

Knightly News



Normandy Elementary

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Ms. Andrea Cosens, Principal

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Dear Normandy Families,

The countdown to spring break has begun! Spring always brings about change and growth, both in nature and in our everyday lives. This is also the case at Normandy. As we look toward the end of this year, we are planning ahead for the 19-20 school year. This includes nominating and electing board members for our PTO and PIE committees. Our PTO serves to build a strong foundation for supporting student and teacher growth, while also providing opportunities for our community to come together for some fun. PTO funds our teacher wish lists, supports professional learning, provides technology for classrooms, nourishes our garden, plans community events, and is a vital part of our school. Normandy's Partners in Education committee reviews school academic data and data concerning our school's climate and culture. PIE also helps plan for programming and provides feedback on decisions concerning the learning and business aspects of our school. Parents are encouraged to partner with Normandy in many capacities. As you consider how you might be involved in the 19-20 school year, I invite you to attend our PTO and PIE meetings to learn more about how you can help our community grow and continue to develop a climate and culture that benefits all students and families.

Another exciting change for the 19-20 school year, is the anticipated adoption of Into Reading from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. This program is currently going through a rigorous vetting process at the district level. As part of this process, teachers and a parent representative combed through the curriculum with the Curriculum and Instruction department. We looked at the program's diversity, instructional support for all students, and how it complemented with the Colorado Academic Standards. To date, the Curriculum and Instruction and Educational Technology departments have completed their evaluation and have given this curriculum the "green light." Purchasing is working to build contracts with HMH.

Upon our return from spring break, one teacher in every grade level will begin piloting this reading series so that we can evaluate its effectiveness in classrooms. Please look for more information to be posted on our website, as we provide a link for families to use to explore Into Reading more in depth. We are anxious to share this resource with you and look forward to your feedback. If you are interested in looking through the curriculum, we will also have samples in the office for you to peruse. Once the program has been successfully vetted by all departments, it will go to the Board of Education for approval. Our hope is to purchase this resource for the 19-20 school year. This is exciting news for our school!

Your family's experience and each child's success is of utmost importance to me. I look forward to seeing you at all of this month's fun events and community meetings. I welcome your questions, concerns, and comments. Please do not hesitate to use the attached form, send me an email, or contact me at (303) 982-4766.

Warmly,

Andrea Cosens, Principal



Please check the Lost and Found wall for items that may belong to your student. There are many coats, jackets, lunch boxes and assorted other items. All items left unclaimed will be donated at the end of the school year.

From our LAMP Team

Physical Education

Ms. Patterson

This month, not only did we practice good habits to keep our hearts healthy, we also learned dance steps for Tinikling. Tinikling is a cultural dance form from the Philippines. It is traditionally performed with bamboo poles, but at Normandy we use PVC pipes. These pipes are moved in rhythm, so that the students can practice dance steps inside and outside of the poles. 1st-5th grades, the students learn the steps and perfect them so that in 6th grade they can put all of the steps learned together into a dance routine which is performed for their classmates. Kindergarten was able to watch the 2nd graders learning the steps and will get their chance to try the dance next year in 1st grade.

Our Kids Heart Challenge wrapped up this week with Rainbow week. It was fun to see the kids dressed in each day's color and talk about the foods that fit into each category. I definitely learned what fruits and veggies the kids like and dislike! I also, learned some new fruits and veggies that I didn't know about! To date, we have raised \$4003.00!! Way to go! Thank you Normandy!

Technology

Mrs. Schiff

Students in the primary grades have been working in Google Slides all year to learn how to present information. They have made great growth in typing information, adding a picture and a background, and resizing photos. If they have not shared their slides with you, they can access their Google account via Chrome with their username and password. If possible, have your child continue working on keyboarding skills so they know automatically where letters are on the keyboard. Practice makes perfect! Below lists several free online keyboarding websites:

<https://www.freetypinggame.net/>

<https://www.typing.com/>

<https://www.typinggames.zone/>

Recently, we have had many damaged books returned to the library, most of them with water damage. Please remind your child to make sure water bottles and lunch box containers are closed tightly. When books are lost or damaged the replacement cost is based on what our district vendor charges us to replace the book. In the past, there has been a flat rate fine of \$5 with the library covering the rest of the cost. Our tight budget no longer allows for this and books will be replaced based on market price. You may opt to replace the book on your own but the book should be hardcover. Please see Kathy Schiff with any questions.

Music Notes

Mr. Barrera

Hello from the music room! We have a lot of exciting things rounding out the year. I have been asked to organize some first graders to sing the national anthem at the Key Club charity basketball game at Columbine High school on March 13th. If you have a first grader that is interested please email me. Also the troubadours will be singing the national anthem at the Rockies game on April 6th. In the classroom I am making sure the 5th and 6th graders have ample opportunities to explore music in many different facets. With some of the younger grades we are preparing more elaborate music and learning some games and having fun along the way!

Artistic Endeavors

Mr. Keith McConnell

Below is a quick summary of current and future art projects for each grade level.

Kindergarten: Kindergarten has just finished a clay unit and a self-portrait unit. The last trimester Focus will be on storytelling and integrating art with other subjects.

First Grade: First grade is completing a clay animal unit. Following the clay unit they will begin lessons dealing with multiple steps using a printmaking technique and a portrait unit.

Second Grade: They are currently working on a portrait unit inspired by contemporary artist Sandra Silberzweig. This will be followed by a collage landscape unit.

Third Grade: Third grade is beginning their clay unit inspired by ancient illuminated letters and will close out the year with architecture.

Fourth Grade: Currently they are in the beginning stages of a self-portrait unit focusing on tints and shades using a monochromatic scheme.

Fifth Grade: They are working on figural sculptures inspired by the late Swiss sculptor Alberto Giacometti. The rest of the trimester will focus on one and two point perspective.

Sixth Grade: Sixth grade is in the end stages of their clay unit and then will close out the year focusing on creating narrative art.

Band and Orchestra

Mr. Eric Whaylen

A message from Instrumental Music:

Welcome to third trimester! I want to take this moment to give a quick reminder of the importance of students bringing their instruments to school. Students are graded on their level of preparation and readiness for their instrumental music classes. Every student begins the trimester with this standard being "Effectively Demonstrates," and students are allowed two instances of forgotten instruments before any grade is affected. After this their grade begins to be affected, and any time they have to come with no instrument they are missing out on the practice and improvement that should happen in each instrumental music class. Please do your best to continue reminding your students to bring their instrument to school on their two instrumental music days per week.

Students have been assessed on their playing skills for second trimester, and music has been passed out that will require a lot of practice and the implementation of these skills. Keep your eyes on our website <http://www.columbineareamusic.us> for upcoming links to recordings of this music. Consider listening with your student to get a better understanding of the music, and to assist in their individual practice.

Make sure our remaining concert dates are on your calendar:

Spring Band and Orchestra Concert

Thursday May 9:

Columbine High School Gym

Students arrive at 5:30pm

Performance at 6:00pm

Performance will conclude by 7:00pm

Please plan to stay for the duration of the performance.

Spring Advanced Band and Orchestra Tour (6th grade only)

Tuesday April 30: During the school day, not an evening event.

The advanced band and orchestra will travel to all area elementary schools during the school day to share the joy of music with younger students, and help us recruit the next year of instrumental music students.

I am still seeking chaperones to assist with the successful execution of this event! Please contact me if interested.

Normandy's Annual Daddy/ Daughter Dance



KISS 'N GO REMINDERS

- **The speed limit is 20 MPH during pick-up & drop-off.**
- **All students should be dropped off & picked up at the front of the school; including our 6th graders.**
- **Avoid texting & talking on your phone.**
- **Please continue to pull forward in the Kiss 'N Go Lane.**
- **From Plymouth & Kendall, to the bend in the Kiss N' Go near the baseball field, is a NO PARKING ZONE. This includes double parking to pick up your student.**
- **Always use the crosswalk.**
- **No U-turns anywhere along Kendall in the school zone.**

MOTHER/ SON FESTIVITIES





Social Emotional Learning

Ms. Andrea Steinberg, Social Worker

Dear Normandy Families,

As classrooms wrap up learning about managing strong emotions and practice calming down steps, we are starting problem solving! STEP is our acronym to remember the problem solving steps. We all need practice saying the problem without blame and exploring how solutions can lead to different consequences, so these are great things to practice at home! Remember to check Seesaw so you can talk to your student(s) about what they are working on each week in their classroom.

Save The Date! Normandy will participate in Jeffco's annual Day Without Hate on Thursday, April 25th (since students do not have class Friday, 4/26). Please plan to wear white or a DWOH shirt!

Finally, our first school store was a huge success! Thank you to Rebekah Hinds and Rheada Enabnit for their tremendous support organizing, planning, and running the store. Students have been working hard at wearing their ARMOR, earning Knifty Knights, and are anxiously awaiting the next store. We have heard a lot of students "saving up" to purchase bigger items. Way to go, Normandy Knights!

Sincerely,
Andrea Steinberg, Social Worker
Normandy Elementary – 303-982-4766
andrea.steinberg@jeffco.k12.co.us

Congratulations to our February

Knights of the Round Table!

Kindergarten: Asen Holzinger, Dominic Fleck

First Grade: Bryn Welsh, Sam Burdick, Jackson Madsen, Tommy Howell, Reese Sudar, Ben Klein, Jeremiah Martino, Rylan Jones, Case Woods, George Rowling

Second Grade: Ava Spencer, Riley Vongsakoun, Grayson Eells, Kea Lochner, Gracie Conklin, Paisley Todd and Landon Tapsfield

Third Grade: Cullen Fahrney, Will Brooks, Landon Lind and Jackson Lochner.

Fourth Grade: Garin Smelser, Jacob Chaney, Kaia Low, Van Runyan, Kyle Spencer, Esther Brand, Carmen Garcia, Sadie Cook, Kamryn Lind and Curtis Watson.

Fifth Grade: Sedona Adams, Zach Edmondson, Hailey McGinty, Lucas McGinty, Norah Kliewer and Taylor Speir.

Sixth Grade: Ryan Osness, Lily Brand, Ansley Leavitt, Shyanne Moore, Eva Athanasopoulos, Ben Hoeft, Zach Parrill, Katie Forbes and Jocelyn Bollerud.

INFORMATION & REMINDERS

CMAS – Each year our 3rd through 6th grade students participate in the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS). These assessments give us valuable information about how our curriculum is serving the needs of our students, and about student growth and achievement. We want to pass along testing dates and ask that families please avoid scheduling vacations and appointments during these time frames. Thank you for your understanding.

- March 19th-21st
 - 3rd Grade Math 8:55-10:15 & 6th Grade ELA 9:45-11:50
- April 2nd-4th
 - 3rd Grade ELA 8:55-10:45 & 6th Grade Math 10:45-12:10
- April 8th-10th
 - 4th Grade ELA 12:50-2:45 & 5th Grade Math 9:45-11:45
- April 12th, April 15th-16th
 - 4th Grade Math 12:50-2:15 & 5th Grade ELA 9:45-11:45
- April 17th-19th
 - 4th Grade Social Studies 12:50-2:30 & 5th Grade Science 9:45-11:45

Science Fair - Normandy's Annual Science Fair is coming on April 13th. Science Fair Registration is now OPEN! Go to the Normandy Website and click on the Science Fair picture on the lower left side of the screen. The REGISTRATION LINK is on this page. OR [CLICK HERE to REGISTER](#). Everything you need to know is on this website. All students can register now, and bring in their \$3 for the tri-fold board. Registration ends on Tuesday, March 12th.

Normandy Knights School Store - Our new Normandy Knights School Store opened on March 1st! Students have been collecting Knifty Knights for wearing their ARMOR (being safe, respectful, motivated, owning it, & responsible) at school and will be able to use them to purchase items at the school store. The store will also be open on April 12th and May 20th. We are looking for some awesome parent volunteers to help us run the store those days! If you are able, please sign here: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/5080844ACAF28AAF58-normandy>

Girls on the Run Registration is Open - To Sign Up:

1. Go to www.girlsontherunrockies.org
2. Click the "Register Now" button
3. Choose your geographic area (Denver)
4. Find and select your school in the drop down menu
5. After completing the form, hit "submit".

***You will receive a confirmation email from Raceplanner. Please make sure to check your spam folder in case the email went there. If you do not receive this email, chances are you did not fully complete the registration form.*

Skate City Spirit Night – On Wednesday, March 13th from 6 - 8pm we will be at Skate City. If 120 Normandy Knights show up to skate, the class with the most participants will receive a \$100 cash prize for their classroom.

Normandy Night at Noodles & Company – Come grab some dinner at Noodles & Company on Wednesday, March 20th from 4 - 8pm. We will be at the Aspen Grove location on 7301 S Santa Fe Dr, Littleton, CO 80120.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, March 12th – 4th Grade Museum of Nature and Science

Tuesday, March 12th – 5th Grade Growing and Changing Meeting, 5:30pm in the library

Wednesday, March 13th – Skate City Night

Thursday, March 14th – PIE Meeting in the library @ 6:00PM

Friday, March 15th – Teacher Work Day, No Students

Monday, March 18th – CMAS for 3rd and 6th Grade

Tuesday, March 19th – Spring Pictures, Individual and Class

Wednesday, March 20th – Noodles & Company Spirit Night

Thursday, March 21st – PTO Meeting

Friday, March 22nd – 5th Grade Ameritowne

Monday, March 25th - Spring Break Begins



Calling all Normandy dads, grandfathers, uncles and other father figures! Normandy has numerous openings during the coming months for new and experienced Watch D.O.G.S. No experience necessary for this important volunteer opportunity. Walkie-talkie and door badge included! Follow this link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044fafa92baafdo-normandy>

Thank you in advance!

Normandy's Newsworthy Notes & Feedback

Please return to Andrea Cosens, Principal, or to our Office Staff.



I have a question, a concern or something positive to share:

Name (optional): _____

Daytime Phone (optional): _____

Normandy Elementary's Staff Appreciation



We would like to give you an opportunity to share your appreciation of our staff. Simply complete the form below and return it to the office. Your message will be delivered to staff. Thank you!

Dear _____,

Name (optional): _____



Food For Thought BakPak Program

Beginning **Friday, August 24th** (and each Friday thereafter), the **Food For Thought BakPak Program** will distribute sacks filled with food to students who need food during the weekends. The **Food For Thought BakPak Program** is a partnership of businesses, faith-based ministries, and the communities of SW Jefferson County who care about hunger needs of students in our schools. This program is designed for families who are struggling financially and may need support to provide adequate food for their children on weekends. The weekend bags consist of food for meals for each participating student. The food will be packed in a plastic grocery bag. It will fit in the child's own backpack or will be easy to carry. The food is distributed at the end of the school day each Friday.

If you wish for your student(s) to participate in this program, please complete the information below and return to the school office as soon as possible. If participating in this program, your student's name will be shared with Ms. Steinberg, Ms. Windle, and the BakPak program coordinator for the purpose of labeling the bags.

If you do not need assistance, but may be interested in making a monetary or food item donation toward this program, please let Andrea Steinberg know.

If you have any other questions, please contact Ms. Steinberg at 303-982-4766 or email her at andrea.steinberg@jeffco.k12.co.us.

_____ **Yes, I would like my child (children) to participate in this program.**

Parent Name: _____

Student: _____ Classroom Teacher: _____

Student: _____ Classroom Teacher: _____

Student: _____ Classroom Teacher: _____



March

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Thursday 3/7:** Playground Meeting 6-8pm
- **Friday 3/8:** Mother/Son Event 6-8pm
- **Wednesday 3/13:** Skate City Night 6-8pm
- **Wednesday 3/20:** Noodles & Co Spirit Night 4-8pm
- **Thursday 3/21:** PTO Meeting 6-7pm



Join us for a Mother/Son Nerf Battle
and Trivia with JC Jackman
Friday, March 8th from 6 - 8pm
Normandy Elementary
\$10 per family



Save the Date for
*Spaghetti Dinner
and Bingo Night*
Friday, April 19th 5:30 - 8:30pm



SPIRIT NIGHT

Normandy Spirit Night at Noodles & Company
Wednesday, March 20th from 4-8pm
Noodles at Aspen Grove - 7301 S Santa Fe Dr.



Use AmazonSmile for your Online Shopping!

On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation. The charity you will want to choose is **Normandy Elementary Schools PTO**.

ICEE NIGHT

Normandy Elementary

Wednesday, March 13th

6-8pm

Admission \$5.00
(skate rental \$2.50)

Bring your friends and family for a GREAT evening of skating fun and games, for this private skate party just for the students, staff, family, and friends from Normandy Elementary!

This event is sponsored by Normandy Elementary PTO!

See you at Skate City!

FREE ICEE
for all paid skaters



LITTLETON

5801 S. Lowell Way
(303) 795-6109

www.skatecitycolorado.com

Normandy Family Contribution 2018 – 2019

Thanks to the Normandy Family Contribution Program, the school is able to purchase needed items that support the students and staff but are not covered by the school or district. The Contribution provides an opportunity for the parents to support their children's education without having to sell fundraising items.

Please complete this form and return in your Friday Folder or to the front office. The recommended contribution is \$50 per student or \$80 per family but please give what your family is comfortable with.

Last Name: _____ Parent First Name: _____

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (Zip)

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Students at Normandy: _____

My Contribution for 2018 – 2019 \$ _____

Payable in:

_____ One Lump Sum

_____ Equal Installments of \$ _____ on the _____ day of each month

_____ I will make payment via Paypal by going to the PTO page on the Normandy website

_____ I wish to make my contribution via credit card and my information is:

_____ (Name) (Credit Card Number)

_____ (Exp Date) (CVV Number)

Please make checks payable to Normandy PTO

Remember: Contributions are 100% TAX DEDUCTIBLE. A Tax Receipt will be mailed to you in January, 2019 for those family contributions given in 2018 and another receipt in January 2020 for those given in 2019.

Thank you for your generous support!

Please contact Brandy Boydstun, PTO Treasurer, at BrandyBoydstun@Centura.org with any questions.

A DAY WITHOUT HATE

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T-shirt Order Form

A Day Without Hate is a student-led, grassroots organization that promotes nonviolence, respect, and unity within our schools. Help your child join his/her fellow students district wide to help end school violence and promote peace. By encouraging students to be tolerant, friendly and kind, and teaching them that there are non-violent solutions to problems, hopefully as a community we can create a better world. In 2018, 10 graduating seniors were awarded \$1,000 scholarships for their efforts in promoting peace in their high schools and communities. The price of the T-shirt is \$5 for youth and \$5 for adult. Please make your check payable to the school and return your order form by March 8, 2019. Your child will receive his/her shirt by April 19th.

Youth (\$5): S (6-8) _____ M (10-12) _____ L (14-16) _____

Adult (\$5): S ____ M ____ L ____ XL ____ 2XL ____ 3XL ____ 4XL ____ 5XL ____

TOTAL shirts ordered: _____

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Teacher's Name: _____



A **limited** number of shirts will be available on-line at www.daywithouthatejeffco.com on April 19th. A UPS shipping charge will apply.