



Knightly News

Normandy Elementary

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Dear Normandy Families,

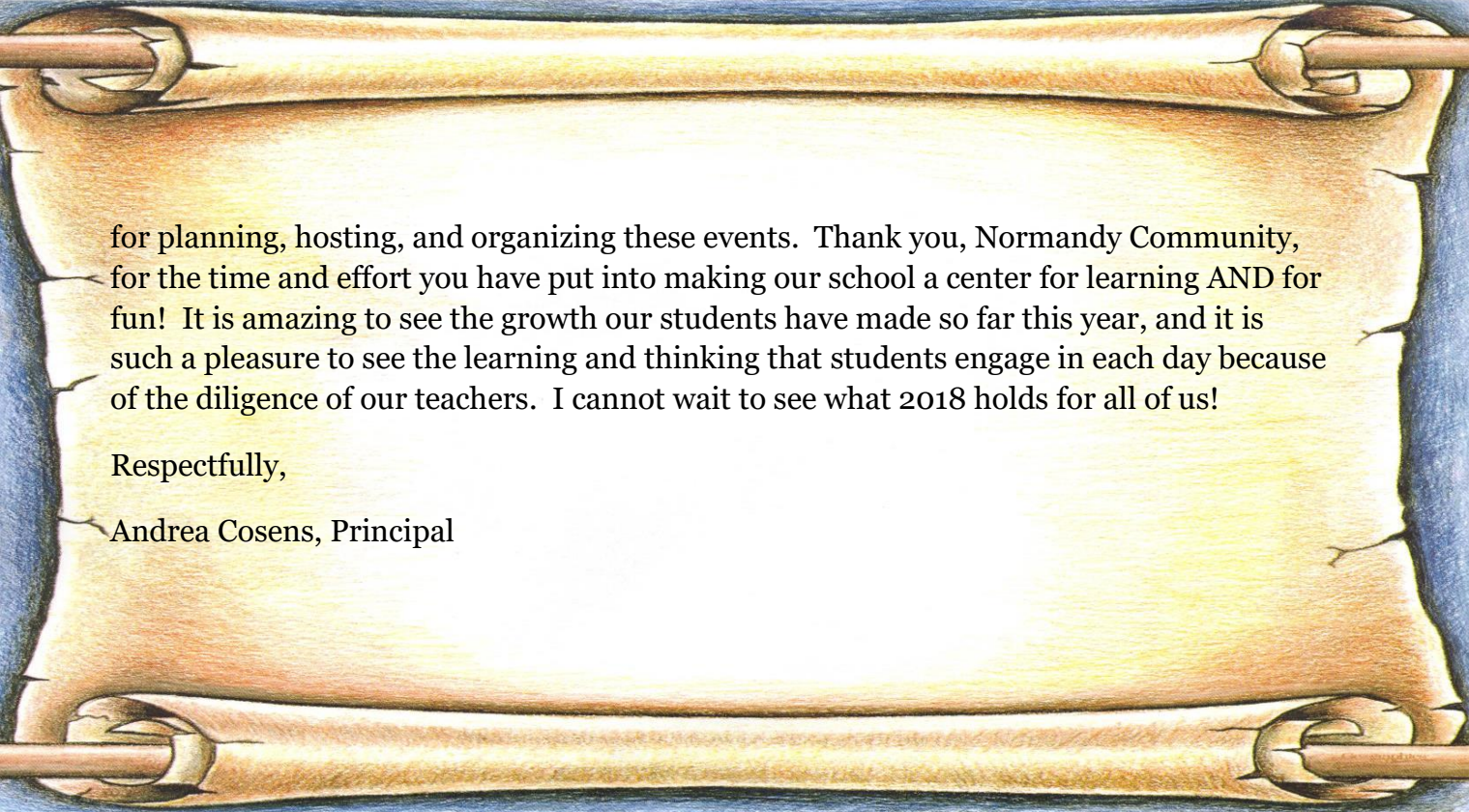
Happy December! In a few short weeks, 2017 will come to a close and we will usher in the New Year! There are many events planned over the next few weeks for students and families and we look forward to seeing you in the days ahead. A few opportunities to join us include:

- Monday, December 4th – 6th Grade Parent Night
- Wednesday, December 6th – Choir Concert @ 6PM
- Monday, December 11th – Holiday Shop Preview and Shopping
- Friday, December 15th – 4th Grade Medieval Day
- Tuesday, December 19th – Kindergarten Gingerbread Houses and Program
- Thursday, December 21st – Winter Break begins

Our school is committed to ensuring that your experience with Normandy is collaborative, successful and helps your child(ren) learn and grow. We want to know how we are doing. Below is a link to complete a survey about family school partnerships. The survey is anonymous and will only take 10 – 15 minutes. Results will be used to improve our school and your child(ren)'s learning environment. The survey opens Monday, Nov. 27 and closes Wednesday, Dec. 20. Thank you for taking the time to give us feedback! If the link does not work, highlight the link using your cursor. Then copy and paste the link into your browser address window and hit the "Enter" or "Return" key on your keyboard.

Link: Survey Link: www.tinyurl.com/JeffcoFamilySurvey2017

As we look toward 2018, I am reminded of all that our community has participated in this year. Our year began with Back to School Night, Curriculum Nights, Movie Night, and Field Day. We also made time for harvesting and cleaning up our garden, sharing in a Bingo Night, attending PTO and Partners in Education Meetings, and coming together as a community for events like 1st Grade's Ancient Egypt Day, a band and orchestra concert, and 4th-6th grade's trip to the symphony. We have been a very busy community and there are so many of you to thank



for planning, hosting, and organizing these events. Thank you, Normandy Community, for the time and effort you have put into making our school a center for learning AND for fun! It is amazing to see the growth our students have made so far this year, and it is such a pleasure to see the learning and thinking that students engage in each day because of the diligence of our teachers. I cannot wait to see what 2018 holds for all of us!

Respectfully,

Andrea Cosens, Principal

Student Council Food Drive

Student council is sponsoring a food drive until December 7. Single serving items that can be opened and eaten, or opened, microwaved, and eaten will be donated to Grub Club. Grub Club is a food program for emancipated and/or homeless Jefferson County School students supported by JCEA, our Professional Teacher Organization. Other food items will be donated to Salvation Army who will distribute to our local food banks.

Check our halls to see our progress when you visit our school until December 7. Thank you for your generosity in supporting those less fortunate as well as our hard working Student Council.

J.C. Jackman



Lost and Found



Please check the wall down the ramp from the office,
as well as the box outside the cafeteria for lost
items. Any items left when we depart for Winter Break will be donated to charity.

KISS N' GO REMINDERS

- **The speed limit is 20 MPH during pick-up & drop-off.**
- **Avoid texting & talking on your phone.**
- **As you are waiting to pick up your student or to pull out, please continue to pull forward.**
- **From Plymouth & Kendall, to the bend in the Kiss N' Go near the baseball field, is a NO PARKING ZONE. Please do not double park anywhere along Kendall.**
- **Always use the crosswalk.**
- **No U-turns anywhere along Kendall in the school zone.**

From Our LAMP Team

Physical Education

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Wow!! We did it!! Normandy reached and exceeded our goal for Jump Rope for Heart! As a school, we raised \$5191.00 for the American Heart Association! Thank you to all who participated. I am proud to be a part of such a giving community. I would like to recognize 3 students for raising the most money in donations.

1. 2nd grader Dante Fleck raised \$540.00
2. 6th grader Isabella Bontempo raised \$240.00
3. 6th grader Isabel Pritchard raised \$200.00

On Thursday, Dante, earned the opportunity to "slime" me! With all of 2nd grade watching, Dante dumped a bucket of green slime that Ms. Krieger's class made, on my head! Boy was it sticky! Thankfully it was the end of the day!

Next up! Net sports....pickle ball, Volleyball, ping-pong, and badminton! This is our time to practice and refine and introduce eye-hand coordination skills, with different types of paddles and rackets, as well as, demonstrate good sportsmanship in working in different partner groups. This rotation we also get to play our favorite game:

Gilligan's Island! This is a one time a year activity. Clean socks appreciated! *-Kristy Patterson.*

Music Notes:

Talent Day

Our students are thrilled to know that Talent Day has been scheduled for this month! Talent Day is the time for students to present their performance abilities to their peers. All students need to be prepared, well-practiced, and fully rehearsed. Students will perform for their class in the music room during their regular music time. Welcomed performances include:

- Solo and group instrumental ensemble
- Singing acapella alone or in small groups
- Singing along with a musical track
- Presenting a written script
- Presenting a short section of a play
- Showing a well-prepared magic trick
- Sharing a school appropriate joke/comedic skit

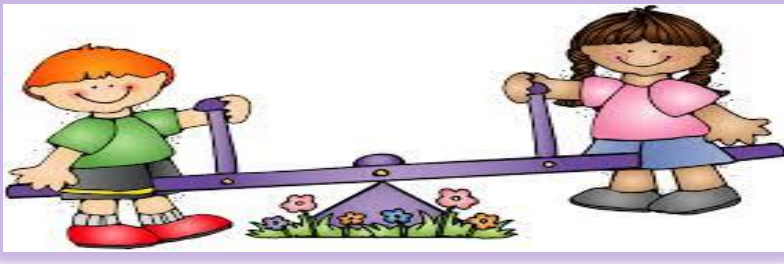
Please no improvisation!

Choirs

It is performance week for the Troubadour choir. We will perform at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts on Sunday, December 3rd. Then we'll have a school performance for both choirs on December 6th as well as an evening performance at 6PM for Mini Minstrels (2nd-3rd grade choir) and Troubadours (4-6th grade choir) at 6:30PM.

Wishing you all the best this season,

Marisa Rodriguez



Social Emotional Learning

Dear Normandy Community,

Have you noticed some fun pictures and dancing videos on Seesaw? Your students have been working hard and having fun with Skills for Learning and Empathy these last few weeks! Our Second Step lessons are helping us practice skills to make sure we always wear our ARMOR. 5th and 6th Grade parents - keep an eye out for information coming to you through Google Classroom in January!

I hope your holiday season is filled with joy!

Warmly,

Andrea Steinberg, LSW

"Share your good with others. Kindness, love and appreciation are the greatest gifts you can give." ~Louise Hay

The South JeffCo Rotary Club is helping us provide families with food baskets for the holidays. If your family would benefit from a little extra help and support this holiday season, please let me know!

~Andrea Steinberg

Please email me or let the office know:
andrea.steinberg@jeffco.k12.co.us

Congratulations!

Last week, eight Cub Scouts from Normandy were presented with the highest achievement in cub scouts, the Arrow of Light. This means that they accomplished all of the missions set before them in cub scouting and will cross over to Boy Scouts in February. The Arrow of Light is the only award in Cub Scouts that can be taken with them to their Boy Scout journey. They accepted their awards from the great JC Bear in freezing rain this evening at a camp fire celebration.

The recipients of the Arrow of Light award are:

Hunter Eells
Jace Hansen
Ben Hoeft
Banning Low
Calvin McIntyre
Brayden Peterson
and former Normandy Knight, Preston Shepard.

Science Fair is coming!

Set your calendar for Saturday, Feb. 24.



Registration is now open. Use the Science Fair link on the school website to register and find more details. Cost is \$3 per student. Upon payment, students can pick up their presentation board from the main office.

Categories include: Individual, Grade-level Partner, or Sibling. Every participant earns an award, goodie bag, certificate and an ice cream treat. Best in Show and Division Winners are also awarded.

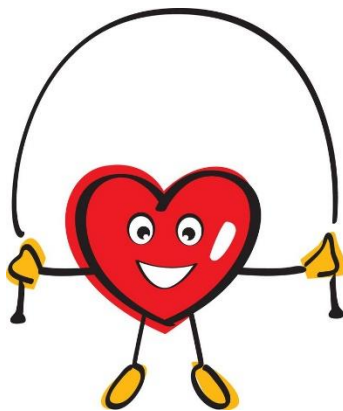
Family Information meetings will be held at 3:30 and 6:00pm in the Library on Wednesday, January 10. Students will have a Science Fair Rally during school on Jan. 12 to get their minds working and excitement building! Hope to see you there!

<https://sites.google.com/a/jeffcoschools.us/normandysciencefair/>

**At the
Symphony with
4th-6th Grade**



**Slimed for
Jump Rope for
Heart!**



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!



Many thanks to our generous Silent Auction Sponsors:



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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:

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 _____,



2017-2018 Normandy Elementary

Parent Teacher Organization

November 2017 PTO Meeting Minutes

1. Update on install for 6th grade gift benches. We are waiting on a quote from district. -
2. Wish lists completed -
5. Events:
 - Bingo 11/10 at 6pm
 - Holiday shop 12/11 to 12/15th—signup genius will be emailed out for volunteer help
 - Sign a card for Mrs. Fischer for having the most kids at Skate City (\$25 for Target)
 - Watch Dog Dads wants to have Donuts for Dads in January to get more involvement in Watch Dog Dads- Have one in one in April
6. No PTO meeting in December. Next meeting is January 18th at 6pm
7. Next Silent Auction meeting in 11/15 at 6pm (Julie's house)
8. Vote to see if PTO can purchase one water bottle fountain. (Spirit night, Skate City, School Kidz, and Littleton Taekwondo) = \$1,439.00 raised. PTO would pay \$2,061 (Estimate) - **Voted on and passed** (waiting for the quote) - Looking at Jan or Feb to get it installed
9. Silent Auction update-Natalie and Julie (5/10 minutes)
 - ~ Sponsorship - we are now at - \$4750 - goal is \$9000
 - ~ Donations -
 - ~ n good shape with decorations, auctioneer, Racoon Creek,
 - ~ Playground - working on estimates for: running track, additional structure, "tot" structure, wood mulch is fine, border is adequate, might need another border, pads under the swings,
 - ~ Possibly need a Playground committee - including Lee and Ms. Cosens
10. GoCo grant update—Megan and Aaron
 - Aaron looked at application - it's a very involved grant - community involvement?
 - How can we be the most successful - Jan 9 application is due
 - ~ Decided to contact the director of the grant to see what our chances are to get the grant. That will help us decide if we want to apply this year or next year.
11. Script---Is anyone interested in doing this for December? If not, we will not be doing it
 - decided not to go ahead
12. Repairing the marquee (new sign and paint) -
 - Wanting new insert with letters and a new sign – will talk more about this in Jan.
13. Two iPads have been purchased for BURST instead of getting Sphero balls
14. Update on wall art for the school--Bethany - move to Jan.
 - Will call to get tiles donated in December
 - Working on getting donations of Sharpies 100s or 1000s of sharpies
15. Brandy - Financials
 - Adam Brewer found a non-profit vendor –
 - he's working on getting a lap top at a non-profit price

Partners in Education

Meeting November 16th, 2017

6:00-7:30 pm

- I. Introductions (5min)
Attendees: see sign in sheet
- II. Review of October Meeting Minutes (5min)
A. It was stated that we take turns bringing pies to future meetings.
- III. Principal Updates
A. Information (5min)
 - i. Kindergarten Information Night November 28th
 - a) Updated night with videos and other grade level representation at the night.
 - b) In Friday folder, there will be a flyer to give out to others that parents know in their communities to encourage attendance
 - ii. Playground Meeting November 30th 6:00PM
 - a) There will need to be community and student involvement needed for the Grant process
 - iii. 2nd Grade Letter
 - a) This is in regards to a breath holding game that has been happening in school and is dangerous for kids to be playing and parents need to know about it
 - iv. 6th Grade Parent Night
 - a) This is in regard to certain behaviors that are persisting in some 6th graders that are important that parents are aware
 - b) This is not regarding 6th grade transition to middle school
 - c) This is separate from Cheezo visit which will occur later in the year
 - d) It's important that the school is partnering with parents so they know what is happening
 - e) It's important that if parents have concerns or thoughts, they need to communicate with Ms. Cosens so she can answer questions and avoid hearsay and rumors spreading
- B. Walkthrough Standards (15min)*
 - i. Standards for Learning that teachers are using.
 - ii. Teachers and Ms. Cosens are walking through the standards together to discuss and plan how to implement in a way that allows for success where each grade builds on the previous and it's so important for teachers to get together across grades to make their plan.
 - iii. This can include being creative by using resources other than the current outdated ones because there isn't budget right now to replace the resources if needed

- iv. *It's very valuable to the staff to make these progressive steps in the right direction and all involved are pleased with the progress they are making*
 - C. *Budget Discussion (20min)*
 - i. *Ms. Cosens reviewed the Budget Planning Template*
 - D. *Questions, Myths, and Rumors (5 min)*
- IV. *Discussion on Family Feedback (10min)*
 - A. *Is the school getting good feedback from families etc and can we use that in a meaningful way somehow?*
 - B. *We want to make sure we're not missing a valuable data source, are there new ideas that we can implement?*
 - C. *Perhaps come up with a way that PIE can share more of the school's successes and spread that good word?*
 - D. *Right now, the best way to provide feedback is in emails to Ms. Cosens*
 - E. *Can PIE commit to bringing a friend to the meeting?*
 - F. *Ms. Cosens has a good deal of survey data from before she took over the school but she will wait on the Principal Survey until after she has been in the position for over a year*
 - G. *Make Your Voice Heard is a student survey that will happen later in the year*
 - H. *Welcoming Environment/Family Survey is an option for future use*
- V. *Walk-on Topics (10min)*
 - A. *Traffic Safety concerns*
- VI. *Topics for next meeting (5min)*
 - A. *Feedback*
 - B. *Bring a parent friend to the next meeting*
 - C. *BUDGET*
- VII. *Next Meeting - January 25th, 2018*
- VIII. *Adjourn 7:32pm*



Food For Thought BakPak Program

Beginning **Friday, September 8th**, (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 and may need support to provide adequate food for their children on weekends. The weekend bags consist of 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 each Friday afternoon.

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. Windle (enrollment secretary), Andrea Steinberg (school counselor) 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 Andrea Steinberg at 303-982- 4766 or email her at andrea.steinberg@jeffco.k12.co.us.

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

Parent Name: _____

Student: _____ Classroom Teacher: _____

Student: _____ Classroom Teacher: _____

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Student: _____ Classroom Teacher: _____



Everything You Need to Know About Auction SIGN-UP PARTIES

What is an auction sign-up party?

An auction sign-up party is a party hosted by a member of the Normandy community. The host chooses the theme/activity and plans all of the necessary arrangements (location, date, number of attendees, how much to charge per attendee), including covering all costs. Auction attendees will buy “slots” to the party at the auction (at the pre-determined price and limited to the set number of attendees). No bidding involved!

Sign-up parties are great opportunities to socialize with old friends, make new ones, bond over common interests, and increase school spirit within our community. Plus, we are raising money for Normandy!

How does a sign-up party make money for Normandy?

The host pays for all costs of the party. The dollar amount for every slot sold goes directly to Normandy. So basically, there are two donations involved in the sign-up parties: the host is donating his/her time, energy, planning, and funds to have the party; a partygoer is donating his/her money to buy a slot to the party. This is a fun and unique way for everyone to contribute to this year’s auction!

Who can buy a slot to a sign-up party?

ANYONE. That’s right, anyone—as long as the party is not sold out, you can buy a slot! You don’t know the host? That makes it even better, because it’s a fantastic chance to get to know fellow Normandy parents.

How much does it cost to attend a sign-up party (per slot)?

The cost can vary, and the host decides how much to charge to attend his/her party. Here are some general guidelines when setting the cost to attend:

- If a children’s activity, the price is around \$15-\$30 per child.
- If an adult party without much food/drinks or time, the price is around \$25 per person.
- If an adult or family party that provides dinner or a lot of entertainment/long hours, the price is around \$40–\$60 per person/family.

Remember, the price to attend is really a donation to our school as every dollar goes to Normandy.

Who can host a sign-up party?

ANYONE. It doesn’t matter if you are new to Normandy or have been at the school several years—if you have an idea for a sign-up party, make it happen! Worried about the cost involved? Recruit another parent or family to host with you!

What if I need an idea?

Please see the back of this flyer for a ton of ideas for kid, adult, and family parties!

What should I do if I want to host a sign-up party?

Fill out the attached form. Due back by Friday, January 19, 2018.

Don’t forget to check out the back of this flyer! Thank you for supporting Normandy!

Ideas for SIGN-UP PARTIES

KIDS

- pancakes and pajamas
- ice cream social
- campfire cookout (s'mores over a backyard fire pit)
- cooking/baking class
- backyard movie party
- basement sleepover
- Lego party
- dessert dash (backyard games and treats)
- paintball party
- organized football game at the park
- jewelry-making party
- Pokemon party
- make your own pizzas
- pirate party
- Frisbee tourney
- roller skating party
- cookie exchange
- dodgeball party
- arts and crafts party
- American Girl tea party
- movie night (at your house, at a theater)
- Nerf party at the park
- bowling party

TIP: Talk up your party before and during the auction. Be the party that everyone wants to attend!

ADULTS

- themed cocktail party
- murder mystery party
- tasting party (whiskey, chocolate, cheese, mustard, wine, BBQ sauce)
- cocktails lesson with hired bartender
- cooking competition
- Cards Against Humanity/ board game night
- run & brunch, dumbbells & cocktails, stink & drink, yoga & brunch
- pub crawl
- progressive dinner (each course at a different house)
- karaoke night
- Amazing Race challenge
- scrapbooking party
- flip-flops and lemon drops (apps/drinks at a pool)
- golf outing
- nails and cocktails
- Kentucky Derby party
- Cinco de Mayo
- downtown brewery tour
- wig party
- casino night
- closet exchange
- spa party for moms
- wine and cheese party
- art gallery tour
- Taste of Spain (paella and sangria)
- Texas Hold 'em Night

KIDS, ADULTS & FAMILIES

- parents vs. kids dodgeball/kickball/football
- Minute to Win It
- board game night
- mother/daughter pedis
- mother/son painting class
- father/daughter painting class
- father/son laser tag
- pool party
- lip sync battle
- princess tea party
- Rockies party
- NCAA March Madness party
- coffee/hot cocoa & donuts
- fondue party
- badminton tourney
- Botanic Gardens outing
- hip-hop dance class
- Water World outing
- scavenger hunt
- shuffleboard party
- corn hole tourney
- bingo/bunko night
- learn-how-to-knit party



Silent Auction Sign-Up Party Host Form

Host(s) _____

Contact email & phone _____

Party Title/Theme _____

Date/Time (& end time if applicable) _____

Location _____

of guests or families invited/slots _____ Cost per slot _____

Description (be sure to include if party is for adults, kids, families, boys, girls, third graders, etc.)

Please contact Julie Mollerstuen with any questions at warjul@gmail.com
Completed forms can be turned into the Normandy front office (or Julie or Natalie)

SPECIALS TEACHERS AND LIBRARIAN HOLIDAY GIFT COLLECTION

Dear Normandy Parents and Students,

Our Specials teachers, Mr. McConnell , Ms. Patterson, Ms. Rodriguez along with our librarian, Ms. Brant, have an important role in each of our children's education. For the holidays, we are collecting donations to present them with an equal gift for their "classroom" from all of the Normandy students. We will also be serving food trays to the office staff with these donations.

For those interested, please send \$1 per student (cash only) or whatever other amount you would like to contribute in an envelope. On the envelope please write, "Attention- Carolanne Williams/Sara Austad, Specials" and return it to school in your child's Friday Folder or to the front office. The last day that contributions will be accepted is Friday, December 8th.

