



Trillium Tweet

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News and Events

From Jim Mangan, Principal

We've had an amazing week full of smiles and lots of sunshine! 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 the many things that makes Trillium Creek so special is our Morning Meeting. This gathering time 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 even made it rain (ask our child about that!) 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 at Trillium Creek!

I have several folks I want to thank.

- *Thank you* to our families who contributed to our staff luncheon on August 23rd. This wonderful event was organized by PTA Chairs Anupa Gandhi and Jessica Horey. We appreciate the delicious sandwiches and treats our first week back!
- *Thank you* to Jen Hill for purchasing popsicles for our Meet & Greet on August 24th. Many of our 615 children came to visit classrooms and meet friends.
- *Thank you* to Felicia Johnston for organizing the purchase of Spirit Wear. Be sure to purchase by September 17th. To order, go to www.trilliumcreekpta.org and click on the spirit wear link. We will be sure to let you know when we will have spirit days this year!
- *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 Dawn Walters as our PTA Annual Fund Chair.
- *Thank you* to our PTA Board, Stephanie Gettel, Beth Schreck, Wendy Harmon, Christy Riehm, Nicole Alexander, Mary Emerick and Alina Eglund for ALL their work this summer. Please join them at our first PTA meeting of the year on Wednesday, Sept 6th in our gym.
- Thank you to Bob Teeters and the construction crew for making sure our two brand new classrooms were ready on the first day of school!
- Thank you to all the teachers and staff who put in countless hours getting ready for a new year, especially Norma Torres and Amy Johnston who opened our newest classrooms.
- Finally, *thank you* to José Texta and Wendy Dees our building engineer and evening custodian. Their teamwork allows our school to shine and be ready for the first week back to school!

Please check out the important dates. I hope you are able to attend both our PTA Meeting on September 6th and our Curriculum Night on September 7th 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!

I look forward to seeing you at our Backyard BBQ on Friday, September 15th from 4:30-6:30 pm. Join us for a famous Lion Burger and meet new friends and reunite with old friends!

Jim Mangan, Principal

Calendar of Events

September



Sept 2 - No School - Labor Day Holiday

Sept 6 - PTA Meet & Greet at 9:00 am followed by PTA Meeting at 9:30 am. All are welcome!

Sept 7 - Curriculum Night for Parents only
6:00 - 7:10 pm - Grades 3-5
6:40 - 7:55 pm - Grades K-2

Sept 15 - Backyard BBQ
4:30 - 6:30 pm - Join us!

Sept 18 - Constitution Day

Sept 18-21 - Forest Flyers

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

Sept 29 - Picture Day!

Reminders

Rainy Day Recess: We live in Oregon and it does rain! We believe children need fresh air and outside recess 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 there is lightning or wind that causes us to be concerned about a tree falling down. 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 be prepared for PE/Wellness class, we will ask you to send a pair of tennis shoes to school so they are available. Thank you for your support!

Toys and Collectible Cards: We told students at Morning Meeting today, that all toys and collectible cards should stay at home. If they do come to school, they must be in backpacks only.

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.

Annual Fund Donations: Please return all forms as soon as possible to the school office.

Communication: Sign up for our newsletter by going to our website under listserv. Also, be sure your child gives any note you send, especially a change 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.

Volunteers need to pre-register at <http://www.helpcounter.net/wlvw> in order to volunteer. Please see information on next page.

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.

Dismissal: Parent pickup will be in the gym. Please enter through the door closest to the Music Room.

Drop-off/Pick-up 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 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.

September PTA Meeting and Meet and Greet

Please join us for our first PTA meeting of the year on Wednesday, September 6th at 9:30

There will be a PTA Meet and Greet before the meeting, beginning at 9am. Everyone is welcome, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Trillium Backyard BBQ Friday, September 15th 4:30pm - 6:30pm

Gather your family, pack your blanket and get ready to have a great time at our annual Backyard BBQ. If you are new to Trillium, please come to meet our community. If you have been a part of our community and have yet to attend, please join us!

\$5 per person and the admission fee includes:

- * West Linn Lions Burger or Hot Dog, drink and cookie
- * DJ
- * Raffle Prizes
- * NEW THIS YEAR: Shaved Ice Truck \$3 per cup

PTA ANNUAL FUND

Don't forget to donate to the PTA Annual Fund! Rather than asking our children to sell products throughout the year, the PTA asks that each family makes a donation to the fund. Any amount helps! The money goes towards funding programs like science and supplies, computer equipment, technology, visiting authors/musicians, leadership programs, and much much more! You can donate online at www.trilliumcreekpta.org or by filling out the pink sheet in your welcome packet. Donate today!

PTA WEBSITE

The Trillium Creek PTA website team is looking to expand the site's content and needs your help! We'd like to have a special feature each quarter to highlight one of our wonderful volunteers! If you're interested in contributing to this feature by identifying, interviewing, and writing up the column each quarter please contact Christy Riehm at riehmhouse@mac.com.

New WLWV District Volunteer Registration System!

With a new school year, comes a new and improved process for volunteer registration and sign-in. If you want to volunteer in any capacity at Trillium Creek then you need to register or re-register if you are a returning volunteer!

Simply visit <http://www.helpcounter.net/wlwy> and click **Start** to fill out your application. Your registration will be received at the district office where it will be processed. Until your registration is processed, you won't be able to sign-in and volunteer at school. This process could take 2-3 days to complete. When the processing is complete, you will be notified by email.

Please register to volunteer! We have many volunteer opportunities coming up, including Backyard BBQ on September 15th!

The first time that you actually sign-in to volunteer at any of our schools, you will be prompted to accept a Volunteer Agreement. In order to speed up the sign-in process, please review the agreement ahead of time. Accepting of the agreement is a one-time task to be completed at any school.

As you complete the sign-in process each time you volunteer, the system will print a name badge for you. This needs to be worn at all times while you are serving in your volunteer capacity.

Volunteering in our schools is a very rewarding experience and we greatly appreciate it. Thank you!

BUS ROUTES

With a growing School District and a new school year comes updated bus routes for ALL West Linn-Wilsonville schools. While many stops and routes remain the same, several have changed to optimize efficiency. To view up-to-date routes, including snow routes, visit the District's website at <https://www.wlwy.k12.or.us/buses>. Bus routes can always be found under the District website's 'Community' tab.

First Student, the bus company for the West Linn-Wilsonville School District, has instituted a new system for assigning bus routes. Through our school's FamilyLink, you can see which stop your child's bus is scheduled to pick up and drop off. This plan may be individualized to meet your daily needs by using our FamilyLink system. If you are within our walking boundary and intend for your child to take a bus, you **must** request a bus through the FamilyLink system as space is limited.