



# Lion's Den



# Newsletter

October 2016

## Principal's Message

Greetings families! Happy fall to everyone. The holidays are upon us! Although we are all looking forward to the fun times ahead, we still want you to know that our focus continues to be the educational growth for your students. Please continue to support your student by setting aside that quiet time for reading and studies.

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### We are establishing a Technology Lending Library

- With the generous donations from anonymous donors, we are aiming to establish a technology lending library for students that do not have access to technology at home.
- For every \$1.00 donated to the school technology fund, our donors will meet donations, up to \$1,000.00!!!
- We will also be supporting a fundraiser coordinated by our English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC) to support additional funding needs.
- One of our Apple parents set up a benevity account for Apple employees to donate. Employees can click here to donate to the technology fund! [https://apple.benevity.org/cause/840-NCES7\\_0625830](https://apple.benevity.org/cause/840-NCES7_0625830)

Donations can also be made to the school directly with a note in the memo for the Technology Lending Library.

**Thank you to all generous donors and the efforts of all who are helping coordinate this wonderful project.**

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### Conference Week is here November 14 - 18!

Conferences are such an important time to meet with your teacher to celebrate the successes they are having in school. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with your teacher and get that one on one time. We hope to see you at school soon to establish that partnership that is so necessary for student success in school.

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### Spotlight on Sofia Barreras!

Congratulations to Sofia Barreras as Nordstrom's Rotary Student of the year. She is an upstander, scholar, friend, and athlete! Her family is as proud of her as we are here at Nordstrom!



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### We need your help:

We are experiencing an **excessive** amount of classroom interruptions. Teachers' lessons are excessively being interrupted for multiple reasons:

- Lunches
- Backpacks
- Headphones
- Change in pick-up
- After school plans
- Doctor's appointments
- Early pick up
- Water bottles delivered
- Messages to students

Each disruption interrupts the learning in the classroom for **ALL** students. Please help us to reduce the distractions in the classroom by reducing the interruptions. We will be delivering notes to the classroom at 9:45 and 1:00 each day **if there is an emergency**. If your child forgets their lunch, please remind them to pick their lunch up in the designated area in the cafeteria.

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### ***Home and School Club News!***

#### **THANK YOU!**

- First we would like to thank everyone for making this year's 2016 Pumpkin Run a great success! Our kids had fun with the new obstacle design of the course and the topper of the day with the celebratory Halloween Parade. A special thank you to the parents and families that helped organize and create this year's festivities; Danielle Rodriguez, Sandra Perryman, Roya Shirani, Tiffany Woods, Jennifer Kim, Lesa Pfeffer and all the other volunteers that helped that day go flawless. We can't do this without YOU!

#### **Holiday Poinsettia Drive**

- Poinsettia sales going on now thru Thursday, November 10th only. Order forms can be picked up in the front office. All plants \$10. Drive thru pick up service available Saturday, December 3rd. See order form for details!

#### **Nordstrom Paint Night with Erin Clark!**

- Thursday, December 8th. To sign up for this night of fun and friends, stay tuned to Friday Folders. In the event that we sell out of spots, a lottery will be held for participants and will be notified via e-mail. Come, create and make new friends at Nordstrom!



#### **Papa George**

We know you see Papa George every day helping endlessly in the Parking Lot. He also is one of our yard duties, he helps with after school Homework Club, and he volunteers each day reading with students. In the Spring, Papa George coordinates a Star Gazing Night with 3rd graders. Not only is George here every day, but he is part of the heart of Nordstrom. He knows most children by name and remembers what is special about them. He asks them what is going on in their lives and remembers! He is a special man that serves our school in so many ways. **Thank you, Papa George!**

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#### **Bryan Stow**

Friday, November 4th, we had a moving 3rd - 5th grade assembly with Bryan Stow. The students heard first hand how bullying can change someone's life. His message was so positive to the students, thank you HSC and Laura Rockwell for coordinating this.

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### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **NOVEMBER**

3 Picture Make -Up Day

8 Election Day

10 Home & School Club Meeting, 8:00am, MPR

10 End of First Trimester

**11 No School, Veteran's Day**

**14 No School Day - Conference Day**

**15-18 Minimum Days, 7:45am - 12:50pm**

18 Lion's Den

**21 - 25 No School, Thanksgiving Holiday**

28-30 Book Fair

#### **DECEMBER**

2 Book Fair

5 School Site Council, 2:15pm, RC

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

TBD Holiday Boutique

16 Lion's Den

19 ELAC Meeting, 6:00pm, RC

**22 No School Day - Teacher Inservice**

**23 - 30 No School, Holiday Break**

TBD Spelling Bee