

# Knightly News



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Dear Normandy Families,

Happy December! This weekend's Winterfest was lovely! To set the mood, the gym was transformed into a winter forest and the hallways were lined with winter art by our very own students. Families enjoyed a pancake breakfast, made cards for a local senior center, visited with Santa, and watched Happy Feet. I want to thank Normandy's PTO for continuing to believe in the power of "unity in community." We had a wonderful time! Bethany Smith and Taylor Nichols did an outstanding job organizing and planning for this community event. Thank you to the many parents who gave of their time to decorate and break down the winter forest. We also want to send a special thank you to several Columbine Knolls and Normandy community members for helping Santa during his stay. Some 6<sup>th</sup> grade elves ushered families in to see Santa, Jay Vargo (Head Elf) handed out candy to families after their visit, and Tony Tierney was especially helpful in reporting back to Santa all the wishes heard throughout the morning. Thank you, Normandy community! We could not have done this without your help.

Throughout this month, school community members have two opportunities to provide feedback to Normandy Elementary and Jeffco Public Schools. The Family School Partnership Survey is open through December 14th. This survey provides our school with valuable information regarding our collaborative efforts to ensure success for all students. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete, and we greatly appreciate your feedback as we plan for the end of this year and the beginning of next year. The second survey is a Jeffco Schools Start Time Survey. The Jeffco Public Schools Start Time Task Force is studying the issue of shifting school start times to better align with the American Academy of Pediatrics recommendation that middle and high schools start no earlier than 8:30 AM in order to increase total hours slept, which is known to improve adolescent physical, mental and cognitive health. This survey should also take about 10 minutes to complete and will be available through December 10th. Please let us know if you have questions about either of these. The links are below.

- [Family-School Partnership Survey Link](#)
- [Jeffco Schools Start Time Survey Link](#)

Finally, I would like to close by introducing families to Jeffco's new enrollment system, EnrollJeffco. Below is a video link that provides more information about EnrollJeffco. There is also a link to a website about EnrollJeffco. On December 17<sup>th</sup>, families will have the opportunity to use School Finder to explore all of the options in Jeffco. Enrollment begins January 22<sup>nd</sup> and runs through



February 8<sup>th</sup>. During that time all families will use EnrollJeffco to indicate they are returning to Normandy. Please use the links below to learn more about EnrollJeffco. You can also contact our office with any questions you may have.

- [EnrollJeffco Video Message](#)
- [EnrollJeffco Information Website](#)

Your family's experience and each child's success is of utmost importance to me, and I am committed to helping our community continue to grow and thrive. If there is anything I can do to better serve the needs of our students, staff, or families please do not hesitate to contact me. I am available through email and phone, or feel free to schedule a conversation. I welcome your questions, ideas, concerns, or your need for a listening ear. Thank you for being such a supportive community.

Educationally yours,

Andrea Cosens  
Principal



Ms. Andrea Steinberg, Social Worker  
Social/ Emotional Learning

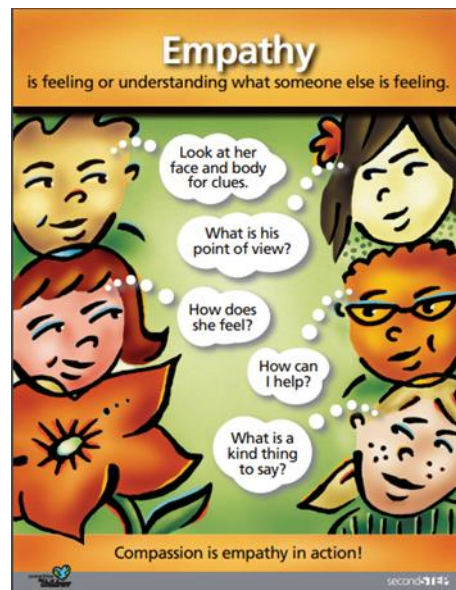


Dear Normandy Families,

Our students have been hard at work being detectives and looking for clues about how others are feeling. They are practicing having empathy and showing compassion and many have shown some great acting skills as well! The picture shows you a little of what we have talked about, but remember to check Seesaw so you can talk to your student(s) about what they are working on at school!

If you are in need of **any resources** this holiday season, please don't hesitate to send me an email or call!

Sincerely,  
Andrea Steinberg, Social Worker  
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# From our LAMP Team

## Physical Education

Ms. Patterson

**"Eye-hand coordination** (also known as **hand-eye coordination**) is the coordinated control of **eye** movement with **hand** movement."

This month the students will be participating in activities which emphasize eye-hand coordination. Pickle ball is a net sport which combines, badminton, tennis, and ping-pong, all in one. Students will be introduced to serving, receiving, rules and regulations, and score keeping. The goal is for the students to progress from learning the skills necessary to play net sports through small-sided games (grades K-4) to actually playing a game against an opponent in singles and mixed doubles (grades 5-6).

This year our Kids Heart Challenge (formerly Jump Rope for Heart) will begin the first week of February and conclude with Rainbow week at the end of the month! More details to follow.....

As always, if you have any questions regarding your student, feel free to email me at [kpatters@jeffco.k12.co.us](mailto:kpatters@jeffco.k12.co.us)

## Music Notes

Mr. Barrera

Hello from the music room! Over the past month or so we have slowly been transitioning to using recorders in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades. I have sent home reminders for students to bring recorders from home and if they have lost them or you simply don't have one, they can be purchased for \$5.50. I have also been doing a lot of movement with my students as a form of expression, and encouraging them to think outside the box when it comes to movement. In addition, I have also been working with the aesthetic evaluation of music with fifth grade in hopes they can better articulate their opinion on music.

We had our first choir concert on Thursday and it was a great success! Troubadours and Mini minstrels did a wonderful job. Troubadours will start up again on January 9th with our 7:45 Rehearsals and Mini Minstrels will start again next fall! I will let you know concert dates and schedules shortly.

Once again thank you for such a warm welcome into the Normandy community.



# Technology

## Mrs. Schiff

There is much to be grateful and thankful for in the Normandy library this time of year. We have a new library para, Amy Reseigh, who comes to us with much experience. She has taught for 30 years and is a retired librarian from a local area school. She has been so helpful and brings a wealth of knowledge to Normandy with her experience. From knowing popular book titles to book repair, we are so excited to have her. Please stop by to meet her when at the school.

Many books were purchased after the book fair, from chapter books to picture books. I think I grabbed a copy of every hard cover available! Students have enjoyed the new book titles, especially the new Diary of a Wimpy Kid and Dog Man titles. Funds from the book fair not only provided many new titles for students, but we will also purchase writing kits for teachers to assist in supporting writing traits. Thank you again for all your support of the book fair.

Thanks to the Normandy Garden and PTO each classroom was given a pumpkin to decorate for a pumpkin contest. The creative thinking, planning, and ideas were amazing! It was so difficult to pick the top three because all the decorated pumpkins were spectacular. PTO provided a movie for the 1st place prize and winners for 2nd & 3rd place received a read-a-thon in the library. Mrs. Read's class had a pajama & stuffed animal read-a-thon theme cuddling up with a pillow and a good book. Mrs. Jordan's class transformed the library into forts & tents for fun areas to read. It was quite the sight to see and so fun for the students!

Top 3 winners:

1st place: Oscar the Grouch Mrs. Del Duca's class

2nd place: popcorn & candy movie theme Mrs. Jordan's class

3rd place: Day of the Dead Mrs. Read's class



# *Artistic Endeavors*

*Mr. Keith McConnell*

The Original Works fundraiser was a success! I do not know the exact numbers yet, but whatever the profits are will go towards a new drying rack as well as other items for the art room.

As the first trimester comes to a close, below is a quick update for each grade in the art room:

Kindergarten will create artwork focusing on shapes using a variety of mediums.

First grade is ending the trimester on storytelling before learning about sequence and patterns in art.

Second grade will end the first trimester with a still life and begin the second trimester creating portraits.

The third graders will finish the first trimester with a triptych painting using color groups and then begin the second trimester with the theme of public art and its importance to a community.

Fourth grade will end the trimester with a 3D abstract sculpture before turning their attention to landscapes.

Fifth grade is learning about the elements that go into making a good composition and will end the trimester with a 3D sculpture that incorporates elements of composition.

Sixth grade is finishing up their amazing metaphorical animal self-portraits and will continue the theme of symbolism in art with a logo lesson based on their initials. Technology will be incorporated into this lesson. This will be followed by a clay memory box.



The Normandy Community participated in two family events in the last month. Our Normandy 5K Race was held in mid- October. The weather was beautiful and everyone enjoyed themselves. In November, our Family Amazing Race Challenge was enjoyed by all those who signed up. Part of the competition was to construct a blanket to be donated to Project Linus, a charity which provides children in crisis situations with blankets for comfort.





Congratulations to our 5<sup>th</sup> Grade participants at Mathnasium's TriMathlon. Normandy had the highest Participation at the event, and won a pizza party. "Thank You" to our parents to committing to make learning fun!



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!



**HEAR YE, HEAR YE!** Medieval Day in Fourth Grade is a spectacle to behold! Imagine a world of learning without the use of the technology we appreciate today (think sticks and stones and no printed materials). In addition to learning about everyday life in medieval times, our knights, ladies, serfs and jesters got to experience the life of a child way back when. Playing games like Hopscotch, Chess, Jacks, building machines of the day like catapults and learning artisan trades like stained glass were all part of the enrichment of their Medieval Day experience. A lunch in the great hall rounded out the festivities.



# Band and Orchestra

Mr. Eric Whaylen

Hello Band and Orchestra Parents and Guardians,

Thank you again for your amazing support, and for being a fantastic audience for our fall concert performance. Our most recent music lessons have involved reflection on our job as performers and audience members, and the students have done a great job of celebrating their success and delivering constructive criticism to improve our next performance.

Our next concert is coming up incredibly quickly after the holiday break.

**January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019 – Columbine High School Gym**

Orchestra arrive at 5:00pm – perform at 5:30

Band arrive at 6:30pm – perform at 7:00

Students should wear their columbine area music t shirt, black pants or skirt, and black shoes.

This concert will be a fantastic opportunity to hear the progression of musical skills throughout your child's entire education. In addition to our elementary ensembles the Ken Caryl Middle School and Columbine High School groups will be performing as well.

Please contact me with any questions you may have.

## Upcoming Events

[Normandy Family Calendar Link](#)

**December 1<sup>st</sup>:** Winterfest 8-11:30

**December 4<sup>th</sup>:** Student Council after school

**December 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>:** Kindergarten Observation Days

**December 11<sup>th</sup>:** Hearing and Vision

**December 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>:** PTO Holiday Shoppe

**December 13<sup>th</sup>:** Round Table Breakfast at 8:20

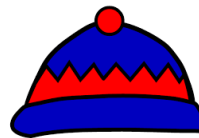
Third Grade Rome Day

PIE Meeting at 6:00

**December 14<sup>th</sup>:** Parents' Night Out 6:00 – 9:00

**Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>:** Winter Break, no school

## Lost and Found



**Please check the box and the front hallway for lost items. Any items left when we depart for Winter Break will be donated to our Jeffco partner agencies.**



## *Congratulations to our November*

### *Knights of the Round Table!*

**Kindergarten:** Isaac Ambariantz, Madeline Tripp, Parker Pratt, Myles Greenman, Bri Hraban, Colvin Reichard and Lilly Adcock.

**First Grade:** David Brehm, Corran Frederiksen, Hazel Pote, Isabella Rissmiller, Charlotte Kearns, Everett Fahrney, Padme Park, Aubrey Coughran, Benjamin Klein and Ella Conner

**Second Grade:** Xander Smith, Gisella Marrakchi, Ellei Thompson, Jonas Judkins, Greya Tillotson, Mateo Del Duca, Lydia Valdez, Noah Westfall and Andre Minch.

**Third Grade:** David Vigil, Mady MacMillan, Eleanor Holub, Dante Fleck, Sara Reynders, John Howell, Selah Brewer, Liandra Baker, Brycen Barrett and Ethan Hale.

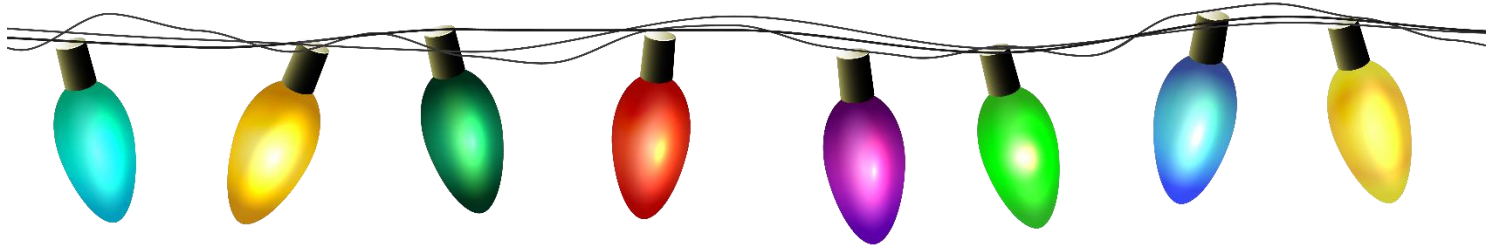
**Fourth Grade:** Lydia Palmer, Trey Speir, Gabby Ambariantz, Oliver Myers, Alistair Reekie, Delilah Waselkow, Sawyer Mollerstuen and Ruby Hallacy.

**Fifth Grade:** Marcus McGinty, Preston Robertson, Peter Wirtzfeld, Blake Veit, Keirian Barnett, Christopher Wiechert, Sedona Adams, Madison Dzialo, Audrey Carter, Jordyn Pacheco, Avery Wood, Lauren Elwood and Ian King.

**Sixth Grade:** Ryan Osness, Banning Low, Cameron Fey, Jocelyn Jones, Eli Latona, River Frayer,

### **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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.**



## PTO ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Normandy Holiday Shop

The Holiday Shop is coming! Students will be visiting the Shop to preview the available items on Monday, December 10. The Shop will be open for student shopping Tuesday, December 11 through Thursday, December 13 from 9:00am - 3:30pm. Students can purchase gifts for friends, family, grandparents, anyone!

### Parent's Night Out

Join us for Parent's Night Out on Friday, December 14, 6-9pm

Drop your children off at the school gym where they'll have dinner, watch a movie and make a holiday surprise. Childrens' ages must be between the ages of Kindergarten and 6th grade. Cost for the first child is \$20, and \$15 for each additional child

Space is limited, so register your children here today: <https://bit.ly/2ze5a3V>

## AMP TEACHERS & LIBRARIAN HOLIDAY GIFT COLLECTION

Our AMP (Art, Music and PE) teachers, Mr. McConnell, Mrs. Patterson and Mr. Barrera, along with our librarian, Ms. Schiff, have an important role in each of our children's education. For the holidays, we are collecting donations to present to them an equal gift for their "classroom" from all of the Normandy students.

For those interested, please **send \$1(cash) per student** (or whatever you would like to contribute). On the envelope, please write "**Attention AMP holiday gift**" and return it to the front office or students Friday folder. The last day that contributions will be accepted is **Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**.

--Thank you--

Sara Austad



# ENROLL JEFFCO



***If you have a preschool-12th grade student,  
it's time to enroll in Jeffco Public Schools***



**Starting December 17**

Go to [www.enrolljeffco.org](http://www.enrolljeffco.org)  
to learn about the schools near you



**January 22 - February 8**

Enroll in your current or neighborhood school (K-12), or  
apply to another Jeffco school (choice enroll & preschool)



**Late February**

If choice enrolling, you will receive notification of next steps

# It's Time to Enroll Jeffco!

 **JEFFCO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

[www.enrolljeffco.org](http://www.enrolljeffco.org)

# 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:

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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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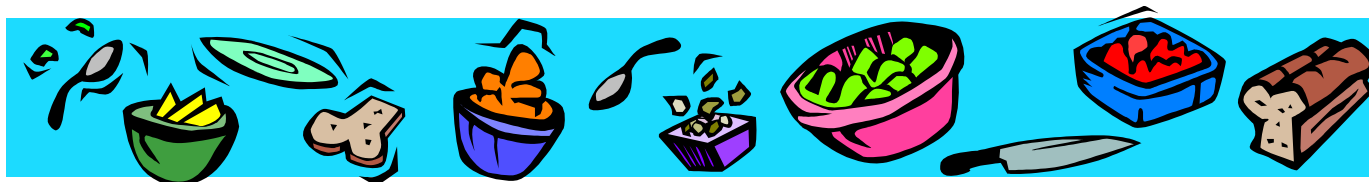
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## **Food For Thought BakPak Program**

Beginning **Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup>** (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](mailto:andrea.steinberg@jeffco.k12.co.us).

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

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Classroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

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Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Classroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

# 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 Boydston, PTO Treasurer, at [BrandyBoydston@Centura.org](mailto:BrandyBoydston@Centura.org) with any questions.