school Stafford families! I am so excited to be back again this year and I am looking forward to working with your children. If you are interested in volunteering in the library, please stop by the circulation desk. We can always use extra help checking in and shelving books.

O.B.O.B



It's that time again! If your 3rd- 5th 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 our school website. November 18th is the deadline for teams to apply. If you have any questions or if you would like to volunteer, stop by the library or email me at darlingc@wlwv.k12.or.us.

Typing Agent



The West Linn-Wilsonville School District has adopted a keyboarding program called Typing Agent. It is web-based, so 2nd – 5th grade students can practice at home using their student email and password. You can find the link on the Stafford homepage under LIBRARY or go to <https://wlwv.typingagent.com>. This is a great way for kids to practice and reinforce necessary keyboarding skills- and it's fun!

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!

Celeste Darling
Teacher-Librarian

Messages From The Office

LOST AND FOUND!

Stafford's lost and found is located in the hallway outside of the Gym. Please be sure to look for left behind jackets, coats, water bottles, etc. Items accumulate quickly in the changing weather.

Let's Communicate!

LISTSERV:

Subscribe and/or Unsubscribe!

If you need to be removed from this list or added to others, please visit

<http://www2wlwv.k12.or.us/News/LatestNews/ListervSS?> where you can manipulate the lists that you are subscribed to. If your email address has changed, please be sure to notify the school secretarial staff and then remove subscriptions to your old address and add new ones for the new address.

Picture Day: September 28th!

Mark your calendar! Picture Day is coming, Wednesday, September 28th. Look for more information on your child's Picture Day order form that will be sent home soon or visit mylifetouch.com for clothing suggestions, online payment details and more. Stafford's ID# is F0736104Q0.
www.mylifetouch.com

RECYCLING AT LAMB'S MARKET

At Stafford School in the MPR and at Lamb's Market Palisades in Lake Oswego, there is a box for recyclable glass, cans and plastic for deposit. Lamb's will donate the deposit money back to us which will be used for P.E. equipment at Stafford. Thank you in advance for recycling your items!

CHECK OUT THE COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD!

Check this out! <http://www.bond.wlww.k12.or.us/domain/50>

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.

Note From Our Counselor

Please contact Laura Barbour directly if you have specific needs for your family. Laura can help identify local resources and provide assistance with school supplies, tickets for special events (ie: Stafford Stampede), new coats and shoes for children. Please check our school newsletters for updates from Laura. Feel free to call or send Laura an email at:

barbourl@wlwv.k12.or.us. Thank you!

MAPS

Each year MAPS provides a generous donation to the schools to improve our music and dramatic arts department. An informational 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 503-636-4443.

WELLNESS CORNER

WHAT SHOES SHOULD MY CHILD WEAR?

Please ensure your child comes to school with good foot wear that will cover their toes! Proper foot wear enables them to be more active on the playground and will help prevent foot injuries. In PE, all children need to wear tennis shoes.

Jess Menzia PE/Wellness

STAFFORD CALENDAR:

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*.

ENRICHMENT INSTRUCTORS WANTED!

If you have a talent or an interest you would like to share with our students, please call Mi Lynn Crollard at 503-673-7150. This is a six to eight week paid position! Classes are 45 minutes in length and will start the week of Oct. 17th-Dec. 9th.

STAFFORD YEARBOOK 2016-17

Do you have an eye for design? Layout? Fonts?

WE NEED YOU!

We are looking for a new EDITOR-IN-Chief for the Stafford Yearbook!

Please join us at our Yearbook Meeting: Tuesday, September 20, 2:15 p.m. in the Library

THANK YOU STAFFORD PTSA AND FAMILIES!!

The new tire swings and paint on our playground are a HUGE hit with our students!

Thank you for your generosity at our Spring Auction!!



SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 16 Stafford Stampede 5:00 p.m.
- Sept. 20 Yearbook Meeting 2:15 p.m.. Library
- Sept. 22 **Parent Curriculum Night**
 Meet with Principal Sara McCarney, Amy Brandvold, & Shane Fuller
 (PTSA Co-Presidents) in the Gym, 6:00 p.m.
 Classrooms: 6:45 p.m.
 (Parking available at Stafford and Athey Creek)
- Sept. 23 Volunteer Orientation 9:00 a.m. in Ms. Barbour's Office
- Sept. 26 Scrip Order Week
- Sept. 26-30 Barbour's Basket-Snack Drive
- Sept. 28 **Early Release at 12:10**
Picture Day/Volunteer Pictures at Noon-12:45 p.m.
- Sept. 29 Trudy Ludwig - Author Visit
- Sept. 30 Spirit Day!

OCTOBER

- Oct. 5 PTSA Meeting 9:30 a.m. in the Staff Room
- Oct. 10 Scrip Order Week
- Oct. 10 & 11 Evening Parent Conferences
- Oct. 12 & 13 **NO SCHOOL**, Parent Conferences
 (Staff lunch provided by PTSA on Oct. 12)
- Oct. 14 **NO SCHOOL**, State In-service
- Oct. 24 Scrip Order Week
- Oct. 26 **Early Release at 12:10**
- Oct. 28 Spirit Day!
- Oct. 28 Trunk or Treat 5:00 p.m.



Thursday, September 29, 2016

8:00 - 9 a.m. in Stafford Elementary School's Staff Lounge

ATTENTION PARENTS:

You're invited to hear children's advocate & bestselling author Trudy Ludwig talk about:

Promoting Kindness Offline & Online in Today's Digital World



Children have become so technologically savvy with smartphones, iPads, computers, social networking websites and mobile apps that more parents find themselves asking their own kids for "how to" user advice and lessons! Technology is a powerful tool that allows us to educate, inform, and connect with others in ways unheard of over a decade ago. It can also serve as a vehicle for social peer cruelty. Learn more about cyberbullying and what we parents can do to educate ourselves and our children when it comes to promoting cybersafety and encouraging our kids to make kindness go viral in today's digital world.

Trudy Ludwig's work and presentations have received high praise from leading U.S. experts, educators, and organizations. Her nationally acclaimed books, *My Secret Bully*, *Just Kidding*, *Sorry*, *Trouble Talk*, *Too Perfect*, *Confessions of a Former Bully*, *Better Than You*, *The Invisible Boy*, and *Gifts from the Enemy* focus on helping children thrive in their social world. An award-winning author and an engaging speaker, Trudy has been featured on numerous U.S. media outlets including ABC's "Good Morning America," PBS's "Keeping Kids Healthy," *Wall Street Journal*, *Huffington Post*, Reading Rainbow, the National Crime Prevention Council's Circle of Respect Program, and has also served as an expert panel member on Sesame Street Workshop's video series addressing bullying. **This presentation is for adults only.**

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