



Lion's Den Newsletter



October 2017

Principal's Message

Happy Fall! As I walk through classrooms I am in awe at the quality of work our students produce! They are eager to learn and taking ownership in the learning of the classroom. It is so exciting to see them grow!

Student Safety: We have some safety concerns that we need to address for the safety of all students!

- Students should never cross Dunne Ave. except in the crosswalk - even with an adult.
- TK/K students need to be walked to their classroom, not dropped off in the circle.
- Double parking on Dunne is illegal.
- Please pull all the way forward in the drop off lanes.
- Please remind your students to come out of school and sit as they wait for you to pick them up.
- 7:30 is the earliest a child should be dropped off.
- 2:15 is the latest a child should be picked up.

Thank you Home and School Club!!!

So many thank you's to say:

- First, Family Fun Night was SO fun and a great community event. This would not have happened without the hard work of Jocelyn Durling, Sharon Winchester, Karyn Gallipeo, Michelle Shirani, Lesa Pfeffer, Melissa Wipf, Michelle Tarney, and so many more!. They each stepped up to organize, plan, and execute a fabulous night for our community. Thank you!

PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support)

I'm sure you have heard about all the PAWS we are collecting for catching students being awesome!! We had a great school-wide dance party after meeting our first goal of 4,500 PAWS! It was a great celebration and community building event! Our next goal is to have a Read In!! Students will be able to wear their pajamas, Mrs. Grove will read to their grade levels, and of course all the fun reading that will go on in the classrooms to boot! Our goal is 5,500 tickets - we can do it the Nordstrom Way!!

Attendance:

Attendance is important!! Our expected attendance rate is **96.5%**. We have dropped to low attendance - **95.36%**. What this means is that students are losing out on the learning in the classroom. Any absence, whether excused or not, denies students the opportunity to learn in accordance with the school's instructional program. The primary rationale for high-quality attendance is the relationship between student attendance and student achievement.

Secondly, Nordstrom's attendance rate has dropped to **95.36%**. This doesn't seem like a large percentage change, but the opportunity is to gain an additional \$214, 043.00 in funding by improving our attendance! Wow!!

Please work with us to ensure that vacations are taken during school holidays. Doctor appointments are made after 2:05 dismissal time. Those days your child is tired or doesn't want to come to school... please encourage them to attend school. We miss them and they miss learning!!

HSC News!

We're here already....October! And with that comes a host of fun fall events brought to you by your Home and School Club.

PR2017- Pumpkin Run 2017 - is coming this Halloween! Join us for a morning of fun and camaraderie as our students challenge themselves with our evolving obstacle course! Fun for all. Details with run times to follow in Friday folders.

Also this month....

- We will kick off October with a fun contest for our kids leading up to **Pumpkin Run 2017**

Any child wearing their Pumpkin Run 2017 **black and orange commemorative t-shirt** will earn 1 ticket to be placed in their classroom pumpkin. T-shirts are on sale now for \$15 for the first and \$12 for each additional one. Students will also be eligible to earn a ticket by wearing orange and black!

Also...any parent or other representative for the family that signs up on Volunteer Spot to help with Pumpkin Run will earn 1 ticket per slot filled. Have your child inform the teacher once you've signed top and they will earn additional tickets.

The top class in each grade level will earn an EXTRA RECESS!

- **Bubbles & Bingo** is right around the corner on Oct. 12th from 6:30-9pm! Join us for this evening of games, fun and friendship! Fun prizes, spaghetti dinner.
- Join us for our next **Home & School Club Meeting**. Friday, October 13th, MPR at 8am. Come and join the conversation of what's happen in and around your school. *Your Voice Matters!*
- **Donuts with Dads!** Men, bring your kids and join us for a short social gathering on Friday, October 20th at 7:45am in the MPR. Bring your java, we'll have the sweets!
- **Paint Night with Erin Clark.** Another social opportunity to join us and find the Rembrandt within! Again, this is an ADULT ONLY Event. Join us October 26th from 6-9pm and go on a painting adventure like you've never done. Walk out with a beautiful seascape created by yours truly...**YOU!** Hors d'oeuvres and beverages available. Watch your Friday folders for sign up.
- **Help Us Keep Our Programming!** HSC funds **ALL** supplemental programs for your children which includes; Music, Art, Field Trips, One Yard PE support & enhancement, Authors & Assemblies, ABC Reader, Teacher Support, Technology Support and so much more. Help us to continue offering these special curriculum to our students. **Please donate today!** If each student can contribute \$195 this year, we can keep our current programming! Visit <http://nordstromhsc.wixsite.com/nhsc/fundraising> and **Let's Make This Happen!** Contribute Today!

Upcoming Events

October:

- 3 - Fall Pictures
- 12- Bingo Night (adult only) 6:30 pm
- 13- HSC meeting 8:00am
- 16- School Site Council 2:15 RC
- 20- Donuts for Dad and College Day Assembly - **Dads, wear your college shirts!!**
- 23- ELAC meeting 6:00 RC
- 26- Paint Night (Adult only)
- 31- Pumpkin Run
- 31- Halloween Parade

November:

- 3- Lion's Den
- 7- Fall Picture Make-ups
- 9- HSC Meeting, 8:00 MPR
- 9- End of First Trimester

10- No School, Veteran's Day

13- No School, Conference Day

14-17 Minimum Days, 7:45 - 12:50

20-24 No School - Thanksgiving Holiday

27-30 Book Fair