



West Linn-Wilsonville School District

How do we create learning communities for the greatest thinkers and most thoughtful people...for the world?



Greetings West Linn-Wilsonville School Community!

It is really hard to believe that we are entering the last week of school for 2011. I hope the year has been as good to you as it has been to me. I have learned a lot from these past few months and in school, learning is always a mark of a great year.

Over the past few weeks I have had the opportunity to experience numerous classroom, school, and community events, work sessions, and performances. The spirit of support for our children and their learning is evident in each school. Your models of thoughtful service makes it so clear to our children that they too should look for ways to serve and support those who may be in need, particularly at this time of year. It has been an inspiration to hear our children speak to and provide service toward supporting those in their community and across the globe who are in need. Providing this circle of support is a powerful theme within our vision and I thank you for providing our children both the model for and the opportunity to give...for the world.

On Attendance Area Boundary Adjustments & Community Engagement

We want to remind you once again that a part of our process for opening new schools in the fall includes adjusting attendance area boundaries for all schools.

We encourage you to attend a community forum designed to collect your questions, to gather your input, and to clarify processes and timelines involved with the adjustment to school attendance area boundaries. The West Linn community forum will be held December 12th at Rosemont Ridge Middle School from 6:30-8:00 p.m. and the Wilsonville community forum will be held on December 14th at Wilsonville High School from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Feel free to check our website or contact us for further information.

For the World: World Languages and Cultures

In the spirit of nurturing our systems of educating "for the world" we are fortunate to have a community task force considering how we can grow models of world and dual language development in our schools. As we consider how to prepare next year's kindergarten students to graduate as the class of 2025 we are increasingly made aware of the importance of developing international relations and the role that language and culture play in developing those relationships. As we nurture these opportunities for our students we find ourselves in the beginning stages of creating new kinds of international partnerships with schools on a global level. Our vision is that one day we may be regularly sharing international learning opportunities and resources with students, teachers, and schools both virtu-

ally and face to face. We will have much more to share as we begin the new year.

With Appreciation

Thanks again for your tremendous support of our schools and our children. I hope our report card is as good as yours in the areas of showing our appreciation and support for all you do. Thank you too for your recognition of the tremendous work of our teachers, principals, and support staff. Serving all students with care and excellence is increasingly complex work and it is not done better than in West Linn-Wilsonville Schools. If you have an opportunity to recognize a teacher through the West Linn-Wilsonville Education Foundation please see the attached flyer. I look forward to seeing many of you during the events of the week and please be safe in your travels to and from. Do enjoy and, in fact, create the spirit of the season.

With Spirit,

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