



Lion's Den Newsletter

August 2016

Principal's Message

A warm welcome to all families from the Nordstrom Staff. We are so excited as we begin this new year of learning. We feel confident in your child's growth both academically, socially, and emotionally this year. It's going to be a great year!

In order to help your child adjust to the school time schedule, we would like to suggest keeping the weekend schedule as close to the school time schedule as possible. Also, starting the day off with a good nutritional breakfast helps our little ones focus more in class. Picking out tomorrow's clothes and having the backpack packed and ready to go the night before relieves the morning stress of picking out clothes and hunting for homework! Any routines that can be established at home will help your child be ready for the learning of the day.

You are cordially invited to attend "Back To School Night" on September 7th. The activities begin at 6:00 p.m. with introductions of teachers. Come meet your child's teacher regarding the educational goals for the year. This is an evening for parents and guardians to learn about the curriculum and the classroom. We ask that students do not attend this evening.

Finally, the Nordstrom staff would like to thank the Home and School Club. The support that we receive from this hard-working group helps our school run smoothly, adds to our students' education, and enhances our community. Please consider joining Home and School Club to be part of the team.

Start your child's day off with a bang!

There are two ways to ensure your child starts off the school day well:

First, getting to school on time is an important responsibility of both the parents and the students.

Teachers begin to teach immediately after the students are in the door. We don't want to waste one precious minute! It is disruptive to your student who is rushing in late and feels behind, to the teacher that stops her instruction to greet the late child, and it disrupts the learning for the rest of the class. Please support the learning in the classroom by getting your child to school on time.

Secondly, eating a nutritious breakfast before school. Those little tummy alarms make it hard for a student to focus when they are hungry. Breakfast provides your student with the energy and nutrients that lead to increased concentration in the classroom. Getting up a few minutes earlier will help your student have the time to start their day off right.



Code of Conduct

The code of conduct will be available to you online this year. Please note there are a few changes.

- We strongly encourage closed toed shoes for student safety.
- The teachers would like to celebrate your child's birthday by making them feel special in the classroom. Examples would be decorating the child's desk, special privileges, etc. We would strongly like to discourage birthday treats. We can celebrate by making your child extra special!
- On the playground, we are asking students to freeze after the bell rings. The yard duties will then blow a whistle so that the students can walk to their lines. We had many collisions last year and of course we are looking for student safety!

Upcoming Events

AUGUST

16 First Day of School

26 Lion's Den

26 Muffins for Moms, Resource Center (RC)

SEPTEMBER

5 No School, Labor Day Holiday

7 Back to School Night 6:00pm - 7:30pm, MPR

9 Home and School Club Meeting, 8:00am, MPR

16 Kinder Principal's Coffee, 7:50am, RC

19 ELAC Meeting 6:00pm, RC

26 School Site Council, 2:15pm, RC

29 Fall Pictures, MPR

30 Lion's Den

30 Family Fun Night 5:00pm - 8:00pm

TBD Fall Pictures

School Safety

Your children's safety is number one for us! Please read the following tips to ensure they are safe:

- The park does not have supervision. Children should not be waiting for rides unattended.
- If they miss the bus or if their ride is late... what do they do? Go to the office!
- Parking lot:
 - Please exit quickly and safely onto Dunne Ave.
 - Please do not stop in the red zones adjacent to the exit lane since this blocks the view of cars trying to exit.
 - In the afternoon, we will place cones in the bus lane until the buses have arrived. After the bus leaves, please pull all the way forward.
 - Ask your child to listen carefully for their name to be called while waiting.
 - Please pull out cautiously to the left of the cars once you have your children and continue to exit out onto Dunne Ave.
 - Students may not wait in the parking lot for their ride until they are called.



Lunch Drop Off

If your student forgets to bring their lunch, you will be asked to sign in and then take the lunch over to the cafeteria. There is a small yellow table just inside the Multiple Purpose Room on the right that has been designated for lunches. Make sure your student's first and last name and grade level is on the lunch bag and is easily seen.

Your child does have the option of eating a school lunch if their lunch was forgotten at home. Go on-line and create an account for your child at www.mymealtime.com. With an account you can check your child's balance and also make credit card payments if you want to. After you have set up your child's account, the maximum credit balance allowed is \$10.

Lunch and Bus Applications

Applications are now online. Go to: <http://nordstrom.mhusd.org/> to apply. They are in the top right corner!