

# Knightly News

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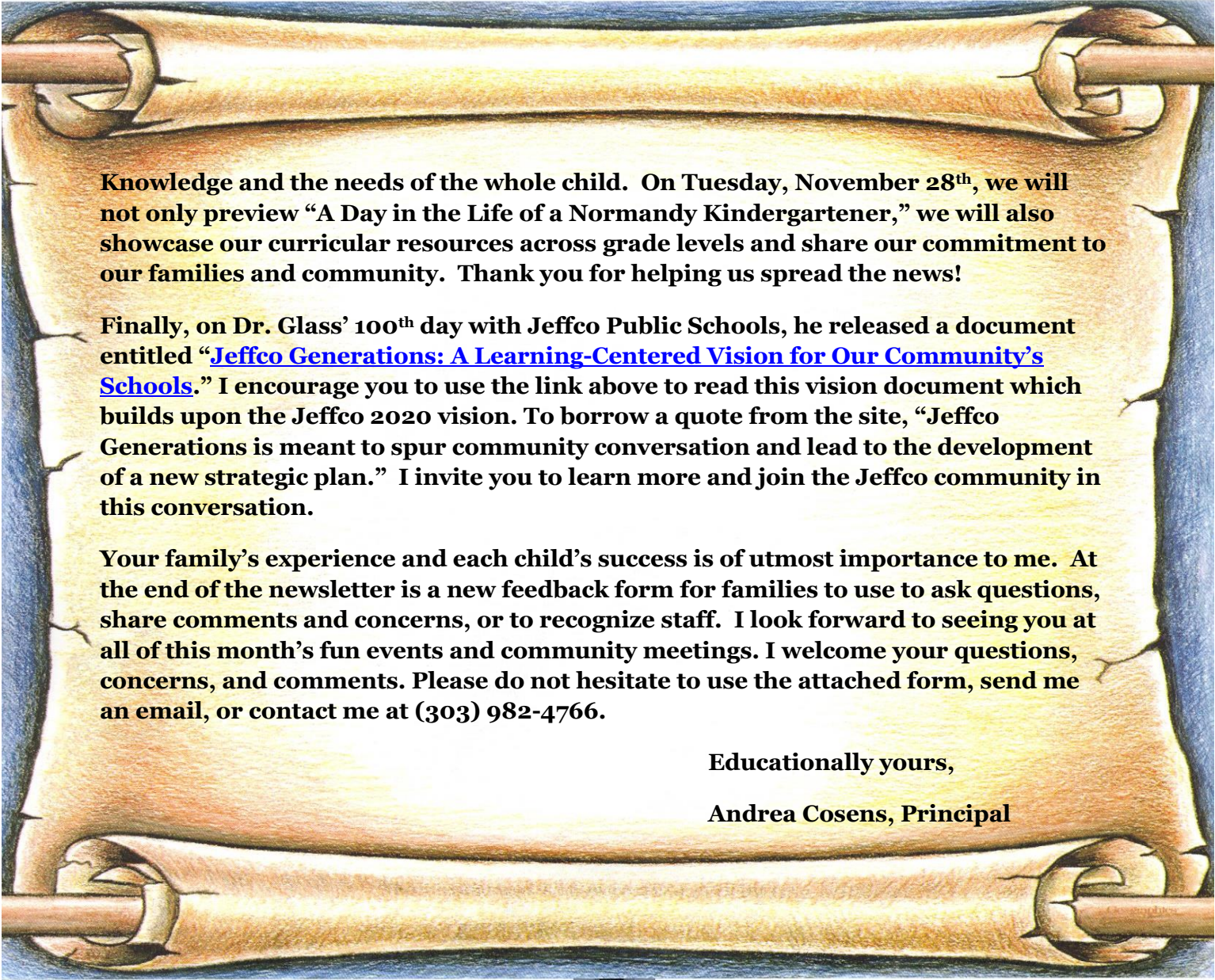
**Dear Normandy Families,**

**It is hard to believe that Halloween is a few short days away. This year seems to be flying by! The staff is very excited to celebrate with our community. Our kindergarten parties will begin at 2:00pm, and parents are encouraged to come a few minutes early to help their child dress for the party. Kindergarten will have a parade followed by a party in their classrooms. The kindergarten party will end at 3:00 so students and teachers have time to clean up and be ready for dismissal. Our 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade parties will begin at 2:15 and end at 3:10. Sixth grade will be celebrating in the cafeteria as a grade level, and all other parties will be in classrooms. Be on the lookout for our Normandy team; our staff is excited to join in the fun with a costume contest of our own! We have a few costume guidelines for families and staff this year. For safety reasons, weapons that complement costumes should be left at home. Additionally, masks appropriate for school may be worn, however, we ask that masks not cover students' faces. They can sit on students' heads, or students can carry them. Also, make-up should not be worn to school but can be applied quickly before parties begin. Last, costumes that are overly violent or scary should be saved for Halloween Night. We want all of our students to feel safe at school. Thank you for your help with this!**

**As we look toward November, it is the time of year when we are encouraged to pause and reflect upon all of the things for which we are grateful. We have embarked on several new adventures such as teaching Math Expressions and reshaping our school culture into a Professional Learning Community. We have also begun incorporating Second Step into our daily routines. I'm thankful for teachers and staff who dare greatly each day to serve all of our students through significant changes. Their efforts have not gone unnoticed.**

**November also brings with it a new event for Normandy. We are excited to announce that our Kindergarten Information Night will be on Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Please invite friends and neighbors with prospective kindergarten students to join us on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Normandy provides an excellent education focused on Core**





**Knowledge and the needs of the whole child. On Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, we will not only preview “A Day in the Life of a Normandy Kindergartener,” we will also showcase our curricular resources across grade levels and share our commitment to our families and community. Thank you for helping us spread the news!**

**Finally, on Dr. Glass’ 100<sup>th</sup> day with Jeffco Public Schools, he released a document entitled “[Jeffco Generations: A Learning-Centered Vision for Our Community’s Schools](#).” I encourage you to use the link above to read this vision document which builds upon the Jeffco 2020 vision. To borrow a quote from the site, “Jeffco Generations is meant to spur community conversation and lead to the development of a new strategic plan.” I invite you to learn more and join the Jeffco community in this conversation.**

**Your family’s experience and each child’s success is of utmost importance to me. At the end of the newsletter is a new feedback form for families to use to ask questions, share comments and concerns, or to recognize staff. 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.**

**Educationally yours,**

**Andrea Cosens, Principal**

## **Student Council Representatives**

Congratulations to our Student Council Representatives for the 2017-2018 School year!

Sixth Grade: Ashlynn Elwood, Isabelle Pritchard and Avery Fritz

Fifth Grade: Quin Gleason, Ella Walter and Calvin McIntyre

Fourth Grade: Lauren Elwood, Ashlyn Hale, Carson Cash, Aspen Pollack, Mason Abraham, Sara Schott, Jordyn Pacheco, Owen Masenheimer and Isabelle Dietzler

Third Grade: Joey Baker, Grace Nguyen and John Nguyen

Second Grade: Ana Brehm, Peyton Eloë, Maya Augros, Sam Klein, Gwen Oliver, Ethan Hale and Ollie Williams



## Children's Hospital Blood Drive

Our Normandy Elementary Student Council is sponsoring a blood drive on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Please consider donating blood and supporting this very worthy cause!

To sign up and form more information, follow this link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c4aabab2da46-normandy3>

Bike/ Walk to  
School Day



### KISS N' GO REMINDERS

- **SLOW DOWN:** For the safety of students & staff, please respect the speed limit.
- **AVOID DISTRACTIONS:** Please avoid texting & talking on your phone during drop-off & pick-up.
- **PLEASE PULL FORWARD:** Please do not drive through the light & quickly swerve right to get in the Kiss N' Go. This inhibits us from moving traffic effectively. As you are waiting to pick up your student or to pull out from the Kiss N' Go, please continue to pull forward and help us move traffic along.
- **NO PARKING:** From Plymouth & Kendall to the bend in the Kiss N' Go near the baseball field, it is a **NO PARKING ZONE**. For the safety of students, please do not double park anywhere along Kendall.
- **USE THE CROSSWALK:** For your safety and to model safety for our students, please cross at the stoplight.

# From Our LAMP Team

## Music Notes:

Hello from the music room! So far this year all grades have been working on their singing skills. The younger grades are working on basics such as fast/slow, loud/quiet, and higher/lower. The older grades have been working hard on learning new solfège notes (think do, re, mi...)

All grades also perform rhythms in many different ways, moving, clapping, patting, speaking, singing, and writing. As for our Normandy choirs, we have performances quickly approaching. On Wednesday, December 6th, we have a day performance and an evening performance for both choirs. On Sunday, December 3rd, the Troubadours (4-6th grade choir) have been invited to sing at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts before a Colorado Children's Choral concert! It is great working with such musical kids. They make music at Normandy a joy and delight.

## ART NEWS

**Greetings from the art room! All grades are progressing nicely in art and are focusing on different concepts. I wanted to give you a brief rundown of what each grade level has done and will be doing in the near future.**

**First grade: The first trimester focuses on how students can use elements and principles of art to tell a story in different contexts. Soon we will shift gears and focus on sequence and pattern.**

**Second grade: The major focus for second grade has been the concept of showing overlapping. Soon they will begin a unit on expressive portraits.**

**Third grade: Much of the first couple of months has focused on how color is related to different emotions we feel. Currently, they have begun making an altered book and then will move onto learning about public art.**

**Fourth grade: Learning about how artists use abstraction in art has been the focus the first two months of school. Soon we will begin talking about landscapes and how they are influenced by an idea or emotion.**

**Fifth grade: They have been learning about how elements and principles are used to develop an interesting composition. They will be starting a sculpture unit that focuses on movement and proportion soon.**

**Sixth grade: Sixth grade started off the year with a unit based on a metaphor that describes them and are currently working on creating a personal logo using Google Draw. Following this will be a unit based on color and how we relate to and perceive colors.**

## Physical Education

The weather in CO is always changing! I take any opportunity to get the kids outside for some fresh air and lots of activity. Luckily we have spent most of the month of October doing so! Soccer and Capture the Piggie are a couple favorites. Both games allow the kids to practice both offensive and defensive strategies. It is always interesting to see which position each student prefers.

The kids have also completed their first Pacer Test. This test is about endurance and pacing. It allows the students to run long, but not necessarily fast. The students set goals and try to improve each time we run.

Jump Rope for Heart is underway and the first week has been a HUGE success! We are learning to drink more water, stay away from sodium, eat fruits and veggies, stay away from tobacco, and of course, stay active in order to keep our hearts healthy! Thank you to all who have participated, so far!

Kristy Patterson

# Normandy Library & Tech News

A huge THANK YOU to all of our wonderfully supportive families for helping our Library grow at the recent Scholastic Book Fair. Due to our success the library will soon be getting about 150 new hardcover picture, chapter and nonfiction titles. Your support is amazing!

Another THANK YOU as well to everyone who donated their Box Tops for Education. The recent drive combined with the drive from last spring brought in about \$1000. This will allow us to purchase a new set of State books plus have a little extra for new holiday titles.

In Tech news we need to let you know we greatly appreciate the new Chromebooks PTO helped us purchase last spring. Grades 2-6 use them every day throughout the curriculum. Getting our students onto a variety of devices throughout the week helps them learn how to be versatile in technology and supports their depth of knowledge in cross-curricular use. Our Kindergarten - 2nd grade students use iPads and the computer lab each week. Ask your student what they worked on during "Tech Time" with Mrs. Brant.



Hello band and orchestra Parents and Guardians! It was really nice to meet so many of you during conferences! In beginning orchestra, we have just begun to use the bow to produce a sound on violins, violas, and cellos. We will be using the bow quite a bit in our concert on November 7<sup>th</sup>. The beginning band is just learning their 4th and 5th notes. With those five notes, we can play songs like Good "King Wenceslas" and "Go Tell Aunt Rhody". Make sure your kids are practicing at least twice a week to review everything we have done in class so we can make progress. We have some important events coming right up:

Our fall concert is just around the corner! Both band and orchestra will have a concert on the **7<sup>th</sup> of November at Columbine High School in the gym at 7:00PM.**

## Concert schedule:

- **Beginning students** arrive at 6:15 in the band room – Leave cases and coats in the band room – bring instrument, stand, music to gym.
- **Advanced students** arrive at 6:30 in the back of the gym (behind curtain). Leave cases and coats in the back of the gym. Bring your instrument, stand, and music to the front of the gym.

6:45 – String tuning

7:00 – Concert

## Item checklist for concert:

☐ Instrument / Music    ☐ Music stand    ☐ Band/Orchestra t-shirt (black shirt if you don't have one)  
☐ black pants or skirt.

## Extra rehearsal:

On Wednesday November 1<sup>st</sup>, I'll be holding an extra rehearsal in the Columbine High School band room to prepare for the concert the following week. Here is the schedule for that:

**4:00 – 4:45** Beginning Band

**5:30 – 6:15** Advanced Band

**4:45 – 5:30** Beginning Orchestra

**6:15 – 7:00** Advanced Orchestra

Best wishes!

Gregory Gates

Hello Normandy Community!

I am so excited to share the Second Step Program with all classes K-5! We are now wrapping up Lesson 2 with most of your students - check out Seesaw for Home Links and insights into our lessons. In our time together we will cover skills for learning, empathy, emotion management and problem solving with games, stories, videos, songs and more!

In 6th Grade, students have been participating in class meetings about respect, empathy and problem solving. They had the chance to participate in a Restorative Circle practice last week to discuss stewardship of community and how we can treat each other with kindness. This week and next, students will have the opportunity to practice reflecting and journaling their thoughts on this process!

Please feel free to email, call, or set up a meeting if you have any questions or just want to chat! Thank you for all your support and trusting us with your precious children daily.

Finally...a thought on Kindness as we move towards the busy holidays:

“Gratitude improves relationships, physical health, self-esteem, and your mindset.”

More at: <https://www.randomactsofkindness.org>

Warmly,  
Andrea Steinberg, LSW  
School Social Worker  
Normandy Elementary

A decorative border made of black paw prints arranged in a rectangular frame around the central text.

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:

[Watch D.O.G. Sign-Up](#)

Thank you in advance!



## Lost and Found



Our Lost and Found is bursting at the seams! Please stop by on Party Day, October 31<sup>st</sup> to check for any lost items! Anything not claimed will be donated before we leave for Break in November. Thank you for your cooperation!

Are you looking for more information about the 6<sup>th</sup> grade transition to middle school? Visit the parent page for more information:

[6<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition Parent Information](#)

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# Jeffco Healthy Schools

## Family and Classroom Shared Food Resource

### Overview

As required by law, Jeffco's Wellness Policy and Guidelines include standards for foods shared during the school day starting in 17/18 unless otherwise noted.

### Why?

Improve Nutrition

Address Allergies

Promote Equity

Protect Family Decisions on Food

*The foods we share can teach students about nutrition and balance.*

*1/2  
Healthy*

**To define healthier options, schools can:**

*Follow district definition in the Guidelines\**

**OR**

*Create and document their own definition*

### Holiday Celebrations

If food is offered at school celebrations, at least HALF should include healthier options.

Schools or classrooms can also opt for no food or only healthier food!



#### Ideas for Implementation:

- ★ Inform teachers and parents about providing balanced options for celebrations
- ★ Create a sign-up sheet that includes at least half healthier options (don't forget to address allergies)
- ★ Determine other non-food options for celebrating

### Rewards



Schools will not use food or beverages as rewards for academic performance or good behavior.

*Individual exemptions are allowed with approval of school leadership*

#### Ideas for Implementation:

- ★ Utilize non-food rewards for the whole class, such as extra physical activity or recess time, games, a fun dress-up day, playing music
- ★ Limit individual rewards and focus on clear expectations and positive words for all students
- ★ Utilize other rewards such as being a line leader, sitting with a friend, choosing a movement break or game, additional work credit

### Birthdays



Starting in 2018-19 (or sooner), student birthdays should only be recognized with non-food celebrations.

*Many schools already have similar policies in place.*

#### Ideas for Implementation:

- ★ Clearly communicate these standards with families and consider engaging family groups
- ★ Determine other non-food options for celebrating birthdays
- ★ Ask families to not bring in food to share (this does not apply to food for individual consumption)



Any other shared food should be selected judiciously, taking into consideration the nutritional value of the food being served, Jeffco's goal of promoting healthy dietary habits, and the frequency of use.



To access the full Wellness Policy and Guidelines, visit:  
[www.tinyurl.com/jeffcohealthyschools](http://www.tinyurl.com/jeffcohealthyschools)



# Emergency Situations at School

## Information for Families



Jeffco Public Schools is committed to ensuring the safety and security of our students, staff, and visitors.

Take a moment to review this guide to ensure you are prepared in the event of an emergency situation at school.

### What are the types of actions a school might take in the event of an emergency?

Jeffco Public Schools follows the Standard Response Protocol established by the [I Love U Guys Foundation](#).

#### LOCKDOWN

Ordered when there is a threat **INSIDE** the building. Students and staff are secured **IN** the school. School staff does not communicate during a lockdown. Parents are not allowed on site during a lockdown.

#### SHELTER

Ordered when personal protection is necessary from dangerous weather conditions such as a tornado, blizzard, or hail. May also be ordered in the event of a hazmat situation in the area.

#### EVACUATION

Ordered when people must exit the building due to unsafe circumstances. If student pick-up or off-site reunification is required, instructions will be communicated by the district.

#### LOCKOUT

Ordered when there is an issue **OUTSIDE** the building, most often due to police activity in the area that *could* pose a threat, or a wild animal nearby. All exterior doors are locked while "business as usual" continues inside the school.

- Some situations may require a combination of the actions described above.
- School and district staff train yearly on emergency protocols and situation management.
- Students take part in drills throughout each school year.

### What type of emergencies might impact my child's school? Which actions are taken?

**Severe weather** - Schools may Shelter until weather passes; could delay release of students at end of day until safe to exit building.

**Fire or Hazmat Situation in the Area** - Evacuation or Shelter, depending on location and severity of fire/hazmat issue.

**Threat of Violence or Weapon on a Person** - Lockout, Lockdown, or Evacuation, depending on the situation.

**Intruder** - Requires an immediate Lockdown; an emergency notification will be sent to parents by the district with any instructions.

**Police Activity in the Area** - Usually a Lockout; action may be taken at the direction of a law enforcement agency or any staff member at the school.

### What do I need to know, do, and not do?

- If you are visiting a school and an emergency situation occurs, follow protocol along with students and staff.
- We know families want information right away. Our experience has taught us initial information is almost always incorrect. Please know, our security and administrative staff are working hard to determine what the *real* situation is and will communicate with families as soon as information is verified as accurate and any steps to take have been determined.
- Do not call the school or security staff, as they are working on the situation and ensuring your student's safety. Do not go to the school; this may interfere with procedures. Only public safety personnel will be allowed in/near a school during an emergency situation.
- We understand you may want to communicate with your student during an emergency, however, please refrain from calling his/her cell phone, as it may prevent him/her from hearing important, possibly life-saving, information or instructions.
- It is *vital* parents and guardians keep their information updated in JeffcoConnect ([www.jeffcopublicschools.org/family\\_portal](http://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/family_portal)). We will utilize email, text messaging, and phone calls to communicate with you.
- The fastest way to get information in an emergency situation is to follow us on Twitter ([@JeffcoSchoolsCO](https://twitter.com/JeffcoSchoolsCO)) and Facebook ([@JeffcoPublicSchoolsColorado](https://www.facebook.com/JeffcoPublicSchoolsColorado)). It is our first and fastest means of getting messages out. Also, check our website for alerts posted on the main page.

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

If you have questions regarding our district emergency procedures, contact 303.982.6808.

## Food and Nutrition Services A La Carte Offerings 2017-18

Jeffco Food and Nutrition Services offers a la carte offerings daily to our students. A la Carte include single items offered in addition to or separate from the reimbursable meal such as: bottled beverages, milk, extra entrees, snack items, etc. Snacks must meet all Federal regulations regarding nutritional standards. These standards include:

### Calories

- Snacks Items: less than or equal to 200 calories
- Entrée Items: less than or equal to 350 calories

### Sodium

- Snack Items: less than or equal to 230 mg
- Entrée Items: less than or equal to 480 mg

### Total Fat

- <35% Calories from Fat

### Saturated Fat

- <10% Calories from Saturated Fat

### Trans Fat

- Zero grams per serving

### Sugar

- <35% Sugar (by weight)

Snack items must be whole grain or the 1<sup>st</sup> ingredient must be a fruit, vegetable, dairy or protein food.

We understand and support each family's decision to allow or not allow their child(ren) to purchase additional a la carte items. *If you choose to limit your child's purchase of a la carte, please let us know your direction below. Do not complete if no changes are needed.*

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Student name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID Number \_\_\_\_\_ Student School \_\_\_\_\_

☐ May use his/her student meal account for a la carte purchases with the following limits:

☐ Limit to \$ \_\_\_\_\_ a day or

☐ Limit to \_\_\_\_\_ times a week

☐ Cash only snack purchases

☐ Other directions (different from the list above, please list below):

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

Please return to your Cafeteria manager



## Normandy Elementary

### Partners in Education

Meeting October 26th, 2017

6:00-7:30 pm

- I. Introductions (5min)
  - A. Attendees: *Andrea Cosens, Robert Sudar, Bethany Smith, Carrie Jordan, Andrea Steinberg, Brandy Boydstun, Julie Mollersteun, Mollie Seehafer*
- II. Review of September Meeting Minutes (5min)
- III. Committee Naming (15min)
  - A. Presentation of Options
    - i. Family School Partnership Committee IIIII
    - ii. Committee for Educational Transparency I
    - iii. Partners in Education IIIIII
      - a) Normandy Partners in Education
    - iv. Education Advisory Council I
      - a) Committee rather than council
      - b) Council feels too formal
    - v. Council for Cooperative Education I
      - a) Council feels too formal
    - vi. Partnership for Collaborative Education
  - B. Member Vote
    - i. Normandy Partners in Education
      - a) 7 to 5 vote
- IV. Social Emotional Learning (15min)
  - A. What are we doing at Normandy?
    - i. Andrea Steinberg going into classrooms weekly
    - ii. Second Step - letters went home on 10/20 in Friday Folders
      - a) Lessons for every grade level - stories, videos, songs, practice the skill, following through card given to teachers to reinforce skills, home link page, online resources for parents and teachers
      - b) Skills for learning (self talk, listening), empathy, problem solving steps
  - B. What is available to us for support?
    - i. There will be information coming home in SeeSaw with topics and activities to follow through at home.
    - ii. There are online access codes that are in the letter that came home in Friday Folders
    - iii. This is not the same as Counseling and it is not intended to replace parenting. It is just teaching new skill sets for the students to have at their disposal

## Normandy Elementary PTO October Notes

1. Stained glass should be going up in the library this week or next. - It's up in the library and looks great!
2. There still is no status of install for 6<sup>th</sup> grade gift benches. We are waiting on a quote from district. - Still waiting  
Student council may want to participate in this in some way
3. Courtney Brewer and Kendra are working on a grant for the water bottle stations. If anyone is interested in helping let Kendra know. - we will have to have Jeffco put them in - 2 filling stations are \$7,500 (for everything) - looking at 5 grants  
~ Adam Brewer is also helping Brandy get a laptop and software at a better price
4. Wish list update 90% ordered. - Some is already distributed!
5. Events:
  - Skate City night total - \$100 - we had 75 skaters that night - Mrs. Fischer had the most kids there - she will get a \$25 gift card for Target!
  - Spirit night total from Angies--\$385
  - Chic-fil-a Fundraiser - \$178
  - Boxtop contest (final count) - \$568.20 - top class - Mrs. Jordan - 3rd grade top grade

They won treats (this was the lowest participation that it has been) - Another one in the spring -  
We will get the check in November

  - Trick or treat street Saturday October 28 at Columbine HS at 3:00 pm
  - Nella's fundraiser - Nov 8 - 6-9pm
  - Garden clean up this Saturday Oct 21 - 3pm to 5pm - pizza dinner and salad
  - Bingo 11/10 at 6pm. We need a person to read the numbers for Bingo - Karen's boys are going help - Ms. Cosens will be the announcer - \$5 for 10 games
  - Holiday shop 12/11 to 12/15—signup genius will be emailed out for volunteer help

~ volunteers are needed and appreciated

  - Planning a game night for the spring
6. No PTO meeting in December.
7. Next Silent Auction meeting in 11/15 at 6pm (Julie's house)
8. Brief Silent Auction update-Natalie and Julie (5 minutes)  
Playground update - getting an evaluation of the playground and measure to make recommendations and give a ballpark price - Oct 25  
Paddle Raise - leaning toward the playground (did decide on no more technology)  
Should we look into a track on the playground or soccer goals - look for a grant for that?!





## **Girl Scout Parent Information Meeting** **Inviting K-12<sup>th</sup> grade girls and an adult to learn more!**

At Girl Scouts, the next opportunity to stand up, speak up, and take the lead is never far away. With us, you'll discover the G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-Taker, Leader)<sup>™</sup> in you, and watch her shine, again and again.

**Normandy Elementary**  
**6750 S Kendall Blvd, Littleton, CO 80128**  
**Thurs. November 2, 6:00-7:30pm**

### **Who Should Attend?**

- All Denver-metro families interested in Girl Scouts
- Girl Scouts who want to bring a friend who is new to Girl Scouting

### **What Can I Expect?**

- Local girls will share why they love Girl Scouts.
- Girls will get an introduction to Girl Scout traditions.
- Local volunteers will share their troop experiences.
- On-site registration assistance if your girl is ready to join!

**To learn more, contact Sarah Scalise**  
**303-607-4857**  
**[Sarah.scalise@gscolorado.org](mailto:Sarah.scalise@gscolorado.org)**

# 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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