



# Lion's Den Newsletter

October 2015

## Principal's Message

**Going GREEN! Starting in November we will send newsletter electronically. Paper copies will be available in the office.**

What a fantastic turn-out we have had for both Back-to-School Night and Family Fun Night! At Back-to-School night the teachers were so pleased with the enthusiasm the parents showed in their student's education. And getting teachers to talk about learning... well that's just fun for us! We love sharing the excellent learning opportunities that occur in our school every day. We are proud of your students, the school community, and the teachers that support the learning at Nordstrom School.

Family Fun Night was a wonderful community building event. Thank you to all the parents and community support that made this fun filled evening a success. We know how hard you worked and it paid off! There were so many fun games, great food, pie throwing (of course!), and connections made with new families. The participation from all the families just shows why Nordstrom is such an exceptional community.

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**School is in full swing.** Having your child, 1. in class each day, 2. on time for school, 3. and well rested, are the easiest and best gifts you can give them to support learning. Loss or lack of sleep has a direct impact on student performance at school during the day. According to classroom teachers and research, elementary and middle school students who stay up late exhibit more learning and attention problems. Please ensure your child has the tools in his/her toolkit to succeed by getting that full night's rest and to school on time.



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**New Protocols:** If you walk your child to the classroom, you may have noticed we have new protocols in the morning before school. We have been experiencing a variety of problems in the morning. A few examples are wet bottoms from the slide, muddy feet, students knocking over little ones, and many injuries. We are asking parents to help support school safety by encouraging their children to talk to their friends instead of playing. Walking and talking will give students the opportunity to make new friends and begin their day safely.

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**Walk your bike to school day** is October 7! You can walk to school or bike to school, anything to promote healthy choices! To get more information go to this link:

<http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/>

A reminder to all families and students, bikes must be **WALKED** on campus. This includes coming to school and going home as well as after school hours.



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**School Site Council** is accepting applications for members.

Please email Mrs. Grove if you are interested in being on the team!

[Groved@mhusd.org](mailto:Groved@mhusd.org)

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**Nordstrom Community Meeting 10/7/15 @ 6:00:** There will be a community meeting to learn about the exciting improvements coming to Nordstrom Elementary School. Come meet the architects and hear about the thrilling new plans.

## Upcoming Events

### October

- 2 Lion's Den
- 7 Nordstrom Community Meeting
- 8 Author Visit - Karen Burnett
- 9 Home & School Club Meeting, MPR, 8:00am
- 9 Jamba Juice Fundraiser
- 12 ELAC Meeting, 8:00am, MPR
- 23 Pumpkin Run
- 26 School Site Council, 2:15pm, RC
- 27 Fall Pictures - Make Ups/Retake
- 30 Halloween Parade



### November

- 3 Election Day
- 5 End of First Trimester
- 6 No School, Conference Day**
- 9 - 10 Minimum Days, 7:45am - 12:50pm**
- 11 No School, Veteran's Day**
- 12 - 13 Minimum Days, 7:45am - 12:50pm**
- 13 Lion's Den, 8:00am, MPR
- 13 Home & School Club Meeting, MPR, 8:00am
- 16 ELAC Meeting, 6:00pm, MPR
- 20 2nd Grade Principal's Coffee, 7:50am, RC
- 23 - 27 No School, Thanksgiving Holiday**
- 30 Book Fair

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### Pumpkin Run

Lace up those running shoes and get ready for the **2015 Pumpkin Run**, Nordstrom's fall fundraiser **promoting health and fitness** with our students has arrived!

On **Friday, October 23, 2015** Nordstrom students will run 10 laps on our **STAR WARS** decorated pumpkin track. Students are asked to collect flat rate donations in an effort to help their classrooms meet their midway goal (October 9<sup>th</sup> – extra recess) and final classroom goals (October 23<sup>rd</sup> - Kona Ice Party). Students who meet their minimum goal will also earn a raffle ticket for some wonderful prizes (*primary grades Flicker and upper grades FITBIT*) and the highest earning class in primary and upper grade can earn a pizza party!!!

Cash and Check donations are welcomed (*please make checks payable to Nordstrom Home and School Club*) and online donations can be made at: <http://nordstrom.schoolauction.net/2015pumpkin>

If you are interested in **volunteering** the day of Pumpkin Run, please go to Volunteer Spot <http://vols.pt/SoDGMU>

Lets hit the pavement running and help raise much-needed funds to continue upgrading and supporting technology in the classroom.

**THE FORCE IS STRONG WITHIN NORDSTROM – LET THE CLASS WARS BEGIN!**