



Trillium Tweak

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News and Events

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The arts enrich our lives. The West Linn-Wilsonville School District recognizes the arts as one of the strategic investments that are vital to providing an education for the whole child. The arts are incorporated into the education of Trillium Creek students in a number of ways. Here are some of this year's highlights.

First thing this fall, artists Maggie Englund and Joan Carlson guided Trillium students as they each designed and created a unique clay owl. Students first learned to form the owl from clay then later were able to glaze their owls and bring them to life with color. We hope that your child's owl is displayed proudly in your home. You will also notice some of the owls (made by Trillium teachers and staff) have become a part of Trillium and are hung throughout the building.

Our PTA sponsors the art literacy program for all Trillium Creek students and parent volunteers bring it to each classroom three times per year. Students have had two art literacy lessons so far. These have focused on the art of Alexander Calder and M.C. Escher. After learning about the work of these famous artists, students then create beautiful pieces themselves using a similar technique or applying a similar art principle. Some of these pieces have come home but many are still on display around the building. Art Literacy parent volunteers will meet again on Thursday, April 7th at 1:00 to prepare to share the art of sculptor Constantin Brancusi with students. Thanks to our PTA, PTA supporters and parent volunteers, there is more beautiful artwork still to come!

April is National Poetry Month. Students will soon begin hearing and reading poetry as part of their library lessons. Ms. Morris has invited fourth and fifth grade leadership students, as well as any other students who would like to participate, to write original poems or select personal favorites to practice then share with the school at morning meetings. This poetry sharing will continue throughout the month.

It is also almost time for the West Linn-Wilsonville District art show. On Saturday, April 16th at 3:30, Art Tech high school will host this annual event. All are invited to attend and view art and performances created by West Linn-Wilsonville students of all ages. The show will include pieces created by some of Trillium's young artists. Take the whole family for an evening of viewing art while enjoying a treat from one of the participating food carts. You might just leave inspired to create something new of your own.

Our music teacher, Kelly Myers, selects or designs music programs that relate to the content that children are studying in their classrooms, highlight students' talents and give students the opportunity to experience something new. Life-long skills are learned as children prepare for and participate in these performances. Students at every grade level prepare an annual performance. Our fourth graders recently performed *Go West*. Second graders are preparing now for their upcoming program, *Says the Bee*. . . *Its Time for Spring!* Join us at 6:30 April 21st for another wonderful musical performance!

We so appreciate the families and community members who continue to support our music and arts program in many ways. You have shown support by participating in PTA, helping children prepare for performances, attending events, volunteering and through monetary donations. Our school received \$1,192 through the recent Music and Arts Partners Dollar for the Arts drive. During that one-week drive 239 students returned a donation envelope. Some students even completed chores and small jobs at home to earn the money to donate. Our students appreciate their arts opportunities as well.

Thank you to all of the families in our school community for supporting the Arts. We look forward to continuing our work in educating the whole child by integrating art into each child's school day.

Calendar of Events

APRIL



April 4 - No School - Staff Development Day

April 7 - Art Literacy Training at 1:00 pm

April 11 - Spring Enrichment Classes Begin

April 14 - Spring Picture Day

April 16 - PTA Meeting
9:30 am - Join Us!

April 21 - 2nd Grade Music Program 6:30 pm

Apr 24 - Senior Choir Concert at 6:30 pm

Apr 25 - Spring Auction

Apr 25 - 5th Grade State Testing all week

April 27 - Professional Growth Wednesday - Early Release at 12:10 pm



As we look forward to the 2016-17 school year, we want to continue to have the opportunity to hire excellent teachers for our continually growing community. **I want to encourage you to consider**

making a tax-deductible donation to this year's "Count Me In" campaign for the West Linn-Wilsonville Education Foundation.

State funding to our District has increased, but local option funds have still not reached pre-2008 levels. Since then we've added almost 1,500 students to our schools. So, this campaign raises money to fund additional teachers in our district which helps to maintain effective class sizes and foster continued excellence in our school district. The West Linn-Wilsonville Education Foundation is a non-profit organization staffed with parent volunteers that has been in place for over 20 years. Their only mission each year is to raise funds in support of our schools!

The Foundation's goal this year is to raise \$140,000 to help our District hire 3 additional teachers. To accomplish this and based on our enrollment, Trillium Creek Primary has been assigned a specific school goal to raise \$10,000. My goal is also to have as many families as possible donate as a sign of our strong school community. Any amount is appreciated!

To make your donation, please click on this link <http://www.wlwfoundation.org/>. It will take you to the West Linn-Wilsonville Education Foundation website. There you will find information on the important work of the Foundation and a DONATE button to make your donation. Remember to "tag" Trillium Creek Primary as your school affiliation so we can reach our goal for this year!

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Charlotte

SPRING PICTURE DAY Thursday, April 14th

Flyers will come home next week. Photographers will only take pictures of students who wish to purchase picture packets. To purchase packets online go to mylifetouch.com Our picture day ID: FO735913Q0 If you pay online send the completed flyer with your child to Spring Picture Day to make sure your child is photographed.



2 DAYS LEFT TO ORDER YEARBOOKS!

Yearbooks will only be available for purchase online and if you would like to purchase one go to: ybpay.lifetouch.com and enter our school code: 11619616

Fundraising Opportunity for the Hoot 'n' Scoot Fun Run

We are just over six weeks away from the Hoot 'n' Scoot Fun Run!



Double Dog Dare U Events will once again be bringing their start/finish line and flagging to the Hoot 'n' Scoot to help create a festive atmosphere to the Hoot 'n' Scoot. They have also offered us an easy and fun way to earn to raise some money toward our \$20,000 goal.

Double Dog Dare U Events puts on a series of races including the Double High 5 in Lake Oswego (Trillium Creek families can also receive a 10% discount on registration with the code TCPTA.) They need help supporting this event and have offered our PTA \$25/adult that can fill one of the volunteer spots - there are about 20 spots to fill and he is hoping we can fill at least 10 of them (quick math that's \$250 - \$500 for our PTA!) The event is Saturday, April 9, with volunteer opportunities Friday, April 8 and Saturday, April 9.

There are also some jobs that kids can help out with (although only the adults will receive the donation for their volunteering, if your kids have ever been to a race or an event like this they know it can be A LOT of fun!) For more information and to sign up to volunteer please go to <https://runsignup.com/Race/Volunteer/OR/LakeOswego/DoubleFiveforDORRegOnly>

If your kids would like to go with you please sign up for one of the following shifts.

Packet Pickup / Registration

7:00 - 10:00 am - Kid(s) could help with race bibs, shirts. This group will also do food prep / setting out bread, cutting bananas, oranges.

Aid Station 1 - Trillium Dr

8:00 - 10:00 am - A great opportunity for kids to help fill water cups and cheer on the participants.

Finish Line / Tear down

9:00 am - 12:00 pm - Kids could help with handing out medals to the finishers, collecting trash, loading the truck.

We are also still seeking Gold, Silver and Bronze level business sponsors for the Hoot 'n' Scoot.

Thank you for supporting one of our great sponsors, PTA and Trillium Creek Primary community.

EMERGENCY KITS

Each fall parents send emergency kits to school for their child. These items are available to students in the event there is an emergency and students need to stay at school until parents are able to arrive. Starting next year, we will not ask parents to send a kit for their child. Instead, our PTA will have supplies available here at school. We will periodically refresh them as needed. Please see the attached form for more information.

Trillium Creek Primary School Mascot

Whooo do we want for the Trillium Creek School Mascot? I'll tell you whooo. The Owl, that's Whooo!

The owl is our mascot because owls are keen, knowledgeable creatures. Like the students at Trillium, the owl is a peaceful creature. The curious owl sits quietly, silently, observing and watching with its wide eyes. Trillium students do the same things, with a sense of wide eyed wonder! Owls can turn their heads 270 degrees. This helps them to look around their environment. They keep their ecosystem healthy, and we are learning to be stewards of our environment, too.

Owls are wise seekers, searching the woodlands like Trillium students seek out books in the library. Impossible to stop, strong and accurate, owls are like the students of Trillium as we meet new learning challenges and grow wiser as we conquer our mistakes and fears. Swift and wise, owls glide through the forest near Trillium Creek, where students in classrooms soar through their learning.

Throughout history, owls have gained a reputation for being wise, thoughtful and trustworthy. There are many stories and poems that include owls as intelligent, helpful characters. In this way the owl is a great role model for others.

The perfect mascot for Trillium Creek Primary School is the Owl! We need your help in naming our mascot. Please see the attached form for more information.

It's time for another season of CREST Learning On The Go Field Trips... and you're invited.

April 4, 2016

Wildlife Safari: Hidden Natural Areas of the South Metro Area

8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Grades 1 - 5

Explore the amazing rivers, creeks, wetlands and forests near your community. Search for wildlife of all kinds. Stop at five or six locations found just a short bus ride away from Stafford Primary and use tools that scientists use to observe animals in their habitat. We will find animal tracks, crawdads, birds, insects and amphibians or maybe even something as rare as the albino Pacific Giant Salamander that CREST campers found in Mary S. Young Park last summer!

If you have any questions, please contact Vickie Lee at leev@wlwv.k12.or.us or at [\(503\) 673-7010](tel:5036737010). To register - go to the CREST online registration page at <http://www2.crest.wlvv.k12.or.us/register/>

TOTALLY AWESOME 80's PARTY!



Leg warmers, neon colors and Aqua Net hair, Trillium Creek is going old school, be there or be square!

Join the PTA at our Adult Spring Social, a Totally Awesome 80's Party on April 30th!

We will have adult refreshments, appetizers, photo booth, a DJ and lots of dancing! Of course we will also have silent auction items which will include the popular class parties, teacher features and adult party boards. This is the party of the year, so find your best 80's attire, and purchase your tickets today! Tickets available at www.trilliumcreekpta.org



PTA Meeting

Wednesday, April 13th at 9:00 am

Please Join Us!

5TH GRADE RECOGNITION

The Fifth Grade Recognition will take place on June 10. Mrs. Fels, Mrs. Grabow, Mrs. Fennell, Mr. Bullard, Ms. Soriano, Mrs. Donegan, and Charlotte Morris are working with parent representatives from each of the fifth grade classes. We will be hosting a meeting on **Monday, April 18th from 8:30-9:30 in the staff room.**

If you would like to help with this event, we invite you to attend. *NOTE: THIS IS A CHANGE FROM THE DATE THAT WAS IN THE LETTER SENT TO FIFTH GRADE PARENTS.*

CORNY JOKE FRIDAY

Here are a few of our favorites:



Why did the bat get kicked out of the cave?

Because it had a "battitude"

What did the people say to Humpty Dumpty when he cracked?

We'll get you to the hospital in a split second!

What is a snakes favorite activity?

Hisssstory

Student Emergency Kits

March 31, 2016

Dear Parents,

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Starting next year, we will not ask parents to send a kit for their child. Instead, our PTA will have supplies available here at school. We will periodically refresh them as needed.

What will happen with your current emergency kit? We would like to keep the nonperishable items (the blanket, flashlight, tissues, etc) that are currently in the emergency kits here at school. These would be stored and then available in the event of an emergency. We know that you may have sent a personal item and note to be kept in the kit. We would send these home with your child at the end of the school year.

Please check the box below and return this form to us no later than Friday, April 22. If we do not receive the form from you, we will assume you want the kit returned and will send it home with your child at the end of the school year.

Thank you,

Charlotte Morris, Principal
Kari Baltz, PTA President
Geoff Sinclair, PTA Emergency Preparedness Chair

EMERGENCY KIT:

RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY FRIDAY, APRIL 22.

Use one form per child.

Child's Name _____

Teacher _____

Parent's Name _____

_____ Please send my child's emergency kit home with my child.

_____ I give permission for the school to keep the nonperishable items in my child's emergency kit at school as part of the school emergency preparation planning.

Trillium Creek Primary School

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Order Deadline: April 01, 2016

Fecha Tope Para el Pedido:

Order online
ybpay.lifetouch.com

Yearbook ID Code:

11619616

Name Our Trillium Creek Owl Mascot

Our Trillium Creek Owl Mascot needs a name that represents our students and staff of our school in an intelligent and meaningful way. Submit your suggested name to the school office by **Monday, April 11** along with why you think this would be a great name.

Adult/Student Name _____

Contact Information or Classroom Teacher _____

Suggested Owl Name _____

Paragraph about why you are recommending this name for our owl mascot.
