



Lion's Den Newsletter

March 2017

Principal's Message

Springs begins the golden time for teachers! Your students have been building their foundation of grade level concepts up to this point and now they are ready to take off! This is such a wonderful time for your young learners. They feel competent and ready to take on any new learning coming their way!

Attendance and Tardiness

Unfortunately the amount of tardiness at Nordstrom is increasing. Not only do tardy students feel anxious arriving late but it also disrupts the learning in the classroom for all students. Please make every effort to ensure your student is in school on time each morning.

Also, family time is so important, but making travel plans during scheduled vacations ensures that the student does not miss that precious learning in the classroom.

Personal Items at School

PLEASE check your students backpacks for items that do not belong at school. We are having many toys, trading cards, and games come to school. The school can not be responsible if these items are lost or stolen.

Benevit

Thank you so much for all of your generous donations to our school! If you are an Apple employee, don't forget that Apple will match your donation to our school. Many of the donations assisted us in having our technology lending library be such a success!

SBAC testing:

Next week, March 13th-17th, your students will be working on their interim testing in grades 3rd - 5th. This is basically a practice test for the state testing that will occur May 1st-12th. Please ensure that your students are well rested, eat a solid breakfast, and are in their classrooms ready to learn at 7:45. This allows your student to understand the testing process, to know the rigor of the test, and to feel confident when the state testing is administered.

Odyssey of the Mind is a challenge for students to work through problems using the 4 big C's of 21st century skills--cognitive thinking and problem solving, creative and innovation, collaboration, and communication. Teams apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. They then bring their solutions to competition on the regional, state, and World level. Teachers and coaches can certainly help guide the teams, but cannot lead them as there is no one right answer at the end. Odyssey of the Mind is truly a journey of creativity and growth of self and team.

Congratulations to all of our teams that were absolutely fantastic! We have one team (5th-grade) that will move on to state competition March 24th and 25th in Brentwood. Good luck team!





Home and School Club News

Congratulations! Nordstrom's Spelling Bee has wrapped up and we would like to congratulate Andrew Nguyen for winning Nordstrom's/Scripps Spelling Bee. He will be moving on to the next round at the Regional Level. *Good Luck Andrew!*
And great job to all students who participated!

Father/Daughter Dance February 10th. What a great success our Father/daughter dance was! This will be a first of many family fun events we are hosting. Please join us!

Where Does The Money Go? Without your contributions to H&SC, we could not provide the following enrichment programs:

Music, Art, Field Trips, Assemblies, Author Visits, OneYard, Community Events and provide additional support for classroom technologies*.

**Operating costs \$110,000, Year to date funds raised \$55,000.*

Please support our upcoming fundraising events so we can continue to offer comprehensive curriculum for our students.
Please help, we can't do it without YOU!

Upcoming Events.....

March: Paint Nite March 23rd@6:00. Come join the fun!, MOD Pizza Night March 14th. Help support our great school!
April: Teacher Appreciation Week, Nordstrom Theater Club presents, MugRaiser, School Open House, Auction 2017
May: Spring Concert, Plant Sales, Wacky Tacky Bingo!
June: School dismisses

Upcoming Clubs...

ArtSmart/Drawing, Chair, Erin Clark
Science Club, Chair, Deborah Vick
Chess Club, Chair, *Open*
Yoga with Wendy Mossman
more to come!

A Special Thanks to the Rotary Club Of Morgan Hill for supporting the Home and School Club to help improve our children's academic environment!



Upcoming Events:

MARCH

10 End of second trimester
13th - 17th SBAC Interim Testing
16th and 17th @ 6:30 Theater Show
17 Report Cards Go Home
23 Spring pictures, MPR
27 School site Council, 2:15pm, RG
27 ELAC meeting, 6:00pm MPR
31 Lion's Den

APRIL

3-7 No school, Spring break
13 Home and School Club meeting 8:00am , MPR
14 Non School Day
24 - 28 Book fair
24 School Site Council, 2:15pm, IEP room
24 ELAC meeting, 6:00pm, TBD
26 Open House, 6:00pm - 7:30pm
28 Lion's Den

MAY

1st - 12th SBAC Testing
12 Home & School Club Meeting, 8:00am, MPR
22 ELAC Meeting, 6:00pm, RC
23 Spring Concert, MPR
23 School Site Council, 2:15PM, rc
29 No School day, Memorial Day
TBD Volunteer appreciation