

# Knightly News



Normandy Elementary

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Ms. Andrea Cosens, Principal

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Dear Normandy Families,

It has been a while since I shared information about our Unified Improvement Plan for the 18-19 school year. Our Unified Improvement Plan guides our professional learning and is designed to increase student academic achievement over the course of the school year. This year we have three goals:

- To decrease the percentage of kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students scoring below and well below benchmark by 5% on grade level reading assessments.
- To close the academic growth gap between males and females in the area of math.
- To increase the percentage of students meeting or exceeding expectations in the areas of written knowledge and written expression by at least 5% in grades 4, 5, and 6. The percentage of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students meeting or exceeding expectations will increase by 10%.

To reach these goals, teachers have been doing two important things in and out of the classroom. First, they have been active participants in our Professional Learning Community. Each week they use their planning time to prioritize grade level standards and develop learning targets to meet these prioritized standards. Based on their learning targets, teachers collaborate to create assessments that assess for learning throughout their units of study. These assessments allow teachers to pause the teaching cycle so they can re-teach and extend learning as needed. This differentiation meets the individual needs of learners and serves to close the academic gaps amongst student populations. We believe that this work has also given teachers the opportunity to study their craft and to learn from one another. They have used new mentor texts, designed lessons together, and studied their delivery. They also evaluate what practices they want to retain or revise when teaching these units again next year. Additionally, teachers have been incorporating the Jeffco Generations skills into everyday learning in order to increase student engagement, collaboration, rigor, and application of skills. As I spend time in rooms, I have seen students working together to deconstruct mentor text, identify the characteristics of writing genres, and use their new understandings to evaluate their personal writing. In math students are justifying the reasonableness of solutions with peers and applying their learning to the real world. The increase in teacher awareness of the prioritized standards, and their ability to plan for instruction that is centered on student learning, is impressive. I am thankful for the dedicated staff members at Normandy and their commitment to our Professional Learning Community.

As we begin to wrap up the 18-19 school year, I want to highlight a few unique opportunities we have to impact the community around Normandy and to enjoy spending time together. This Friday, we have our Spaghetti and Bingo Night sponsored by our 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Please make sure to RSVP so that we have enough food for everyone. Information about this event is included at the end of this newsletter. On Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> we have been invited to participate in a day of service to remember those affected



by the Columbine tragedy. There is also more information in this newsletter about how to get involved in this event. Please join us to give back to our neighborhood.

Finally, I want to remind all adults to model safe behavior in the Kiss 'N Go. We ask that families use the stoplight to cross the street rather than crossing in other spots along Kendall Blvd. Please model this behavior for students. Several times over the last month we have watched as students cross the street between moving cars in the Kiss 'N Go to meet adults. Not only is this unsafe, it is against the law and heart-stopping for our staff. As you are dropping off or waiting for your student(s), please pull forward so that we can serve all families. The Kiss 'N Go is a very busy place and is not a good place to use cell phones. Parents and visitors need to be alert and aware of students as they run toward cars and cross the street. Last, please do not make U-turns along Kendall Blvd. U-turns are illegal in a school zone. Thank you for helping us keep our students safe.

It is such a privilege to be a part of the Normandy community. Your child's academic and social-emotional success is of utmost importance to me and my staff. Please let us know if you have questions, feedback, or concerns. We are dedicated to traveling on this educational journey alongside each and every family.

Respectfully,

Andrea Cosens, Principal



## Social Emotional Learning

Ms. Andrea Steinberg, Social Worker

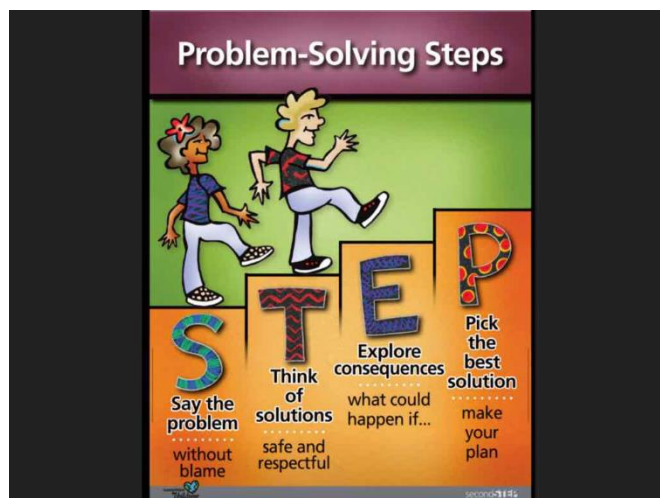
Dear Normandy Families,

Have you checked Seesaw lately to see your students using problem solving skills? STEP is our acronym to remember the problem solving steps. Ask your student(s) if they can "step" you through how they would solve a problem that might happen at recess!

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!

Sincerely,

Andrea Steinberg, Social Worker



# From our LAMP Team

## Music Notes

Mr. Barrera

Hello from the music room. We are winding down the year with some fun things. The troubadours sang the National Anthem with a few other Jeffco Choirs on April 6th at Coors field. We also have the area festival on April 17th and the school concert on May 2nd. In the classroom I am doing sound painting with the 4th, 5th and 6th graders which is a very fun and improvisational way to make music and with the lower grades I am making sure they all have the knowledge to be successful next year.



## Technology

Kathy Schiff

Hello Normandy families! We are still in the midst of state testing along with MAP testing around the corner. Thank you so much for supporting your child during testing time. It is so helpful to hear your words of encouragement along with ensuring they get adequate rest and a good breakfast prior to coming to school. Please continue to encourage them to try their best. We finish CMAS testing by April 25 and MAP will continue into May. MAP testing provides valuable information to teachers and parents quickly showing where a student has strengths and also where they need support.

The end of the year in the library is quickly approaching. All library books need to be turned in by May 9th along with any outstanding book fines. All books are due on this day so we can complete our inventory and prepare to collect student textbooks, iPads and Chromebooks. Students have done well in Google Apps throughout the year and may continue to access their account over the summer. This can be done anywhere they have internet access using their @jeffcoschools.us domain.

## *Artistic Endeavors*

*Mr. Keith McConnell*

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

**Kindergarten:** Kindergarten finished a couple of storytelling projects and will follow this with Spring themed projects that integrate other subjects.

**First Grade:** First grade has completed a clay animal unit. They are fantastic! Currently they are learning different printmaking techniques.

**Second Grade:** They are continuing the theme of landscapes and follow this with a clay 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:** Fourth grade is just finishing their monochromatic self-portraits. This will be followed by a unit learning about positive/negative space and a clay unit.

**Fifth Grade:** Currently fifth grade is doing a one point perspective unit using their name and will follow this by creating a cityscape in one point perspective on an iPad.

**Sixth Grade:** They are currently working on a narrative painting unit inspired by the art of Aaron Douglas and the poetry of Langston Hughes. This will be followed by a unit in which they create a superhero illustration.

Mr. McConnell

## **Physical Education**

**Ms. Patterson**

As the PE teacher, I am part of Jeffco's healthy schools initiative. Normandy's Healthy Schools Team received a grant earlier this year and recently used the funds to purchase a birthday cart for our students. The cart is stocked with a variety of items for students to select from to celebrate their special day. The team plans to share the cart for those with summer birthdays and then we will use the cart for all students next year. Our goal is to celebrate student birthdays with a special treat that does not involve a food item.

Other activities our committee sponsors include activities for staff members. In February, staff members participated in a healthy Bingo game. We tried new foods, exercised, stretched, and treated ourselves well. This month we are hiking together.

The Healthy School Team strives to promote health for all and will continue to be visible throughout the end of this year and next year. We look forward to our professional development later this month and using this to promote healthy habits within our school community.



# SUPER SPELLERS

Watch for Normandy's Super Spellers, Hazel Hallacy and Zaiden Burrell to be buzzing around the school. Both of these students placed in our Normandy Spelling Bee and went on to compete in the Area Spelling Bee. Hazel won that competition, and moved on to the State Spelling Bee! Congratulations to both of our Normandy spelling geniuses.



## Heartland Heroes

All 5th graders participated in the Heartland Hero Essay Program dedicated to Jason Dahl, pilot of United Flight 93. Students were asked to write an essay about a hero who made an impact in their own life and has the attributes of a hero. Five of our 5th graders honored their Heartland Heroes on Valentine's Day and had the chance to share their essays: Sara Schott, Audrey Carter, Sedona Adams, Lauren Elwood and Avery Ashford.

Their heroes were in attendance either in person or in spirit. Many tears were shed and hearts were proud of our 5th grade students and their words.

## Columbine High School Day of Service - Normandy Events

As part of the remembrance events announced by Jeffco, current students and staff at CHS will be spending the morning of Saturday, April 20, 2019 serving in the community. The Columbine Articulation area schools will also be participating. Participation is restricted to current students and staff. CHS is developing a website to share information about their service projects and encourage participation for people around the world to get project ideas and commit to the day of service.

Normandy Elementary will be hosting three service projects for families to participate in. Families of students in grades K-2 are invited to work on improving our garden. Families of students in grades 3-6 are invited to help the Columbine Knolls Recreation District (CKRD) with swimming pool and Marker Park projects. Families with children in both primary and intermediate are invited to pick which location they prefer. **Parents must attend this event with their children.**

Our projects will run from 9:30am to 11:30 am on Saturday, April 20th. **Please sign up by April 17, 2019** if you plan to attend; additional information will be sent through email. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Steinberg at [andrea.steinberg@jeffco.k12.co.us](mailto:andrea.steinberg@jeffco.k12.co.us) or 303-982-4766.

Sign up link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054CACAA2FA3F49-columbine>





Young Ameritowne is an unforgettable experience for our 5<sup>th</sup> Grade . Fun and learning go hand in hand at this civic fieldtrip. Students learn citizenship, personal finance, economics and get to “try on” an assortment of careers. Who knows what today's 5<sup>th</sup> graders will grow up to be!



## STUDENT COUNCIL

Our last School Spirit Week is coming up soon - April 22-25th! Student Council has planned the following activities for you to show us your awesome school spirit:

Monday: DEAR Day (drop everything and read for an hour - bring a stuffed animal to read to if you like!)

Tuesday: Crazy Hair Day

Wednesday: Pajama Day

Thursday: Hat Day

Friday: (No School)

### *Congratulations to our March*

### *Knights of the Round Table!*

**Kindergarten:** Micah Settle, Charlotte Hale, Evelyn Garvin, Bennett Whitmore, Elliott Judkins

**First Grade:** Colin Jacobson, Tate Sternberg, Elliott Grange, Padme Park, Regan Smith, Jordan Bates, Luke Zimmerman, and Marijka Zoetewey.

**Second Grade:** Grace Smith, Mianna Quintana, Michael Hanley, Joe Dehne, Quinn Smith, Mateo Del Duca, Teddy Reekie, Morgan Decker, and Emma McDonald.

**Third Grade:** Steven Kliewer, Eleanor Pote, Lucas Jundt, David Vigil, Stella Tipton, Ava Kyle, Jaxon Losh, Taylor Decker, Jackson Lochner, Amira Gonzales, Mady McMillan, Isabel Coughran and Weston Enabnit.

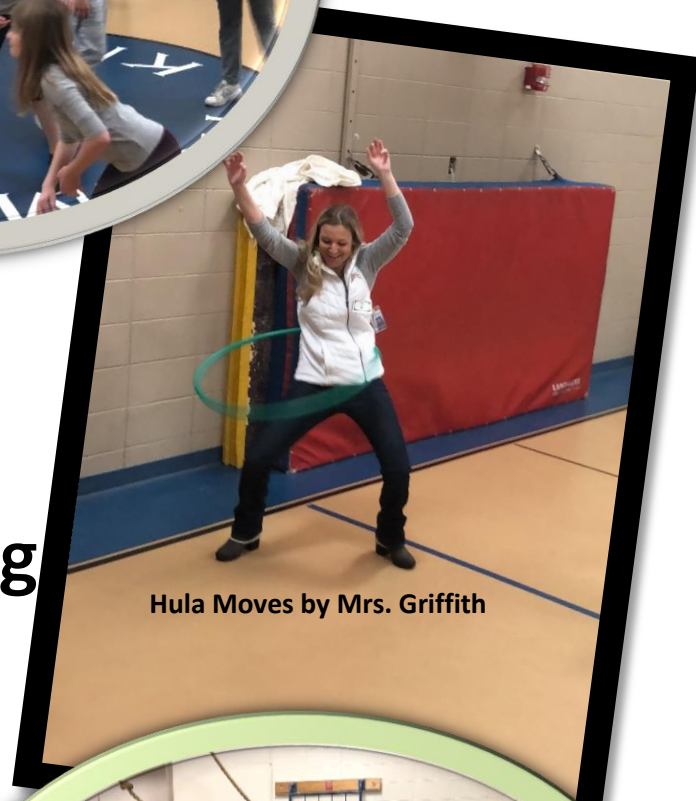
**Fourth Grade:** Toni Campman, Colton Madsen, John Nguyen, Charlotte French, Riley Herman, Trey Speir, Gwen Dehne, Leland Burdick, Connor Nieves-Brailsford, Esther Brand, Keely Downey and Anthony Algien.

**Fifth Grade:** Mason Abraham, Jack Bosshart, and Malia Gonzales.

**Sixth Grade:** Cameron Fay, Jazzy Dunaway, Jillian Frans, Sage Enabnit, Oliver Tipton, and Zach Georgiades.



# Staff Team Building



Hula Moves by Mrs. Griffith



Jai Alai is not as easy as it looks!







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.

# Information & Reminders

**Into Reading** – Into Reading is a literacy program that is currently being vetted by the district with the hope that we will be able to purchase it for our 19-20 school year. Several of our teachers are currently piloting this program with their students, and we are excited about the instructional options it is providing to our learners. To learn more about this curricular resource, please use this link.

**CMAS** – Each year our 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

- April 12<sup>th</sup>, April 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Math 12:50-2:15 & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA 9:45-11:45
- April 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies 12:50-2:30 & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science 9:45-11:45

**Yearbook Information** – Normandy families, please start thinking about your student's personalized pages in their yearbook. Each family gets one spread to personalize to be printed in their individual book. The deadline for these has been extended to April 17<sup>th</sup> to include your Spring Break adventures and our school's science fair. Please plan ahead and get working on these, as they take time. We won't be able to extend beyond mid-April as we don't want to risk not getting the books before the end of the year. If you haven't purchased your book yet you may still do so. Go to this site for more information on how to login to Treering: <https://sites.google.com/site/normandypto/yearbook>

Please let me know if you have any problems or questions and YES...I'm still looking for any photos that you'd like to contribute to the book. Andrea Peterson, Yearbook Coordinator

**Normandy Elementary 19-20 PTO Board** - The Normandy Elementary PTO is looking for those interested in being on the board for the 2019/2020 school year. We are looking to fill the President and Secretary roles. If you are interested please attend the PTO Meeting on **Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>** where we will be voting in new board members. Please see the April PTO flyer for more details about the responsibilities of each role. If you have any questions regarding what these roles entail, please email [normandyknightspto@gmail.com](mailto:normandyknightspto@gmail.com).

**19-20 PTO Chairs** - Interested in Chairing a PTO committee next year? Email [normandyknightspto@gmail.com](mailto:normandyknightspto@gmail.com) regarding open positions.

**ALL NORMANDY WATCHDOG DADS CALLED BY RON BURGUNDY TO "ASSEMBLE!"**  
Summer is in sight and our school needs the WatchDOGS as we finish the year. The staff could *really* use another adult presence on the playground, especially during the CMAS testing taking place this week through April 19<sup>th</sup>. WatchDOGS on the playground means more staff in the classroom and helping with testing (and fewer youth roaming the sports fields without a proper working knowledge of offsides). It also means we have someone who can help students use our new equipment. There is no one better to golf with our students than our WatchDOGS! Also, Principal Cosens continues to update the staff on a weekly basis with the WatchDOGS signups and the office has been receiving more project requests from teachers. So let's finish the year strong and help our awesome school - and create that special memory for your kiddo when they see you as the WatchDOG! But wait, there's more! Sign up by Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> for any full or half day before summer and



you will be entered into a raffle to win a WatchDOGS t-shirt, coffee mug, or a gift card. If you are already signed up, then you will be included in the raffle. Thank you for all the help so far this year! Mike Hallacy

## Upcoming Events

Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> – Box Tops Contest Begins

Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> – PTO Meeting at 6:00PM

Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> – Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo at 5:30PM

Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> – Columbine High School Day of Service

Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> – School Spirit Week

Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to the Art Museum

Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> – Take Your Child to Work Day

Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> – Advanced Band/Orchestra Tour

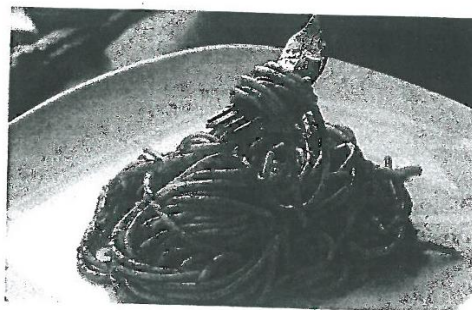
Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> – Special Person Day for Mrs. Krieger and Mrs. Fischer's classes

Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kindergarten Field Trip to the Denver Zoo

Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Assessment Day

Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – Assessment Day

Normandy Elementary PTO  
Invites you to a **Spaghetti  
Dinner** planned by your very  
own 5th Grade Students.



This is **before** the BINGO  
EVENT.

April 19

**Time:** 5:30pm

**Location:** Normandy Cafeteria

**Price:** \$8.00 per person, Children under 5 eat free

**Dinner includes:** spaghetti and sauce, salad, drinks, and  
desserts. For those gluten-free guests, we have a gluten-free  
option!!!

Contact Mrs. Jordan for questions [carrie.jordan@jeffco.k12.co.us](mailto:carrie.jordan@jeffco.k12.co.us)

Bring all forms to the office with cash/check attached to it.

**RSVP due Tuesday, April 16.**

Family: \_\_\_\_\_

# of family members 6+ attending: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# of family members 5 and under: \_\_\_\_\_ (These kids eat free!)

Total Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

*Send this bottom portion and cash/check (made out to Normandy PTO) by  
Tuesday, April 16 to the main office. Have a great time!*





## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Tuesday 4/16 - Tuesday 4/30** - Spring Box Tops Collection Contest
- **Thursday 4/18** - PTO Meeting at 6pm
- **Friday 4/19** - Bingo Spaghetti Night 5:30 - 8:30pm

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## PTO Board Members needed for the 2019/2020 school year

The Normandy Elementary PTO is looking for those interested in being on the board for the 2019/2020 school year. We are looking to fill the President and Secretary roles.

### President

- Preside at all meetings of the organization, Board of Directors, appoint chairman of standing committee.
- Be a member ex-officio of all committees except the nominating committee, and perform all other duties pertaining to the office.
- Shall formulate the agenda for the Board of Directors meetings and, shall arrange a monthly meeting of the Board of Directors and general meetings.

### Secretary

- Record minutes of all PTO and Board of Directors meetings, and distribute meeting minutes to Board members within fourteen days of a meeting.
- Keep attendance at the general monthly PTO meetings.
- Distribute general meeting minutes to Normandy School parents through PTO website.
- Conduct correspondence as directed by the Board of Directors.
- Keep a current copy of the PTO Bylaws; membership lists and all previous minutes of the fiscal year; and shall assist with marquee for accurate information.

If you are interested please attend the PTO Meeting on **Thursday, April 18th** where we will be voting in new members.

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## SPRING BOX TOPS COLLECTION CONTEST

It's time for Normandy's Spring BOX TOPS collection contest! Turn in your BOX TOPS to your teacher or the bin outside the front office from **April 16th - 30th**. Please be sure to write your teacher's name on your baggie or envelope. The classroom that collects the most will win a party of their choice! Every BOX TOP earns \$0.10 for our PTO. Expired BOX TOPS and Campbell's Soup Labels are not accepted.

## How is this available for my student?

JSEL is made available to students entering grades Kindergarten through third grade from three main funding sources. The majority of the funds are READ Act funds provided to the district from the State of Colorado specifically for the intention of intervening with our most struggling readers. Additional funds from both the Jeffco Schools Foundation and the English Language Arts Department supplement the READ Act funding.

## Jeffco Generations

The Jeffco Generations vision places learning at the center of our efforts. More precisely, it's about profoundly changing the experiences students have in learning to be authentic, experience-based, and engaging. That's exactly what the JSEL program does for students.

## Jeffco Summer of Early Learning

June 3 - July 12  
(No school July 4 & 5)  
Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Breakfast - 8:00-8:30 a.m.  
JSEL Class - 8:30-11:30 a.m.  
Lunch - 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Locations:  
Edgewater Elementary  
Glennon Heights Elementary  
Lawrence Elementary  
Parr Elementary  
Rose Stein International Elementary  
Swanson Elementary  
Westgate Elementary

## JEFFCO Summer of Early Learning



Incoming  
Kindergarten  
- 3rd Grade

2019



JEFFCO PUBLIC SCHOOLS



JEFFCO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Registration :  
Contact your child's  
school or call  
303-982-6005



## What is JSEL?

- JSEL (Jeffco Summer of Early Learning) is a 6-week, intensive summer school program that focuses on increasing students' literacy and math skills.
- Each day, kindergarten through 3rd grade students will have the same emphasis on reading and writing as they do during the school year.
- Students will deepen their number sense and develop problem solving abilities through math talk and literature connections that will prepare them for success for the following grade level.
- Students will work with licensed teachers.
- Students will be in a small group setting with no more than 15 students in each class.
- Students will experience educational and on-site assemblies, problem-based learning projects, and visits from Jeffco Public Library.

## FREE Summer Program!



### Who is Eligible?

#### If your student:

- is not currently at end-of-year benchmarks or is on a READ Plan,
- is being recommended by his/her teacher,
- is entering kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, or 3rd grade in the fall of 2019...  
**then, he or she is invited to participate!**

### What is the cost?

The program is **FREE** to all families if their child is eligible to participate

Each school will serve a **FREE** breakfast and lunch every day to participating students and their siblings under age 18!

### How do we register?

**Contact your child's school** to request a Jeffco Summer of Early Learning Registration Packet. All children who qualify will be accepted into the program.

### Attendance?

- Parents must **register** their child(ren) **by Friday, May 17** to participate in the Jeffco Summer of Early Learning.
- **Parents must commit to transporting their child(ren) to and from school each day – attendance is key!**
- Parents must commit to supporting the JSEL program and engaging in family literacy activities, such as reading together or practicing writing.
- Students with perfect attendance will be entered into weekly drawings to win great prizes and family incentives!

**Listening!**  
**Sharing!**

**Writing!**  
**Reading!**

**Math!**



# 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](mailto:BrandyBoydstun@Centura.org) with any questions.



# Normandy's Newsworthy Notes and Questions

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



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

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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 \_\_\_\_\_,

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