

Lion's Den Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Summer vacation is almost here and it can be quite a transition for children. Students have had a regular schedule for many months and parents have learned to depend on the tempo of the school year. Now, children have more free time and parents are faced with supervising and entertaining them. After the "honeymoon" of the first week or two, children often become bored and parents run out of ideas.

This is the perfect time to visit the library. If your child has a special interest, build on it. For children who love science fiction or mysteries, have them delve into the stacks of books available at the library. If your child loves to cook, it's a perfect time to find new cook-books and let them explore.

The library in summer is the most wonderful thing because there you get books on any subject and read them each for only as long as they hold your interest, abandoning any that don't, halfway or a quarter of the way through if you like, and store up all that knowledge in the happy corners of your mind for your own self and not to show off how much you know or give it back at your teacher on a test paper."

— Polly Horvath

A few great learning activities and some wonderful summer books will help make the transition from school to summer easier and help your family have a great vacation. Have a safe and fun-filled summer!

American Institute of Mathematics

Nordstrom fifth grade student Neil Shah has achieved the highest level possible with the 2014-15 Math Olympiad contest. Neil received a perfect score on each of the five tests that were given, in November 2014 through March of 2015. This is a wonderful accomplishment, given that each year less than .5% of the 120,000 students who participate in the contest worldwide achieve this milestone. Indeed, in the six years that AIM has been offering the Math Olympiad to Morgan Hill students in the 4th-6th grade, this is the first year that any of our students had a perfect score. Neil is joined this year by his friend and fellow fifth grader, Antarish Rautela, of Charter School of Morgan Hill, in this honor.

Edison Zhang (fifth grade) had a very strong showing this year, scoring in the top 10% nationwide and earning a silver pin. Additionally, sixth grade Kylie Sullivan's score of 15 put her in the top 20% nationwide.

A total of 14 Nordstrom students participated in the 2014-2015 Math Olympiad, including:

Edison Zhang
Neil Shah
Sammie Frazer
Jake Randol

Jenisha Patel
Nicholas Tran
Tegan Leong
Alexander Nguyen

Kaelyn Sullivan
Noah Janssen
Bella Davis
Evan Coakley

Kylie Sullivan
Sahej Sidhu

JUNE EVENTS:

- 6-1 6th Grade Classics Day
- 6-2 5th grade awards ceremony 1:30 p.m.
6th Grade Aquatics Center
- 6-3 6th grade awards ceremony 8:00 a.m.
Kinder Promotion Ceremony 9:40 a.m. in classroom.
- 6-4 Last Day – “Minimum Day Schedule” 12:50 p.m. Dismissal.

Summer Wishes from Lindsey Martin, Principal for the day

Congratulations! You have made it through the 2014-2015 school year. Hope you all have a fun summer. Also, to the kids who are playing summer sports, good luck to you. And to the 6th graders, good luck in middle school. I hope you all have a safe and wonderful summer. - Lindsey



**HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER &
SEE YOU IN AUGUST!!**