



## Trillium Tweet

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# News and Events

From Lindsay Riley, Teacher/Librarian

"I have no special talents. I am only *passionately curious*."  
Albert Einstein

We have officially collected well over one hundred applications for the Science Inquiry Fair this year at Trillium Creek. That is an exciting number of projects to anticipate display on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, but what is most exciting is the culture of question sharing and the thinking out loud that has been swirling in and around the library lately. When one person begins to wonder, we find that others readily join in. And when authentic inquiry is present, it is hard to stop – and that is a good thing.

Although the Science Inquiry Fair happens each February at Trillium Creek, the encouragement of authentic inquiry is present all year long. Setting the stage for inquiry is part of our work as teachers. Much like offering students the chance to experience productive struggle so they may see the success and feel the satisfaction that comes with persevering, the generating of purposeful questions stemming from genuine curiosity is a thinking disposition we model as teachers, and strive to build into the culture of our school.

We model for students that inquiry is cyclical in nature because the outcome of inquiry is not simple answers, but rather developed understandings that often lead to new questions and new trajectories in learning. Learning is powerful when one experience may be connected to another. The modeling of inquiry thinking prompts students to process their understanding of a concept by actively engaging in more questions about that concept. So when I hear a student say, "Why is it 5:00 in Oregon, but 8:00 in North Carolina?" I smile and think, this is a question that will most certainly lead to more questions while in pursuit of an understanding. The next time you hear your child musing about something, honor that spark of curiosity and wonder out loud together.

## Calendar of Events

### February



**February 8** - PTA Meeting  
at 9:00 am - Join Us!

**February 8** - Full Day of  
School

**February 13-17** - Forest  
Flyers

**February 20** - No School -  
Presidents Day

**February 22** - Science Fair  
Open House 6:00 pm

**February 28** - CREST/Jane  
Goodall Science Symposium  
at West Linn High School

### March



**March 2** - 5th Grade Music  
Program 6:30 pm

**March 8** - PTA Meeting at  
9:00 am - All Are Welcome!

**Message from  
Kathy Ludwig, Superintendent**

Please see the attached message regarding the 2016-17 School Calendar Amendment and the Middle School Boundary Adjustment Update.

- All early release days have been changed to a full day of school.
- April 10th is now a full day of school.
- March 23rd is now a full day of school.
- Last day of school is now Tuesday, June 20th

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION  
IS NOW OPEN**

Kindergarten registration for the 2017-18 school year is now open. Parents may pick up registration forms from any of the primary schools or download the forms off the district website. Completed forms can be turned into the home school. There is no "registration" day; instead, parents can return completed paperwork right away to their school office.

For further information about Kindergarten, please contact your home school office.

**ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!**

Yearbooks are for sale until April 3rd! Don't delay, time will fly by!! Order your Yearbook online for only \$19 which includes the student or family's name in foil print on the cover. Packages are also available. See information attached.

Please know this information was not included in the back to school packet and pre-sales were only offered through email to people who ordered last year.

\*email [schenning@lifetouch.com](mailto:schenning@lifetouch.com) after you have ordered if you would like family name versus student's name on the cover



**School Recycling Can & Bottle  
Donation Program**

**A big thank you goes to Palisades Market for adding Trillium Creek to this great program. We received a check last week for \$315.00!**

**This is how it works:**

- Parents, students, faculty, teachers, neighbors, and friends bring empty Oregon Beverage Recycling cans and bottles with \$.05 deposit.
- Please do not bring items that do not have a deposit value.
- Locate your local school's bin - they are all inside, individually labeled, near the restrooms.
- Place your empty cans and bottles in your school's appropriate bin.
- Shop at Palisades Marketplace.
- Store employees then sort, count, and document amounts per school.
- Store Director notifies schools quarterly of total amount donated and issues checks!

**Coming Soon . . . Science/Inquiry Fair**

The annual Trillium Creek Science/Inquiry Fair will be held the evening of February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The annual CREST/Jane Goodall Science Symposium will follow on the evening of February 28<sup>th</sup> at West Linn High School.

**CREST-JANE GOODALL SCIENCE  
SYMPOSIUM**

The 16th annual CREST-Jane Goodall Science Symposium will be held at Wilsonville High School, 6800 SW Wilsonville Rd., Wilsonville, OR, on Monday and Tuesday, February 27-28, 2017. The ISEF-affiliated fair is a highlight of the event. During the fair each year, professional scientists and engineers from our community volunteer their time as judges spend a day reviewing the projects and interviewing our student scientists and engineers, to discuss their work and determine special and category award winners. The awards and the names of the students who will advance to the state-level fair and the international ISEF fair will be announced on the evening of Tuesday, February 28, following the keynote address by geoscientist Dr. Chris Goldfinger.

## Girls on the Run!

Girls on the Run is a life-changing, after-school program for girls in 3rd-5th grade. Our mission is to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy, and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running. The 20-lesson Girls on the Run curriculum combines training for a 5k (3.1 miles) running event with lessons that inspire girls to become independent thinkers, to enhance their problem-solving skills, and to make healthy decisions.

### Sign Up Your Girl!

- Practice Days: Monday and Thursday from 4pm-5:30pm at Trillium Creek Primary School. This is an after-school program. Girls must be committed to attending both practices each week.
- Registration Dates: Registration opened on Wednesday, January 18 at 8:00am. Most teams will fill up FAST. Once a team fills, girls may register for the team's waiting list. When spots open, they are offered to girls in the order in which they registered for the waiting list.

How to Register: Sign your girl up at [www.girlsontherunpdx.org](http://www.girlsontherunpdx.org)

### Key Dates:

- o Season begins: week of March 6
- o Girls on the Run 5k: Saturday, May 13
- o Last practice: week of May 22

\* Cost for 10-week program: \$181.50—  
Generous scholarships available!

- Questions? Contact Marianne Walters at [marianne.walters@girlsontherun.org](mailto:marianne.walters@girlsontherun.org)

Don't forget to check out our  
**Community Bulletin Board** at:

<http://www2.wlww.k12.or.us/Community/cbb/>

## ADULT SOCIAL

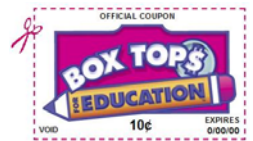
Get your Boots and Bling ready for the TCPS Adult Social the evening of Saturday, April 29th at Barn Kestrel in West Linn. Line up your sitter, and get ready to have fun with other Trillium Creek parents while supporting our amazing school.

This year's event will include live and silent auction items, a photo booth, Slick's Big Time BBQ, DJ, dancing, and much, much more!

If you are interested in helping or donating items for this event, please contact Wendi Sinclair or Mia Carney.

## Box Tops Bowl!

Thank you for your box top pages. We just received a check that will go to our PTA for all the box tops you collected!



It's now time to score a **BOX TOPS BOWL PARTY** for your class! Fill in all 10 boxes on the new sheet (attached in this newsletter) and you will earn a touchdown for your class. Glue, tape or staple box tops to each of the footballs on this sheet. Turn in your sheet to your classroom touchdown bag. On Friday, February 10th, the class with the most touchdowns will win a class party! Check out the front bulletin board to watch your class move down the field toward the Party Zone!

February 1, 2017

Dear West Linn-Wilsonville School Community,

### **2016-2017 School Calendar Amendment**

This winter West Linn-Wilsonville School District lost instructional time due to inclement weather in December and January. We believe strongly in our commitment to student learning and have been exploring options that help us restore a full academic calendar that puts student learning as a priority and fulfills the state instructional hour mandates.

We have received a great many suggestions from the community regarding which options for restoring lost time will keep student learning a priority; provide the least disruption to family plans; keep the extension of the calendar into June at a minimum, avoiding conflict with Seniors' graduation (June 13th, 14th 15th) as well as significant impact on critical summer bond projects, specifically the opening of Meridian Creek Middle School and Sunset Primary School, for the start of the new school year.

Some options we heard from the community included adding days in June, adding minutes to the school day, eliminating a portion of spring break, eliminating professional development and conference days, adjusting finals schedules, extending Seniors' last day (which we can only do until June 13th). We realize that not all options will meet universal approval; however, a combination of some of the options can help us reach our goal.

The district staff has worked carefully and thoughtfully to calculate, accommodate and restore the lost hours at each level which help us keep student learning a priority and meet the state requirement for instructional hours for the 2016-2017 school year.

On January 31st, the School Board approved these amendments to the 2016-2017 school calendar to fulfill these goals:

- Early Release Days (January 18, February 8, March 22, April 26 and May 24) become full student school days
- April 10th Staff Development Day cancelled; student school day instead
- March 23rd Conference Day for K-5 cancelled; student school day instead
- March 24th Conference Day for G. 6-8 cancelled; student school day instead
- High school students adjust finals schedule in February and June as well as shortened lunch schedule (restores 2.5 days)
- Seniors' last day of school extended to June 13th (from June 9th)
- Two days of school added in June for Grades K-11; Last day of school is Tuesday, June 20th

Each of these decisions was made with full awareness of the cost to lost valuable professional development time for teachers; communication time between parents and teachers; and time for grading and teacher collaboration. At the same time, these options restore learning time for students that is needed during the months prior to June while also keeping the calendar from

extending too late into June impacting Senior graduation; families' summer plans; district summer school programs; college/university summer schedules for students and staff; and district summer construction plans.

We are not out of the winter season yet! Should any additional school closures occur, we will re-evaluate available options at that time.

### **Middle School Boundary Adjustment Update**

On the evening of January 25th, the School Board heard an overview and proposal of the Middle School Boundary Adjustment from the Superintendent upon recommendation from the Boundary Task Force. A new scenario for boundary adjustments, Map 9A, was presented and is available for public viewing and comment on the district website. You will notice that "*choice schools*" have been proposed and an "Implementation FAQ" explaining Map 9A, choice schools, student transition, busing and transfers is also available for public viewing and comment.

Note: The link to the map, implementation FAQ and comment option are accessible under the link "Middle School Boundary Task Force" in the "Committees" tab of the district main page.

The School Board will deliberate and take action regarding approval of the Middle School Boundary Adjustment at the next regular board meeting, February 6th.

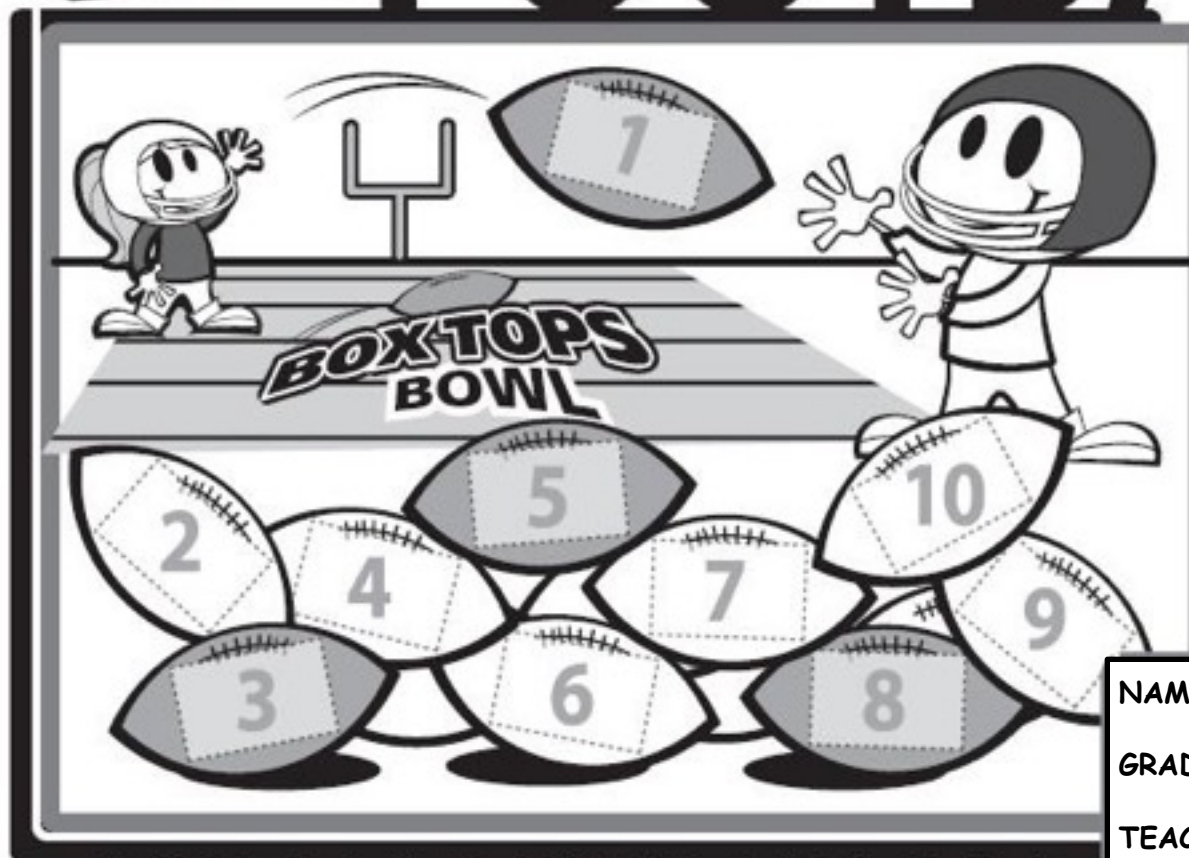
Our School Board, district staff and I wish to publicly thank all of the Boundary Task Force members who gave an extraordinary amount of their time and effort to help with this process and final proposal. The parents and patrons on the Task Force volunteered their time and we are immensely grateful to their interest, commitment and actions in serving our community.

With gratitude,

Kathy Ludwig



# FOOTBALL



It's time to make a big play. Fill up this collection sheet and score one for the home team!

NAME:

GRADE:

TEACHER:

## COLLECTION SHEET

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## Trillium Creek Primary School

# Yearbooks On Sale Now!

*¡Anuarios en venta ahora!*

### Package A Paquete A

Yearbook includes Personalized Cover with Student's Name in Foil  
*El anuario incluye cubierta personalizada con el nombre del estudiante en papel metálico.*  
Zoom Current Events Insert  
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Autograph Insert  
*Adicionales divertidos*  
Yearbook Stickys  
*Adhesivos para el anuario*



**\$22.25**

### Package B Paquete B

Yearbook includes Personalized Cover with Student's Name in Foil  
Zoom Current Events Insert  
Autograph Insert

**\$21.50**

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Yearbook includes Personalized Cover with Student's Name in Foil  
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**\$20.75**

### Yearbook Anuario

Yearbook includes Personalized Cover with Student's Name in Foil

**\$19.00**

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Yearbook with Personalized Cover	<b>\$19.00</b>
Zoom Current Events Insert	<b>\$2.25</b>
Autograph Insert	<b>\$1.00</b>
Yearbook Stickys	<b>\$1.00</b>

You may choose the Yearbook only or the Yearbook and additional options. All orders require the inclusion of a yearbook.  
Puedes elegir sólo el anuario estándar, o el anuario estándar y opciones adicionales. Todos los pedidos relacionados con "Arma tu propio paquete" requieren la inclusión de un anuario.

**Order Deadline: April 03, 2017**

Fecha Tope Para el Pedido:

Order online  
**ybpay.lifetouch.com**

Yearbook ID Code:  
**11619617**

# Boots & Bling

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# April 29, 2017