



Lion's Den Newsletter

May/June 2017

Principal's Message

With SBAC finishing this week our teachers can continue to do what they love, teach your children! The students are finding so many successes in their classrooms. They are so smart and are focusing on the final concepts of the year!

A BIG Thank you!!

Our Spring Auction was a huge success!! Thank you Michelle Hobbs and team for your hard work, dedication, and HOURS of labor. It was such a Terrific Tiki Time!

A message from Food Services:

Don't forget that we will be serving food to all children **18 and under** ***Free of Charge!*** between June 19th and July 20th, Monday – Thursday from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM at Lewis H. Britton Middle School

Except the week of 4th of July where we will serve Monday – Friday except Tuesday

For any questions please call [408-201-6129](tel:408-201-6129)

Summer Games to Support Learning

We know that most children lose skills during prolonged summer vacations. Sustaining skills does not have to be painful or of the drill and kill variety. Parents may not realize that educational skills can be nurtured and retained through enjoyable family activities. The goal of summer activities is not necessarily to teach new skills but to prevent the previously learned ones from weakening through disuse.

- Go places- real or imagined, physically or virtually
- Play games
- Do things (museums, hikes, farms)
- Make things
- Read
- Use real life math
- Technology sites:
 - Tumble Book Library
 - Scholastic Summer challenge
 - Barnes and Noble Summer Reading is Fun
- Public Library

I have also attached a link for fun educational games that you can play with your children.



http://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/archives/learninggame.shtml

Other resources that are available to your child:

- Lexia for 15 minutes - (please don't help your child on this program, it will continue to push them beyond their zone of development).
- Splash Math
- Xtra Math
- Razz Kids
- Study Island

Home and School Club News!

It's hard to believe we are in the final stretch of the year. How wonderful it has been. Over the past month, we have enjoyed BIG CATS! from our Authors and Assemblies program where the students learned about several feline species and had a live meet and greet with a fishing cat, an ocelot and a cheetah right in our MPR. *How cool was that!!*

Scholastic Book Fair was terrific and we had an opportunity to restock and replenish our personal libraries for summer reading. It's always a win-win event for families and the school....*KEEP ON READING.*

Our 9th Annual Spring Auction proved to be a complete success. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who helped plan, procure goods, services and experience's, and execute this fun and festive evening. A good time was had by all and we raised more than \$35,000. Thank you Nordstrom families!!

Teacher Appreciation Week wraps up. What a wonderful week it was showering the people that directly impact and motivate our children as they continue on their academic journey. Thank you for your guidance, support and encouragement for our kids throughout the year.

Mom and Son Bingo night was such a fun success!. We continue to strengthen our community by offering exciting experiences that help nourish our hearts and our friendships. This is just the beginning of more years to come offering family events at the school, we will ensure there is something for everyone!

Nordstrom Spring Concert May 23 from 5-8pm. Kinders through third grade. Please refer to your information sheet on your child's arrival time. *You won't want to miss this delightful event!*

Lastly, we would like to thank all of our volunteers this year for their commitment and dedication to Nordstrom Elementary students and families. Having a community like ours is what sets us apart from the rest. Know...we can not do it with YOU!

The countdown is on...only 4 weeks more until school is out! Wishing all our families a joyous summer break and we'll see you back here in August!

Upcoming Events

MAY

- 22 ELAC Meeting, 6:00 pm, RC
- 23 Spring Concert, MPR
- 26 Kinder Olympics
- 29 No School Day, Memorial Day
- 24 Volunteer Appreciation Brunch
- 30 School Site Council 2:15 RC

JUNE

- 1 Band Concert 9:45 and 10:15
- 2 Lion's Den, English Learner Celebration
- 2 Amelia Forbes Principal Day!
- 2 Color WARS!
- 7 Field Day
- 8 Lion's Den - a special end of the year celebration!
- 8 Last Day of School, Minimum Day, Release Time 12:50pm