



# Lion's Den Newsletter

November 2015

## Principal's Message

It's hard to believe that the first trimester is already over! Students are growing as learners so quickly. It is so rewarding to see their hard work come to fruition. Thank you for all of your support. **Parent conferences** begin Friday, November 6th and continue with minimum day week November 9 - 13. Your teachers are so proud of your child's learning, they can't wait to see you!

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### Nordstrom Launches FunVisor Program - FunZone

It's time to play! On October 16, 2015, Nordstrom launched Project Cornerstone's FunVisor program. The students enter the FunZone during lunch staff, where they get the chance to play board games, field games, arts and what we'll be doing every Monday and school year. We are looking for paper, coloring pens/crayons, field game the front office, **Attention: FunVisor program.**



recesses, an area managed by the yard duty with games and other activities. Legos, chalk, crafts, jump rope, are just a small sample of Friday – weather permitting – for the rest of the donations for the following: Legos, scratch art ideas, etc. You can drop off your donations at

**Why FunVisor?** The FunVisor program provides an opportunity to role model the strategies and lessons learned in the [ABC Reading program](#). The goal is to bring the ABC Reader lessons from the classroom out onto the playground and help the children build a deeper connection to the school and their peers.

This program would not be possible if not for the dedication and hard work of Gloria Komrosky and the yard duty staff. I'd like to thank Marie K., George P., Katie P., Susan L., Bruk P., and Irene S. for their support. I would also like to thank Mrs. Purtell for helping out and being another caring adult to play with the kids during the first lunch recess.

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**We have a star!** Congratulations to Ms. Gillani for being published in **Science & Children Magazine!** She and her father, Bijan Gillani, wrote an article about her after-school club last year at Nordstrom, where she and her students explored the effects of the California drought using a UAV(unmanned aerial vehicle). You can read the entire article (October, 2015: Volume 53) by clicking on the web address attached. The cost is \$0.99. [http://www.nsta.org/store/product\\_detail.aspx?id=10.2505/4/sc15\\_053\\_02\\_50](http://www.nsta.org/store/product_detail.aspx?id=10.2505/4/sc15_053_02_50) Congratulations Ms. Gillani!!

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**Run Hide Defend** is the new protocol developed by the National and County Police Chiefs for an intruder on campus. Our staff has been trained to respond in this manner. I have attached the training video for your review. Our staff is in consensus that this video will not be shown to children at school, even to the older students, but I would like you to be aware of the procedures.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BOpwpW54CmE>

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**Morning Expectations:** We are experiencing students being dropped off early on the school grounds. This is quite a concern for us as students are not supervised until **7:30am**. For your student's safety, please do not drop off students before **7:30**.

Another concern is the tremendous amount of tardy students. We know that traffic and the crowded parking lot can be daily challenges. Unfortunately those situations will not change because of the design of the school. Please ensure your child is in the classroom by **7:45** when the teaching of the day begins. It is very hard on students to walk in late and feel flustered.

**Britton's Pizza with the Principal!** The Britton Home and School Club is hosting a Meet and Greet with the Principal, Staff, and Parents of Britton Students. Come see what Britton has to offer. Open to 5th - 8th grade parents.

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### Upcoming Events

#### 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



#### December

- 1 - 4 Book Fair
- 4 Lion's Den
- 4 Home & School Club Meeting, MPR, 8:00am
- 7 School Site Council, 2:15pm, RC
- TBD Holiday Boutique
- 11 6th Grade Principal's Coffee, 7:50am, RC
- 21 - 31 No School, Holiday Break**

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### Home and School News

The Republic of Nordstrom would like to congratulate our Nordstrom Jedi Families and Sponsors for raising an incredible \$36,000 for our school and knocking our Pumpkin Run fundraising goals out of the galaxy! Clearly the Force is strong with YOU!

Pumpkin Run would not have been possible without our amazing volunteers! Thank you to everyone that came out to help and/or provided refreshments for our young Jedi's. Done it we could not without you.

A huge thank you to Ledwith Financial Wealth Management for sponsoring this years Pumpkins, Tiffany Woods for creating our fantastic Star Wars sets, Johnson's Lumber Ace Hardware for supplying the wood for our sets, 9 Round for warming up our Jedi's, Sherwin Williams for providing paint, Bouton Construction Inc. for our fabulous prizes and track support, Silva's Hay and Grain for our hay bales, and Servpro, You Move Me, and Ford for their generous donations.

Congratulations to the following 14 classes for meeting or exceeding their class goals and winning a Swifty Sweets mobile frozen yogurt party: Garcia, Page/Bateh, Green, Hufferd, Wong, DeVillez, Maule, Reynolds, Anderson, Cardoso, Corbisiero, Goble, Kopari, and Sheets.

May The Nordstrom Force Be With You!

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**Donations please!** We have students and families that would love the opportunity to have a computer in their home. If you have a working computer in your home that you

could donate to the school so that we could distribute them to these students and families, we would really love it! Laptops or desktops are needed. Thank you for the consideration!