



Lion's Den Newsletter

Fall 2018

Principal's Message



School is in full swing and our rituals and routines are in place. Classrooms are rich with new learning and we are off to a fantastic year at Nordstrom. Please check your children's Friday Folders to see all of their new learning!

Family Fun Night was a tremendous success! Thank you to the team of parents, teachers, and our responsible 5th-grade students. It was a great community event that celebrated the special bonds we have at Nordstrom.

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. They have added so many great activities to our campus! Just this month we had Family Fun Night and Muffins with Mom! We look forward to Donuts with Dads and the **Pumpkin Run on October 31st!** 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.

Student Safety

Student safety at Nordstrom School is a priority for all of our students on campus. Prevention is the best tool that we have to do this. As a staff we have been reviewing our classroom and campus procedures. There have been staff discussions and we have delivered classroom lessons to students to review school rules for staying on the school grounds and the expectations for play area boundaries. In the class discussions we are including the need for students to say something to the teacher if they notice a student not following the school safety rules.

We have been in close communication with the Morgan Hill Police Department as we review our safety protocols. The staff is committed to being vigilant in our procedures and policies to enhance student safety.

Classroom Interruptions

Each time a classroom receives a phone call or door knock, the learning in the classroom is interrupted and the teacher must stop the class, answer the call or door, and then refocus the class. For this reason, we are asking that all lunches, backpacks, water bottles, assignments/projects, and transportation messages are managed from home. We will leave messages in the teacher's boxes, but we want to stop the interruption of the learning in classes. Thanks for your help!

Upcoming Events

October	
2	Fall Picture Day
5	Teacher Development Day (No School)
12	Home & School Club Meeting, MPR, 8:00am
19	Donuts for Dads
22	School Site Council, 2:15pm, RC
22	ELAC Meeting, 6:00 pm, MP
26	Lion's Den
31	Halloween Parade
31	Pumpkin Run

November	
6	Picture Retakes
8	End of First Trimester
8	Home & School Club Meeting, MPR, 8:00am
9	No School, Conference Day
12	No School, Veterans Day
13-16	Minimum Days, 7:45am - 12:50pm
19-23	No School, Thanksgiving Holiday
26-30	Book Fair
30	Lions Den

Parking lot and after 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..
 - 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.
 - This year, your child will be sitting in lines at the front of the school. We hope that this will help students 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 and Bus Applications

Applications are now online. Go to: <http://nordstrom.mhusd.org/> to apply. Parent portal is in the top left corner!