

## **Trillium Tweet**

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**Calendar of Events** 

## **News and Events**

## From Charlotte Morris, Principal

We've had an amazing week, even with the first school days of Oregon rain! I appreciate all the newness the first week of school brings. Seeing the students' smiles and excitement as they met friends and their new teacher, makes the first week of school a special time for all! Thank you for partnering with us so each and every child has the support of home and school!

One of my favorite times of day is when we gather together for our all school Morning Meeting. This builds our school community and creates a sense of belonging for each and every child. This week we celebrated September birthdays, watched a wonderful Recess Video made by students at our school and our counselor, Ms. Soriano, sang our school song together, reviewed expectations for safe play and tomorrow teachers will share Corny Jokes! Our Morning Meeting sets the tone for all to know that we are a school community and each person is responsible for making it a great day!

I have several folks I want to thank:

Thank you to our families who contributed to our staff luncheon on August. This wonderful event was organized by PTA Chairs Alison Reid and Kirsten Wyatt. We appreciate the delicious sandwiches and treats our first week back!

Thank you to Jen Hill for purchasing popsicles for our Open House on September 1. Most of our 620 children came to visit classrooms and meet friends.

Thank you to Julie Fewell for updating our PTA Bulletin Board outside our office where you can always check out upcoming events and information.

Thank you to Charity Hudnut, Nicole Alexander, and Sara Atwood for working with Dina Soriano on coordinating our Green Team efforts.

Thank you to Felicia Johnston for organizing the purchase of Spirit Wear. Be sure to purchase by September 16. To order go to:

<u>WWW.TRILLIUM-CREEK.MYBIGCOMMERCE.COM.</u> We will be sure to let you know when we will have spirit days this year!

Thank you to Cub Scout Pack 223 for donating time to stain our picnic tables in the forest.

Thank you to Kari Baltz and our PTA for dressing up the staff room. We love the homey feeling!

Thank you to all parents for returning forms, PTA Annual Fund Sheet, and student data verification card. Having these early the first week enables us to update our records and prepare for a great year! We want to thank Michelle Doel as our PTA Annual Fund Chair.

Thank you to our PTA Board, Stephanie Gettel, Beth Schreck, Diane Pohl, Wendy Harmon, Kay Levis, Nicole Alexander, and Kari Baltz for ALL their work this summer. Please join them at our first PTA meeting of the year on Wednesday, Sept 14 in our gym.

Thank you to Jose Texta and Wendy Dees our building engineer and evening custodian. Their teamwork allows our school to shine and be ready for all the first week back to school!

## September



**Sept 9** - Back Yard BBQ 4:30-6:30 pm

Sept 14 - PTA Events

8:30 - PTA Chair Meeting

9:00 - Meet & Greet

9:30 - PTA Meeting

Sept 15 - 1st Grade Hearing Screening 8:00 - 9:00 am

Sept 19-23 - Forest Flyers

**Sept 22** - Curriculum Night for Parents Only

6:00 - 7:10 pm Grades K-2

6:40 - 7:55 pm Grades 3-5

**Sept 28** - Professional Development Wednesday, Early Release at 12:10 pm

Sept 29 - Art Literacy

Training - 8:15 am

Sept 30 - Picture Day!

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Please check out the important dates below. I hope you are able to attend both our PTA Meeting on September 14 and our Curriculum Night on September 22 where classroom teachers will share valuable information with you and talk about how you can volunteer. This will also be an opportunity for you to meet our specialists and stop by the library to sign up to be a library volunteer!

See you at our BBQ tomorrow night, Friday, September 9 from 4:30-6:30 to enjoy a famous Lion Burger and meet new and reunite with old friends!

Charlotte Morris, Principal

# The Trillium Creek BBQ is almost here!



On September 9th from 4:30pm-6:30pm, come and enjoy the opportunity of meeting other new families attending Trillium Creek Primary while munching on some tasty food! Bring your picnic blanket and enjoy these final days of wonderful weather while you listen to the DJ spin some music and play a Bingo game that will help you meet and learn more about each other.

The Lion's club will be here flipping burgers for you, along with chips, drinks and cookies!

Admission to the BBQ is \$5 for each person and it covers the food and entertainment. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there!



Rainy Day Recess: We live in Oregon and it does rain! We believe children need fresh air and outside play each day. So make sure your child dresses

appropriately each day at school. When it rains, they should have a rain jacket with a hood. Children only stay inside if the weather is severe and we expect lightning or wind that causes us to be concerned about the trees. Be sure your child dresses for the weather!

**Dress for PE/Wellness:** PE/Wellness is a class just like reading and math. Be sure your child dresses for PE?Wellness on their day. In fact, wearing closed toe shoes with rubber soles every day encourages active

play at recess. If your child repeatedly is not prepared for PE/Wellness class, we will ask you to send a pair of tennis shoes to school so they are available when needed. Thank you for your support!

**Cell Phones:** We ask that children NOT bring a cell phone to school. If they do, they will need to keep it in their backpack throughout the school day. They are not to be out on the bus, inside the building or anyplace on school grounds.

**PTA**: Please consider being a PTA Chair or Co-Chair. Positions are still available for the following: **Hoot-n-Scoot and Sponsorship.** 

**Annual Fund Donations**: Please return all forms as soon as possible to the school office. Annual Fund Donations are due by September 30th. Thank you!

**Communication**: Sign up for our newsletter by going to our website under ListServ. Also, be sure your child gives any note that you send, especially a chance in how he/she is to go home, to school to his/her teacher at the beginning of each day!

**Visiting or Volunteering at School:** Be sure to sign in using our computers at our visitor station in the office. Teri and Kim, our secretaries will be happy to show you how to log in. All visitors and volunteers must wear a school name badge when at school.

**Home School Folders**: Children in grades K-4 each have a new, blue home school folder, so be sure to look for the folder and any information in it. If these are taken care of, a folder should last a child the entire school year.

Arrival: Please follow our arrival procedures each morning. Stay in your car as you drop your children off at the curb. Be sure to move all the forward before stopping to drop your child off. Please teach your children to be defensive bikers and walkers going to and from school. Go over the path with them and make sure they don't have any electronic devices out as they are walking. Paying attention to drivers and others is most important for safety.

**Dismissal**: All class dismissal will be in the gym. Notify the office as to your child's afterschool plans PRIOR to the day if there are changes.

# BE INVOLVED AT MAKING A DIFFERENCE AT TCPS AND SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER TODAY!

This year there is a salmon colored flyer in your back to school packets that you'll want to fill out and return! The volunteer interest form!!! We are attempting to streamline our database to decrease the amount of emails volunteers receive and we want to try to send out only ones that interest YOU! This means that we will be sending out requests to volunteers based on their preference FIRST, then if needed, we will send out to the entire database. We are so appreciative of our volunteer community here at TCPS! There are so many ways to volunteer at TCPS and we encourage you to look over the list of various opportunities and see how you can help today!

\*If you have not signed up on Help Counter, please click the link below to sign up to receive these emails that help keep you informed of events for your child(ren) and your family! Feel free to check the activities and committees that interest YOU this year and/or fill out the form in your packet and we will do it for you!

\*If you have already signed up on Help Counter, please click on the link and update your interests so you get the emails for events you want to be a part of this year and/or fill out the form in your packet and we will do it for you!

www.helpcounterweb.com/welcome/?en=160714297

TCPS thanks you for making a difference!

## **PTA Meet & Greet!**

Please join us for our first PTA event this year on Wednesday, September 14th at 9:00 am.

- Enjoy coffee and pastries
- Meet your PTA Board and other TCPS parents
- Learn about volunteer opportunities
- Celebrate the start of a new school vear!
- Everyone is welcome! PTA meeting follows at 9:30 am

## Trillium Creek Spirit Wear

Order deadline is September 16th

This is your only opportunity to order

Spirit Wear this year.

All orders need to be purchased online.

To order, go to: www.trilliumcreekpta.org
and click on the Spirit Wear link.

If you have any questions, please contact Felicia Johnston at: gofish1773@gmail.com

### Do You Have???? We are

looking for a couple of outdoor tables and chairs to place in our second floor outdoor gardens. These will be used during this school year by students as another area to do group work and eat



lunch. They will be returned to the owners at the end of the school year. If you have any chairs or tables we could use this year, please call the office at 503-673-7950. The students thank you!

#### **Music and Arts Partners MAPs**

MAPs is an arts support organization of West Linn Wilsonville parents and community volunteers, working to secure adequate funding for arts programs for the WLWV School District. MAPs goal is to increase it's membership and they need your help.

We are also looking for 2-3 parents who can be Trillium Creek MAPs representatives. This job is easy! You can help Mrs. Myers with concessions at our wonderful music programs and help out with Dollars for the Arts campaign in March.

Please find attached membership form. Questions? See Mrs. Myers. THANKS!

#### SAFETY TIPS

Please remember to follow our school drop-off and pick-up procedures. We sent a map home in the back to school packet with key information. When everyone stays follows the pattern we have in place for cars dropping-off and picking-up children, the students are safe and traffic flows. Thank you for all you do toward safety at your school!

#### Walking Safety

Practice and remind children to:

- Walk on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk and you have to
  walk in the road, face the traffic so that you can see cars coming
  and keep as far from the roadway (as far away from the traffic)
  as possible.
- Cross only at corners or marked crosswalks. (If there is a crosswalk button, press the button and wait for the walk sign to indicate that it is safe to cross.)
- Stop at the curb or edge of the road, look left, then right, and then left again before you step into the street. If a car is parked where you are crossing, make sure there is no driver in the car. Then go to the edge of the car and look left-right-left until no cars are coming. Keep looking for cars while you are crossing.
- Walk, don't run. This gives time for drivers to see you before you enter the roadway.

#### **Bicycling Safety**

Practice and remind children to:

- Always wear a helmet that is properly fitted and complies with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Standards.
- Ride on the right side of the road or trail in a single file (one bicycle behind another) in the same direction as other vehicles and come to a complete stop before crossing streets.
- Stop completely before crossing railroad tracks and go straight across the tracks slowly.
- Always use proper hand signals when turning and stopping.
- Be courteous to pedestrians.
- Use a bicycle bell to alert pedestrians that you are passing (this is effective for preventing crashes).

#### **School Bus Safety**

Practice and remind children:

- When the bus arrives, stand at least three giant steps (6 feet) away from the curb.
- If you have to cross the street in front of the bus, walk on the sidewalk or along the side of the road until you are five giant steps (10 feet) ahead of the bus. Then you can cross the street.
- Be sure the bus driver can see you and you can see the bus driver.
- Never walk behind the bus.
- If you drop something near the bus, tell the bus driver. Never try to pick it up first because the driver may not be able to see you.

## Please consider volunteering in Trillium Creek's Library!

We are looking for parent volunteers who are able to assist with library book checkout and book re-shelving. This is a great opportunity to support our students as they select that next great book to enjoy! If you are interested, please contact Trillium Creek's Teacher – Librarian, Lindsay Riley:

rileyl@wlwv.k12.or.us

We greatly appreciate your interest!

## First Grade Hearing Screenings

On Thursday September 15th, 2016 the West Linn Wilsonville Speech Pathology Team will be conducting hearing screenings on all first graders at Trillium Creek Primary. If you do not want to have your first graders hearing screened please send a note to your classroom teacher on the day of the screening requesting to opt your child out of the hearing screening.

Students who do not pass the hearing screening will be re-screened at a later date by the building Speech and Language Pathologist

You will be sent notification **only** if your child's results were not within the normal range after the re-screening is completed.

#### FREE & REDUCED LUNCH BENEFITS

The West Linn-Wilsonville School District is now accepting applications for the Free & Reduced meals program. Reduced lunch is "no charge" for this school year. If meal assistance is needed, we encourage you to apply for this confidential program to see if your family qualifies.

Please apply as soon as possible to prevent charges to your student's account. Meal applications need to be completed every year, even if you were eligible last year.

Please apply online using the following link: http://www.wlwv.k12.or.us/domain/42

Just a reminder, only a full meal with a beverage is a covered benefit of the meal program. Beverage with a lunch from home \$.50.

Please contact Rhonda Linstrom, the eligibility specialist at <a href="mailto:linstror@wlwv.k12.or.us">linstror@wlwv.k12.or.us</a>. Or call <a href="mailto:503-673-7992">503-673-7992</a> if you need any assistance.

## To a Dessert Meetup hosted by the Eco-School Network

Eco-School Network parents help "green" the experience of their children at school. This fall a **Dessert Meetup** will be held in the home of a West Linn parent. At the meetup, learn how you can get involved in the newly forming West Linn Network for the 2016-17 schoolyear. Feel free to bring others who are interested.

**Thursday, October 6, 7:00 p.m**. Please RSVP to Jeanne Roy, <u>503-227-2315</u> or <u>Jeanne@earthleaders.org</u>, and she will send you the name of your host and directions for the home.

The Eco-School Network, directed by a parent steering committee, aims to introduce or upgrade sustainable practices and to increase eco-awareness as a means to enrich the daily experience of K-5 children at school. Network parents share ideas, experiences, and projects, in person and online, and provide mutual support and inspiration. The sponsor of the Eco-School Network is the Center for Earth Leadership, <a href="www.earthleaders.org">www.earthleaders.org</a>, a local nonprofit founded by life-long Portlanders, Jeanne and Dick Roy.

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## 2016-2017 CONFIDENTIAL FAMILY APPLICATION FOR FREE & REDUCED MEALS

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### **Application Instructions**

- If your household receives SNAP, TANF or FDPIR, complete parts 1, 2, 3 and 5; parts 6 and 7 are optional.
- If you do not receive these benefits and your income is below the guidelines, complete parts 1, 2, 4, 5; parts 6 and 7 are optional.
- If you are a household with a **FOSTER CHILD**, complete parts 1, 2, 4, and 5; parts 6 and 7 are optional.

  Any income fields left blank will be counted as zeros. Please be careful that you meant to leave income fields blank.

#### DETERMINING MONTHLY INCOME FOR EARNINGS & WAGES

**Monthly income** for all household members must be reported in Part 4 of this application. Income means any money regularly received from work, child support, alimony, pensions, retirements, social security or any other source. Exclude student/school loans. Household members who are not paid monthly should change earnings into monthly income by doing the following:

**Household members who are <u>paid every week</u>:** Multiply total earnings and wages for one pay period, before deductions, by 52. Then divide by 12. The resulting amount is the total monthly income.

**Household members who are <u>paid every 2 weeks</u>:** Multiply total earnings and wages for one pay period, before deductions, by 26. Then divide by 12. The resulting amount is the total monthly income.

**Household members who are** <u>paid twice a month</u>: Multiply total earnings and wages for one pay period, before deductions, by 24 then divide by 12. The resulting amount is the total monthly income.

Household members who are <u>seasonal workers or work less than 12 months</u>: Project annual rate of income to accurately represent actual circumstances then divide by 12. The resulting amount is the projected monthly income.

Note: Money received from a business or farm owned by you should be reported as "net income." Net Income is defined as the total income left after business and farm operating expenses are subtracted from gross receipts.

#### FEDERAL INCOME GUIDELINES

Your children may qualify at least for reduced price meals if your household income falls within the limits of this chart.

	Reduced Price Meals							
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly			
-1-	21,978	1,832	916	846	423			
-2-	29,637	2,470	1,235	1,140	570			
-3-	37,296	3,108	1,554	1,435	718			
-4-	44,955	3,747	1,874	1,730	865			
-5-	52,614	4,385	2,193	2,024	1,012			
-6-	60,273	5,023	2,512	2,319	1,160			
-7-	67,951	5,663	2,832	2,614	1,307			
-8-	75,647	6,304	3,152	2,910	1,455			
For each additional family member add	7,696	642	321	296	148			

#### PRIVACY STATEMENT - SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS and OTHER INFORMATION

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last 4 digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last 4 digits of the social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We **may** share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules. We may share the information on this form with Medicaid or the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), unless you tell us not to. The information, if disclosed, will only be used to identify eligible children and seek to enroll them in Medicaid or SCHIP.

#### NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the <u>USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form</u>, (AD-3027) found online at: <a href="http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\_filing\_cust.html">http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\_filing\_cust.html</a>, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: <a href="mailto:program.intake@usda.gov">program.intake@usda.gov</a> This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



## Trillium Creek Spirit Wear

We will have the opportunity to purchase our fabulous school apparel from August 29th - September 16th.

This is your ONLY opportunity to order Spirit Wear for the year!

Here are some exciting things that are happening:

- ALL orders need to be purchased online. To order, go to <u>www.trilliumcreekpta.org</u> and click on the spirit wear link.
- Orders will only be taken online via website unless you contact Felicia Johnston at <a href="mailto:gofish1773@gmail.com">gofish1773@gmail.com</a> to make other arrangements.
- NEW items this year!
- Trucker Hat with OWLS logo.
- We have added a different unisex (dry fit like) short sleeve shirt. Comes in Forest green CamoHex or Pink Raspberry.
- Ladies Fit Long Sleeve T-shirt in grey available with both logos.
- Girls Fit Short Sleeve T-shirt in grey available with both logos.
- Most T-shirts and Hoodies are available in 2XL for additional \$2.00 per item.
- Sample sizes will be available at the Open House/Popsicles (September 1st) on the Playground and in the school office until September 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Sample photos available for viewing online.
- We are looking for any gently used Spirit Wear items that you may be interested in getting rid of. If you would like to donate them back to the school, we would greatly appreciate them!

All orders are due on September 16th!!

#### 2016-2017 Membership Form



BRIDGING THE GAP FOR MUSIC AND ARTS PROGRAMS IN OUR SCHOOLS

Since 1995 we have contributed over \$870,000 to support arts programs in the West Linn-Wilsonville School District.

#### SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL'S MUSIC AND ART PROGRAMS

#### How you can help

- ✓ Become a member of Music and Arts Partners
- ✓ Direct a program specific donation with a charitable gift
- ✓ Attend and assist with arts events at your child's school Be a MAP Rep
- ✓ Volunteer to further MAP goals by indicating your interests below

-	Please contact me regarding volunteer opportunities  (e.g. special events, fundraising, publicity, Board Member, instrument donations, school liaison)  I am interested in helping with:  Make checks payable to MAP and mail with this form to:  MAP, P.O. Box 532, West Linn, OR 97068  Or become a member online at:  www.musicandartspartners.org  Questions? Need more information?  Please call: 503-636-4443  MAP Use: Mbr List Donor List Tax Receipt (\$50+)  page for Oregon Cultural Trust tax credit information.								
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PLEASE PROVIDE EMAIL to receive a tax receipt (\$50+ donations) and our occasional email blasts. We DO NOT share email addresses.  Email Address  I have children in WLWV K-12 arts programs (e.g. primary music, art, band, choir, dance, drama, strings, etc.):  School  Grade(s)  Program(s)									

## MAP Fast Facts Bridging the gap for the arts in our schools...

- In 1995 five parents each put \$25 in a hat, to create a music support group focused on saving the district strings program. Music Boosters organized as a partnership between parent advocates and the district to support arts in our schools. In 1997 the name was changed to Music and Arts Partners (MAP) to reflect our support for all arts. programs K-12. MAP was established as a 501(c)(3) public charity in 2004.
- A network of school representatives functions as liaisons with arts teachers and the MAP Board to identify needs of staff and students each year in various arts programs.
- MAP raises funds through memberships, outside grants, and various events including the "Dollars for the Arts" fundraiser in March when each family is encouraged to donate \$1 to the arts. Partnering with local business events, such as the annual Tonkin For The Love of Schools Run/Walk, also helps MAP raise monies for district arts programs.
- MAP funds teacher grant requests for a variety of items and projects. During 2015-2016 grants supported and enhanced district arts programs through the following:
  - Artists-in-Residence \$1,500
  - Instruments \$312
  - Programs/Performances (cameras, pottery wheel, jewelry making tools, microphone system, middle school musical) - \$8,438
- Each year MAP sponsors scholarships for graduating seniors in music and arts at all district high schools. MAP also administers the Morris Family Fund scholarships in drama and band for West Linn High School students. Since 2000, 94 students have received scholarships totaling nearly \$74,800.
- Grants to MAP in recent years include:
  - Oregon Community Foundation Advised Funds: Albert & Jean Hallstrom Family, Lynda & Dylan Mueller, and several Anonymous Donors
  - Juan Young Trust
  - Marie Lamfrom Foundation
  - Hitachi Consulting/Hitachi Foundation
- To date, MAP has contributed over \$870,000 to arts programs throughout the district's 16 schools. MAP's work is vital to the health of arts programs in the district and to the complete education of each child.

Oregon Music and Arts
Partners is a
Cultural participating non-Music and Arts profit of the Oregon **Cultural Trust** 

More information: www.culturaltrust.org

Donation in any amount to MAP + Matching Donation to Oregon Cultural Trust =

100% tax credit, reducing your Oregon income tax

Example: \$100 to MAP + \$100 to Oregon Cultural Trust = \$100 tax credit for you

Two ways to become a member or make a contribution:

Please mail this membership form plus your check, and any matching gift form from your employer to: Music and Arts Partners, P.O. Box 532, West Linn, OR 97068

Make your gift online at www.musicandartspartners.org

Click on YOU CAN HELP then BECOME A MEMBER to complete this form online or print additional membership forms.