

Knightly News

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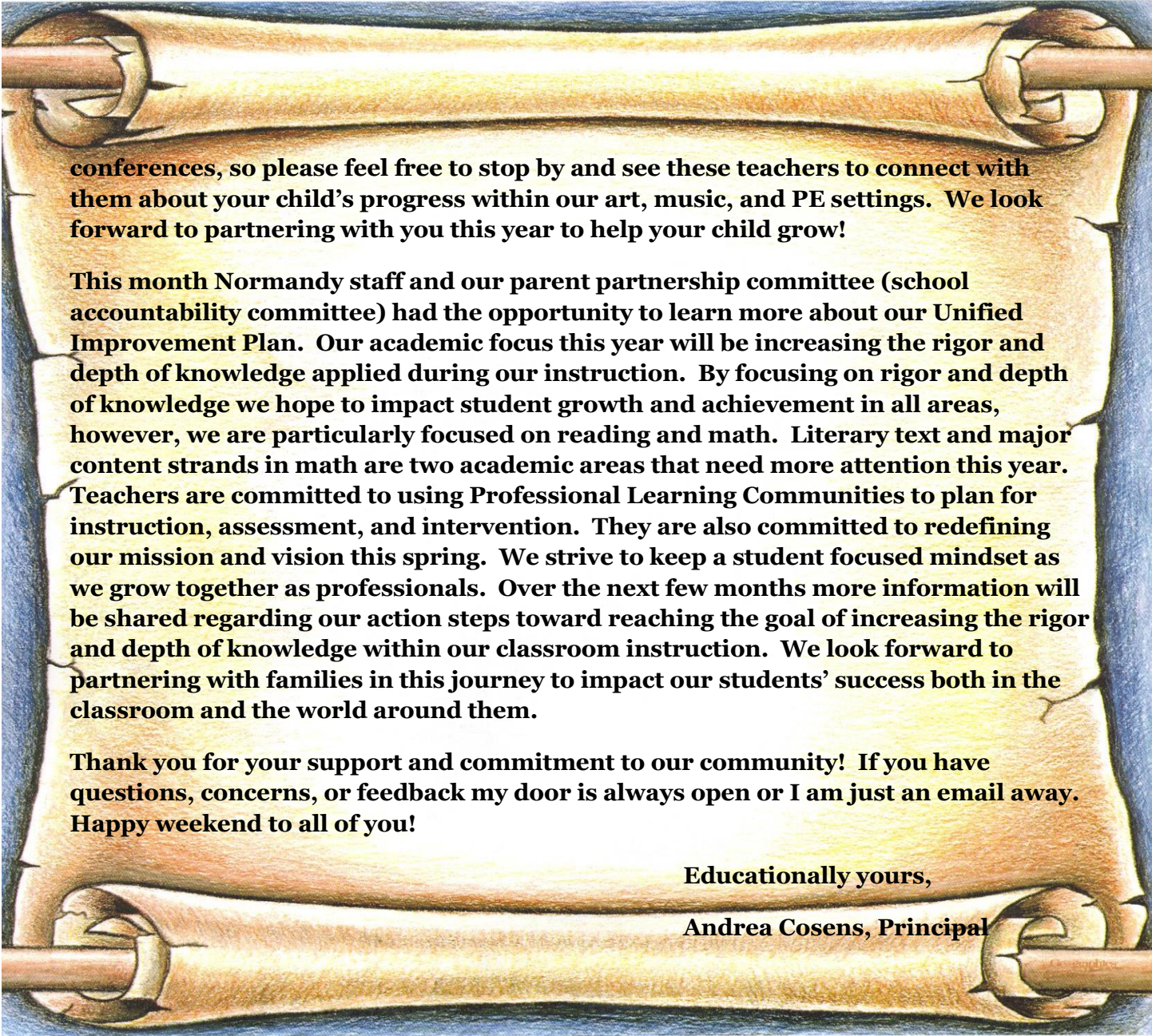
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Dear Normandy Families,

Fall is upon us! This has been the craziest fall weather I have seen in years. In fact, it might be a good time to talk with your children about dressing for the weather. This may include bringing jackets, gloves, hats, and boots (rain or snow). Students are allowed to bring umbrellas, however, please remind them to use them appropriately. When snow arrives, students are also able to bring snow pants. In general, our rule is no boots, no snow. This may limit where students are able to play on the playground, as our hope is to keep their feet warm and dry. Snow pants allow students to explore out in the field and take full advantage of our snowy Colorado days. Students will have outside recess unless it is below 20 degrees based on the current temperature or wind-chill factor. We hope students come prepared for all kinds of weather forecast so that they can comfortably enjoy the outdoors.

As students continue to adjust to school we would also like to remind them that special toys should stay at home unless we are having a reward day at school. This may include items like Pokemon cards, balls, Legos, or other special trinkets. At times teachers offer reward days such as electronics day, bring a stuffed animal to school day, or they may participate in class activities that involve toys from home. After the special day or activity ends, students are responsible for taking these items back home. It can be very sad for students when things get lost, so we ask that those prized possessions stay safe at home. Thank you for helping us keep your child's much loved toys safe!

Now that October has arrived teachers are preparing for parent/teacher conferences. Conferences are a great time to continue to build that partnership with your child's teacher. We are looking forward to this opportunity to share the growth we have seen already this year. This is a great time for you to ask questions about your child's progress and how we will work together to support your child in learning. Conferences will be held on Wednesday, October 11th and Thursday, October 12th. Sign-up Genius links will be posted on the Normandy website for you to sign up for a time to meet with your child's teacher. These links will be up Monday morning. Our AMP team will also be present for



conferences, so please feel free to stop by and see these teachers to connect with them about your child's progress within our art, music, and PE settings. We look forward to partnering with you this year to help your child grow!

This month Normandy staff and our parent partnership committee (school accountability committee) had the opportunity to learn more about our Unified Improvement Plan. Our academic focus this year will be increasing the rigor and depth of knowledge applied during our instruction. By focusing on rigor and depth of knowledge we hope to impact student growth and achievement in all areas, however, we are particularly focused on reading and math. Literary text and major content strands in math are two academic areas that need more attention this year. Teachers are committed to using Professional Learning Communities to plan for instruction, assessment, and intervention. They are also committed to redefining our mission and vision this spring. We strive to keep a student focused mindset as we grow together as professionals. Over the next few months more information will be shared regarding our action steps toward reaching the goal of increasing the rigor and depth of knowledge within our classroom instruction. We look forward to partnering with families in this journey to impact our students' success both in the classroom and the world around them.

Thank you for your support and commitment to our community! If you have questions, concerns, or feedback my door is always open or I am just an email away. Happy weekend to all of you!

Educationally yours,

Andrea Cosens, Principal

October Count

Please mark Monday, October 2nd on your calendar – it's October Count! The most important action you can take to support school funding is to make sure your student attends school that day. Much of public education funding from the State of Colorado is based on student count, and the official student count day this year is October 2nd. The "count window" the state observes is September 25 - October 9, and the key student count day is Monday, October 2nd. Please help us ensure all our students are accurately counted by having your student in class that day! If your child must be absent on October 2nd due to serious illness, call our attendance line, 303.982.4750 to report the absence. Attendance during the "count window" will help counteract an absence on October 2nd, but it's best to come to school that day. Thank you for your support of Normandy Elementary School.



We want to make sure you are receiving communication from the teachers and the school. We send out weekly e-blasts, classroom newsletters, and our monthly Knightly News newsletter. In order to make sure you are receiving information about our upcoming events and important dates, please make sure we have the correct information in Jeffco Connect. We have found that some of our parents have an email in the system, but the boxes next to the email have not been checked. Please take a moment to log into your Jeffco Connect account to verify this. You will click on the "Contacts" tab. You will then click on the EDIT button next to your name. Make sure your email is correct, and also make sure the small boxes are checked next to your email.

Normandy App

Be informed! Get Alerts! Stay involved! Download our Mobile School App today. Go to the App store or Google Play from your Smart Phone or tablet and search Normandy Elementary. Be sure to allow Push Notifications.



Fall Conferences will be on October 11th and 12th from 3:30 – 7:00 pm. Please see the Sign-Up Genius on our website to schedule a time. The Sign-Up Genius will be posted on Monday, October 2nd. <http://normandy.jeffcopublicschools.org/>



Calling all Normandy dads, grandfathers, uncles, and other father figures! Bring your Normandy students and join us for a fun night of pizza and camaraderie as we kick off the 2017 - 2018 Watch D.O.G.S. Program. Learn more about the program and meet other WatchDOG dads! Monday, October 2nd, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Normandy cafeteria. Please RSVP by calling the office at 303-982-4766 so we have enough pizza for everyone. Contact Mike Hallacy with questions at mhallacy@hotmail.com.

Fifth Grade Science Fun

Blurb: Fifth grade students experienced "hands-on" Science by separating four different mixtures. Students used a strainer in order to separate sand from beads, added water to a salt and pepper mixture to separate all three, used magnets to find paper clips hidden in sawdust, and discovered there were many different ways to separate marshmallow cereal. A great time was had by all!



Student Council News

Student Council Representatives will be selected next week.
Our first meeting will be Wednesday, October 10th.

Gifted & Talented Connections

The Jeffco Gifted and Talented Department offers a variety of resources and supports for parents:

- The new [GT website](#) hosts links to flyers, presentations, organizations, other helpful resources.
- [Monthly parent seminars](#) are offered on a variety of topics by different speakers.
- New this year is the [Gifted Parent Academy](#) which offers four different open enrollment, self-paced online courses for parents.
- If you are looking for parent connections, [JAGC](#) (Jefferson Association for Gifted Children) is Jeffco's official parent support and advocacy group.

Your district GT Resource Teacher is Penelope Heinigk (Penelope.Heinigk@jeffco.k12.co.us). Feel free to contact her with questions about any of the above.

You're Invited to a Reading Event!

Normandy Elementary

is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from

October 9th-12th, 9am-3pm + Conference times

and we would love for you to join us.

Children who choose their own books are more likely to read, and the Book Fair is the perfect opportunity to introduce them to books they will love. Ensure your child's reading success by:

1. Visiting the Book Fair as a family.
2. Discussing books that interest your child.
3. Allowing your child to choose books and build your home library.

Visit **scholastic.com/fair** for details, and thank you for supporting our readers!

Sincerely, Andrea Cosens

Principal



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FALL BOX TOPS COLLECTION CONTEST



Turn in your BOX TOPS to your child's teacher or the bin outside the front office between now and October 16th. The grade AND the classroom with the most BOX TOPS collected win treats provided by PTO!!

****Please be sure to write your child's teacher on your baggie or envelope. Expired Box Tops and Campbell's Soup Labels are not accepted.**

For a complete list of products eligible, visit www.boxtops4education.com



BIKE OR WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Come celebrate bike/walk to school day!

Friday, October 6th

Meet at 8:10am at the Church of All Nations parking lot. At 8:15am a group of parents & students will walk/bike to Normandy from the Church of All Nations.

*Be sure to follow walking and biking traffic rules- SAFETY FIRST!

*Be entered in to WIN prizes if you walk/ bike to school that morning!

Come Have Fun and Be Healthy!



017-18 WINTER YOUTH BASKETBALL

Recreational, Intermediate and Competitive Teams

Open to 2-8th grade BOYS & GIRLS in the following high school feeder areas:

CHATFIELD - COLUMBINE - MULLEN - HERITAGE
D'EVELYN - DAKOTA RIDGE - LITTLETON - EVERGREEN/CONIFER
AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES!

Dates: Practices begin November 6th. Games run from December 1st or 2nd through February 20th with a 2 week break over the JeffCo Schools winter break.

Locations: PLAY LOCAL! All practices and recreational and intermediate team games are at convenient South JeffCo local schools. Competitive teams will practice and play ½ of their games at location South JeffCo area schools.

WE ARE THE MOST AFFORDABLE BASKETBALL PROGRAM IN JEFFERSON COUNTY!

2nd-4th Grade South JeffCo League Rec/Intermediate Teams - \$175

5th-8th Grade South JeffCo League Rec/Intermediate Teams - \$185

2nd-8th Grade AYL Competitive Teams - \$225

FULL INDEPENDENT TEAMS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN! Email office@southjeff.org with questions.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER, VISIT US AT:

WWW.SOUTHJEFFBASKETBALL.ORG (Registration Deadline October 12th)

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