



Trillium Tweet

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News and Events

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Staycations: Ideas your spring break fun for the whole family!

I know many of you have exciting trips planned to beautiful destinations whether in-state or out-of-state, but for some us getting out of town during spring break can be difficult whether related to our work schedule or finances. A Staycation can be an affordable way to make staying at home feel more special. A true Staycation is more than just a week at home, it is an intentional time of fun and relaxation for your whole family. It does take a little effort to do it right, but can ultimately be just as satisfying as going somewhere far away.

Set some ground rules: The point of a Staycation is to make it feel as much like a real family getaway as possible, without leaving the comfort of your own home. Thus, to make sure the whole family is on the same page, it is good to start with some ground rules that everyone can agree on. Start with deciding exactly when your vacation at home starts and ends, and then set a few guidelines for what your family may and may not do during this time. These could include all or some of the following:

- No smart phone
- No email
- No computer or video games
- No television
- No working from home
- No worrying
- No fighting
- Family time only—no independent activities or outside plans
- No cooking
- No cleaning
- No laundry

PLAN for fun!

Just like a real vacation, the more you plan for fun, the more successful your Staycation is likely to be. Start by setting a reasonable, realistic budget for your week of fun at home. Set some money aside for activities, eating out, and perhaps even paying for a splurge or two such as paying for a house cleaner or treating yourself to a massage or pedicure at a local spa. Next, take the time to figure out just what you will do on your Staycation. If your kids are old enough to have an opinion, hold a family meeting to discuss your ideas and to get a feel for what everyone wants to do. (The list below is a great start!) If you like spontaneity, consider putting everyone's ideas into a jar, then picking one activity each day. Or, if your family prefers more structure, use your ideas to develop an itinerary for the week.

Get Creative

Here are 25 fun and creative ideas to get you started:

- **Try Geocaching**-According to the official [Geocaching website](http://www.geocaching.com), "Geocaching is a real-world, outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices. Participants navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the geocache (container) hidden at that location."

Calendar of Events

MARCH



Mar 9-13 - Forest Flyers

Mar 9-13 - Last Week of Winter Enrichment Classes (except Choir)

Mar 16-20 - Spring Conferences

Mar 18 - Professional Growth Wednesday - Early Release at 12:10 pm.

Mar 19-20 - No School - Spring Conferences

Mar 23-27 - No School - Spring Break

April



Apr 6 - No School - Staff Development Day

Apr 15 - PTA Meeting
9:00 am - Join us!

Apr 13-17 - Forest Flyers

Apr 22 - Spring Pictures

Apr 29 - Professional Growth Wednesday - Early Release at 12:10 pm.

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- **Visit a Nearby National Park**-National parks truly are one of our country's greatest treasures, and most NPs have a variety of awesome family friendly activities to choose from. After [finding a park in your area](#), first visit the Ranger Station to pick up a Junior Ranger kit, then complete the required number of activities to receive a badge. You can also purchase a Passport to National Parks at any NP gift shop, then collect passport stamps at every park you visit. Most park fees are nominal, but you can also check out [this page](#) to find free entrance days.
- **Enjoy Your Local Theater**-Check the local newspaper or theater website to see what plays, musicals, concerts, or family-friendly comedy shows will be playing during your planned Staycation time, then book tickets and plan for an evening at the theater.
- **Visit a Nearby Amusement Park**- There is Oaks Amusement Park in Sellwood and Bullwinkle's Family Fun Center in Wilsonville to name a couple in our area
- **Visit Portland's Children's Museum**-If you've got younger kids it can sometimes be hard to find activities that the whole family can enjoy, but a great Children's Museum can definitely fit the bill.
- **Host a Family Board Game Tournament**-Invest in a few new board games, then set up snacks and drinks for a marathon board game tournament!
- **Go Bowling**-If your kids are small, try bumper bowling; for older kids go at night during "glow bowling" times!
- **Camp in Your Own Backyard**-Why not enjoy the great outdoors in your own backyard? Set up a tent and sleeping bags, build a fire (or use the grill) to cook s'mores, and take turns telling ghost stories. Then download the [Night Sky app](#) (make sure your device is GPS-enabled first!) to identify stars, planets, and even satellites in the sky.
- **Create Your Own Art**-Spend an afternoon getting creative at a nearby paint-your-own pottery facility. Not only is it fun, you'll have your own gorgeous dishes to take home when you're done.
- **Get Wet**-Spend the day at a local pool or waterpark, or just head to the beach! If that sounds like too much effort, simply set up a slip & slide in the backyard and have a family water day at home.
- **Tackle a family project**-Have the kids been begging for a tree house or wanting to redecorate their rooms? Consider spending your week together working on something to improve your home. You'll not only bond while painting and building together, but at the end of the week have something concrete to show for your time!
- **Host Your Own Film Festival**-Pick a theme, allow each family member to pick a movie, then get comfortable for a day of movies. Be sure to provide plenty of snacks, and take breaks to discuss and rate each film.
- **Play Outside**-Go fly a kite, take a walk, go for a bike ride, or take a hike—most state and national parks have at least a few walking, hiking, or biking trails to choose from. Do a little research to find one that fits your family's athletic ability, then head out to enjoy the great outdoors. Don't forget to pack snacks and water for your trek!

SPRING CONFERENCES

Online sign ups are now open through the PASS link. Teachers will provide the opportunity for afternoon or evening conferences on March 17-18 and a full day on March 19. Spring break begins the following week. Remember, No school on Thursday & Friday next week.

IN-DISTRICT TRANSFER INFORMATION

Those students who live outside our attendance area but started with us in our inaugural year will be grandfathered in through 5th grade. Since this is an unusual circumstance for the district, there is no need to complete the transfer form online. If you have any questions, please call the office.

YEARBOOK ORDERS

Yearbook order forms went home Tuesday, March 10 in your child's take home folder. The price is \$18 for a yearbook and they can be purchased by making out a check to Trillium Creek PTA or by going online ybpay.lifetouch.com and ordering using id code 11619615. The yearbooks are a great way for your child to remember a fantastic year here at TCPS. This is the only time this year that yearbooks are offered for sale. If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne Tye at suzanne.tye@comcast.net

SPIRITWEAR FEEDBACK NEEDED

Who doesn't love our Trillium Creek Spirit Wear? Since we only offer it for sale in the fall, we are interested in your feedback. We would like to know about items you like and want as well as items you would never be interested in. Please feel free to email Felicia Johnston at gofish1773@gmail.com with ideas, wants or suggestions.

First Robotics Competition District Event at Wilsonville High School Friday and Saturday

Our robotics team is hosting a District FRC event this weekend at Wilsonville High School with 30 teams competing. It is quite a job to host an event of this size and we are very lucky to have it in our district. The West Linn-Wilsonville FRC robotics team will also be competing (Team 1425: Error Code Xero). The times are 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Friday and 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Saturday. All FRC teams compete in 2 district events to earn points. Those teams who earn enough points will qualify for the regional event in Cheney, WA, on April 1-4th. This district event will be the first district our team will be competing in. They travel to Auburn, WA, March 26-28th for their second event. All are welcome to come out and watch some great matches. Entry is free.

MAP DOLLAR FOR THE ARTS

All money raised will come back to
Trillium Creek!!!

WLWV Music and Arts Partners (MAP) is asking every K-12 family to donate one dollar or more in March to support art and music programs. MAP is a volunteer, non-profit, organization working to fill the funding gaps for art and music education in our school district. In the past 15 years, MAP has returned more than \$600,000 to our schools. Please help to continue our wonderful music and arts programs by using the envelopes, coming home today with your child, for your Dollar for the Arts contribution.

This year every dollar raised by Trillium Creek will go directly back to our arts programs!!

To encourage participation, Trillium Creek MAP is hosting a contest for the highest percentage of participation. The class with 100% participation will receive a free music class with Mrs. Myers. Please help your student to make this fundraiser a success by participating and giving at least a dollar for the arts! As you know, the music and art programs are part of what makes our school so outstanding. We appreciate your support.

An Engineering Extravaganza!

Exciting Engineering Activities for Students
Grades 1 - 8!

Attention all potential engineers! Do you love to create? Are you interested in designing and building things that work and move? Would you like to learn more about cool science stuff like potential and kinetic energy, momentum and rotational motion?

Join us for a fun "Engineering Extravaganza", taking place March 18 - 21, 2015 at Bolton Primary School in West Linn.

Please see the attached registration forms for more information as well as dates and times.

Engineering Extravaganzas are grade level specific and spaces are limited.

Don't forget to check out the district's
Community Bulletin Board at:
<http://www.2008bond.wlwg.k12.or.us/cbb/>

PTA HAPPENINGS

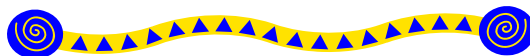
PTA is looking for some help from our Trillium community for some silent auctions items of the upcoming Spring Social and we need your help! Please contact Kari Baltz at karibaltz@comcast.net if you are willing to help with any of the following needs:

- We are looking for a host family for a bbq/cook off party we would like to auction off on a party board. The event would take place next fall on September 12th in the evening and would be an adult-only event.
- Donations for gift cards for silent auction baskets (movie, restaurant, activities).
- Donations of a stay at a vacation home.

It's March, which means Trillium's PTA is already starting planning for next school year! If any of these committees seem like something you would like to lead, please contact karibaltz@comcast.net and she would gladly give you more information to see if it's a good fit for you. We are in need chairpeople to head up the following activities/areas:

- Annual Fund/PTA Membership Chair
- Backyard BBQ Co-Chair
- School Apparel Chair
- Emergency Preparedness Co-Chair

Those interested in serving on the PTA Board in any position



PTA Meeting
Wednesday, April 15th
9:00 am

CORNY JOKE FRIDAY

Here are a few of our favorites:

What's a cow's favorite place to go?

A mooovie theatre

What did the policeman say to the popsicle?

Freeze

Why did the singer want to go into space?

To become a star.





WINE BEER & APPETIZERS TOO

Please join us for...

THE TRILLIUM TASTE

FRIDAY

APRIL 17TH

7:00 P.M.



RSVP FOR THIS EVENT AND BID ONLINE AT
WWW.TRILLIUMCREEKPTA.ORG

where?

HOME OF ANDY & KARI BALTZ
641 S STONEHENGE TERR
WEST LINN

\$25

per person

There will be a
small silent auction.

THIS IS A PTA SPONSORED ADULT ONLY SOCIAL EVENT

West Linn-Wilsonville School District Gifted Education
presents

“AN ENGINEERING EXTRAVAGANZA”

An engineering experience designed for 1st and 2nd grade students

Date: Thursday, March 19, 2015

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. *or* 12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Location: Bolton Primary School (gym), West Linn

Reg Fee: \$30.00 (some scholarships available)

Attention all 1st and 2nd graders! Join us in using your math and engineering skills, as you focus on the engineering process and applied science to create gravity and magnet-powered go-carts, roller coasters and Rube Goldberg machines! Come learn about force, momentum and rotational motion while designing and building inventions that demonstrate these concepts and give you a wonderful introduction to engineering.

We welcome the return of our international engineering instructor, Scott Ziglinski, as he presents new challenges for you to conquer. The registration fee for “An Engineering Extravaganza” is \$30.00. Spaces are limited, so please return this registration form – along with your fee – at your earliest convenience. Please visit Scott’s website <http://www.elementaryengineering.net/index.html> for additional information. ***Please note: unfortunately, you will not be able to take your machines home (as they result from group input.) However, Mr. Z can provide you with a list of materials that will allow you to recreate (or create new!) awesome designs on your own!**

Questions, please contact Julie Lane at (503) 673-7024 or email at lanej@wlwv.k12.or.us

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“An Engineering Extravaganza” – Grades 1, 2 – Thursday, March 19, 2015

STUDENT NAME _____

_____ Morning Session (9-11:30)

_____ Afternoon Session (12-2:30)

SCHOOL _____ GRADE _____

HOME # _____ DAY OR CELL # _____

Email address (to email confirmation to you) _____

Yes, I give permission for my child to be photographed or video taped by staff for educational purposes. _____

My child has the following health concerns/special needs _____

Please send registration form and \$30.00 fee (payable to the West Linn-Wilsonville School District) to:

Julie Lane
West Linn-Wilsonville School District
22210 SW Stafford Road
Tualatin, OR 97062

“An Engineering Extravaganza!”

An engineering experience designed for 3rd grade students

Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2015 (early release day)

OR

Saturday, March 21, 2015 (afternoon)

Time: 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. - Wednesday
12:00 - 2:30 p.m. - Saturday

Location: Bolton Primary School, West Linn

Reg Fee: \$30.00 (some scholarships available)

Attention 3rd graders! Come apply your math and engineering skills and have some fun creating roller coasters, Rube Goldberg machines, go-carts and tractor pulls! We invite both students who have experienced a Mr. Z engineering class in the past and students who have not engineered with us before to come join the fun in these NEW and exciting challenges.

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“An Engineering Extravaganza” Grade 3 - Wednesday, March 18 OR Saturday, March 21

STUDENT NAME _____

_____ Wednesday 1:30-3:00 _____ Saturday 12:00-2:30

SCHOOL _____ GRADE _____

HOME # _____ DAY OR CELL # _____

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Tualatin, OR 97062

“An Engineering Extravaganza!”

An engineering experience designed for 4th and 5th grade students

Date: Friday, March 20, 2015 (non-school day)

OR

Saturday, March 21, 2015 (morning)

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. **(either day)**

Location: Bolton Primary School, West Linn

Reg Fee: \$30.00 (some scholarships available)

Attention 4th and 5th graders! Come apply your math and engineering skills and have some fun with BRAND NEW challenges in engineering! You will be working on advanced roller coasters, Rube Goldberg machines, go-carts and tractor pulls!! We invite both students who have experienced a Mr. Z engineering class in the past and students who have not engineered with us before to come join the fun in these NEW and exciting challenges.

We welcome the return of our international engineering instructor, Scott Ziglinski, along with his new ideas to explore. The registration fee for “An Engineering Extravaganza” is \$30.00. Spaces are limited, so please return this registration form – along with your fee at your earliest convenience. Please visit Scott’s website <http://www.elementaryengineering.net/index.html> for additional information. ***Please note: unfortunately, you will not be able to take your machines home (as they result from group input.) However, Mr. Z can provide you with a list of materials that will allow you to recreate (or create new!) awesome designs on your own!**

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“An Engineering Extravaganza” Grade 4-5 - March 20 or 21, 2015

STUDENT NAME _____

_____ Friday, March 20, 9-11:30

_____ Saturday, March 21, 9-11:30

SCHOOL _____ GRADE _____

HOME # _____ DAY OR CELL # _____

Email address (to email confirmation to you) _____

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Tualatin, OR 97062

Help Achieve a Guinness World Record Title For the Most People Planting Native Bulbs Simultaneously

Who: We need **you** and 999 others who want to break the record of 850 people established in the UK last year. Let's go for 1,000 people. Bring your kids, friends, neighbors, work buddies, church group, Scout Troop, class, senior pals, sports team, employees, etc.



What: Break the Guinness World Record. Please bring a garden trowel or spade with you to help get the native bulbs in the ground.



When: Earth Day Saturday April 18th from 9 am to 11 am.

Where: The White Oak Savanna, 2425 Tannler Dr. West Linn.

Email roberta.schwarz@comcast.net to sign up.

Why: To do something fun on Earth Day and to break a Guinness World Record locally in the White Oak Savanna while planting thousands of native bulbs as a restoration project.

