

Knightly News



Normandy Elementary

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Ms. Andrea Cosens, Principal

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Dear Normandy Families,

I hope all of you had a wonderful Spring Break! As we head into the homestretch of our first year together, I want to take a moment to thank all of you for being a part of our journey. We have a wonderful community at Normandy and I am looking forward to many years together. This past month our Silent Auction raised funds for our school and playground. We want to thank the PTO for their support, as well as send a special thank you to the coordinators for our Knight at the Barn. Julie Mollerstuen and Natalie Sudar did an outstanding job coordinating this event. They worked closely with their auction committee and a team of parent volunteers to secure auction items, select food and drinks, decorate the venue, design the trivia night, and ensure a fun night for all. Thank you, ladies, for volunteering your time and talents for our Normandy staff, students, and community. Thank you also, to those who worked tirelessly alongside these women. Our auction would not have been successful without your assistance. To those who sponsored the event, thank you for believing in Normandy and showing your dedication to education in such a unique way. And, finally, to all who attended and purchased items at the auction, we are grateful for you. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for making a difference in all that we are able to accomplish at Normandy on a daily basis.

Spring always brings about change and growth, both in nature and in our everyday lives. This is also the case at Normandy. As we look toward the end of this year, we are planning ahead for the 18-19 school year. This includes nominating and electing board members for our PTO and PIE committees. Our PTO serves to build a strong foundation for supporting student and teacher growth, while also providing opportunities for our community to come together for some fun. PTO funds our teacher wish lists, supports professional learning, provides technology for classrooms, nourishes our garden, plans community events, and is a vital part of our school. Normandy's Partners in Education committee reviews school academic data and data concerning our school's climate and culture. PIE also helps plan for programming and provides feedback on decisions concerning the learning and business aspects of our school. Parents are encouraged to partner with Normandy in so many capacities at Normandy. As you consider how you might be involved in the 18-19 school year, I

invite you to attend our PTO and PIE meetings to help us continue to develop a climate and culture that benefits all students and families.

As our year comes to a close, Normandy staff, PTO and PIE will be reviewing our mission and vision in order to build a common language and understanding of who we are at Normandy and what hopes and dreams we have for each of our students. Stakeholders will consider three questions as we move through this process:

- What do we wish for the hearts of our students?
- What do we want students who leave Normandy to know and be able to do?
- How can staff and the Normandy community foster academic and social emotional growth for all students?

I encourage each of us to spend time thinking about these questions and to dedicate time to providing ideas and feedback toward our dreams for Normandy. Your family's experience and each child's success is of utmost importance to me. I look forward to seeing you at all of this month's fun events and community meetings. I welcome your questions, concerns, and comments. Please do not hesitate to use the attached form, send me an email, or contact me at (303) 982-4766.

Warmly,

Andrea Cosens, Principal



St. Patrick's Day Shenanigans

Many thanks to the Barnett and Fahrney families for setting the stage for the day!

Mother / Son Event



PARCC/CMAS Schedule

April 3rd, 4th, & 5th

- 6th Grade ELA 9:30AM-12:00PM
- 6th Grade Math 1:50-3:10PM

April 6th, 9th, & 10th

- 3rd Grade Math 8:50-10:10AM
- 4th Grade Math 10:30-11:50AM
- 5th Grade Math 1:40-3:10PM

April 11th, 12th, & 13th

- 5th Grade ELA 8:45-10:30AM
- 4th Grade ELA 1:00-2:25PM

April 16th, 17th, 18th

- 3rd Grade ELA 9:00-10:45AM

April 17th, 18th, & 19th

- 5th Grade Science 1:40-3:10PM

Our Lost and Found is bursting at the seams! Please be sure to take a look for any lost or misplaced items.



Any items left after the end of the school year will be donated to needy families in Jeffco.

From our LAMP Team

Physical Education

Ms. Patterson

Recently, Jefferson County Schools adopted a new Health and Wellness Policy. The reasons behind this policy are to promote equity for students, improve nutrition, address allergies, and to protect family decisions on food. Some of the changes in this new policy center around how we celebrate birthdays in school, how we reward students at school, and how to promote healthy eating at school for life long health. For the 2018-2019 school year, we will no longer be offering food as rewards, we will encourage families to celebrate students' birthdays with items other than food, and we will be asking that at least half of the food offered at school parties are healthy choices.

Normandy has chosen to become a "Healthy School." Mrs. Rodriguez and I are Normandy's Healthy Schools liaisons. It is our job to set goals for our school and to help support this new health and wellness policy. Email Ms. Patterson with any ideas you may have for rewarding students with things other than food, ways to incorporate more movement into our student's day, and what new ideas you have for Normandy events such as "Muffins with Mom's" and "Donuts with Dads." Could we possibly get our dads to dance and call it "Dancing with Dads?" Look forward to hearing from you!

Music Notes

Mrs. Rodriguez

Hello from the music room! Each grade level is working hard in class. The upper grades are finishing the hand bells. The 3rd graders are starting to test on their recorder songs. The younger grades are learning new songs, dances, and games. Upcoming dates include:

Troubadours: sing the National Anthem at the Rockies on Saturday, April 7th for the 6:10PM game. Troubadours will arrive before 4:45PM.

Columbine Choir Fest is Wednesday, April 18th at 7PM. Troubadours should arrive to Columbine HS at 6:20.

6th Grade Performance: We have planned a 6th grade farewell music performance on Monday, May 21st at 2PM.

Happy Spring!

Artistic Endeavors

Mr. Keith McConnell

The following information explains current and upcoming concepts at each grade level.

- 1st grade: They are finishing up a self-portrait unit in which they create rhythm using colors. The last of the trimester will focus on processes in making art.
- 2nd grade: This trimester will focus on creating landscapes in different mediums.
- 3rd Grade: Third grade will be focusing on the functions of architecture and design.
- 4th Grade: They will be learning about how artists use color schemes in their work.
- 5th Grade: Fifth grade is currently studying the use of creating different values in art and will use this concept in drawings using one and two point perspective.
- 6th Grade: They are currently creating a narrative self-portrait and will follow this creating a mini book about a past, current, or future event from their life.

Technology

Juliann Brant MS

With Spring Break here it means the library is in full swing. The students and staff are busy finding new books every day. Our PTO has generously supported the purchase of a few hundred new books this year thanks to the Box Tops program. A new drive for them is coming up in April so gather up those little labels for your favorite classroom.

April is state testing month. With your support of our school technology this year's testing should go smoothly using our newest devices. If students finish a testing session early they have an opportunity to read quietly while waiting for their classmates to finish up. Please help your student remember to pack their reading book each day as e-Readers and other non-testing technology are not allowed in the testing rooms.

Finally, this is a good time to double check that your child is up to date with borrowed library material. Is anything overdue? Was a book left at childcare or Grandma's house over Spring Break? We will continue to circulate books until May but if a student has an overdue title they cannot get anything new until the outstanding item is renewed or returned. Happy Reading all! Email me if you have any questions: jbrant@jeffco.k12.co.us



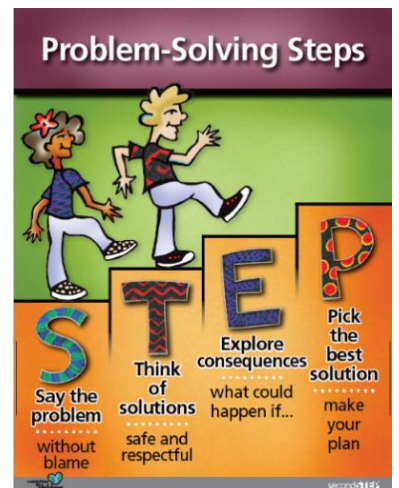
Social Emotional Learning

Ms. Andrea Steinberg, Social Worker

Happy Spring!

Your Normandy Knights K-6 are working hard in our social/emotional learning and we are starting to focus on problem solving. Remember to ask your students if they are practicing empathy, compassion, and calming-down strategies! These are important skills to apply before using the problem-solving steps.

Feel free to call or email with any questions. Have a wonderful spring break!



A Day Without Hate

Normandy Elementary is proud to participate in a Day Without Hate (DWOH) this year on Friday, April 27th. Students are encouraged to wear their DWOH t-shirt or wear a white t-shirt to school that day. We will be participating in activities to build community and focus on bully prevention. A Day Without Hate is a student-led effort to bring schools and communities together for a celebration of unity, a rejection of fear, and a commitment to work towards nonviolent solutions to any conflict in our school.

Check out Day Without Hate on Facebook for more information!

Congratulations to our February Knights of the Round Table!

Kindergarten: Weston Mosier, Lexi Nguyen, Eloise Holub, Tyler Masenheimer, Bryn Welsh, Beau Gallardo, Keyra Hadi, Jacob Kempf, and Charis Brewer.

1st Grade: Riley Vongsakoun, Nevaeh Villa, Olivia Furukawa, Noah Harvey, Grace Smith, Ava Spencer, Jake Abraham, and Emma McDonald.

2nd Grade: Lily Cline, Hadrian Hoyt, Sean Jerger, Addie Grange, Eli DiAngelo, Fisher Agenbroad, Wyatt Kempf, Will Brooks, and Diego Del Duca.

3rd Grade: Reagan Allen, Adam Seaton, Kinley Barnett, Sadie Cook, Ian Johnson-Juarez, Kamryn Lind, Riley Herman, and Ruby Hallacy

4th Grade: Peter Wirtzfeld, Auni von Muegge, Samantha Jerger, Avery Wood, and Sarah Schott.

5th Grade: Mya DeGunst, Jillian Franz, Amelia Buffone, Brayden Peterson, Jocelyn Jones, Mason Fennelly, Jace Hansen, Alessandra Vettraino, Jay Aurich, Grace Martinez, Charlotte Ambariantz, Ryan Osness, and Sophia Ashbrook.

6th Grade: Anthony Bruno, Ryan Rogers, Brayden Metzger, Connor Wood, Karolina Jaskot, Maddy Cooley, Mason Cook, Adam Gutierrez, Olivia Ashbrook, Jenavie Tran, and Lily Amsberry.



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!

A Special Thank You To Our Knight at the Barn Coordinators!



Many thanks to our generous Knight at the Barn Sponsors:



Normandy's Newsworthy Notes & Feedback

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



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

Name (optional): _____

Daytime Phone (optional): _____

Normandy Elementary's Staff Appreciation



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

Dear _____,



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.

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

Parent Name: _____

Student: _____ Classroom Teacher: _____

Student: _____ Classroom Teacher: _____

Student: _____ Classroom Teacher: _____

Student: _____ Classroom Teacher: _____

Student: _____ Classroom Teacher: _____

TALKING DOLLARS & SENSE WITH SUPERINTENDENT DR. GLASS



Jeffco Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Jason Glass will be facilitating four community conversations about school district finances in March and April. The meetings will include a high-level overview of the school district budget, the goals of the new Jeffco Generations vision, and invite discussion on how to utilize funding to meet the needs of our students. Parents, students, staff, and community members are welcome to join in the conversation. What do you think is the most important thing for schools to address? How do you think funds should be allocated to support educational goals? Where would you invest funds to help the Jeffco Generations vision become a reality? Join us for an informative, engaging discussion.

Tuesday, March 6
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Deer Creek Middle School
9201 W. Columbine Drive
Littleton

Thursday, March 8
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Pomona High School
8101 W. Pomona Drive
Arvada

Wednesday, March 14
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Creighton Middle School
50 S. Kipling St.
Lakewood

Tuesday, April 3
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Conifer High School
10441 Highway 73
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June 11-15:	Rock Stars
June 18-22:	Junior Scientists
June 25-29:	Nature Trekkers
July 9-13:	Fossils and Fun
July 16-20:	Rock Stars
July 23-27:	Junior Scientists
July 30-Aug 3:	Nature Trekkers

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Parent—Evergreen, CO



Early Bird Discount:

\$20 off* each camp with registration before March 15

Price: \$300 per week (\$20 discount* for members)

Post Camp (weekly 3pm to 5pm): \$60 per week

Sibling/Multi Camp: \$20 discount*

Fossils and Fun (Ages 6-10)

This camp is the perfect opportunity for future paleontologists, outdoor enthusiasts, and animal lovers to do science in a whole new way.



NEW! Nature Trekkers (Ages 6-10)

This camp is a discovery of the outdoor skills geologists, paleontologists, and naturalists use to fully explore our unique backyard.



NEW! Junior Scientists (Ages 8-11)

This camp is for every kid who dreams of telescopes, fossil digs, contraptions, and messy science all in one amazing week!



NEW! Rock Stars (Ages 11-13)

This camp is for older kids who want to dive deeper into the sciences behind fossil and mineral collection, paleo-art, and outdoor leadership.



Registration and more information at www.dinoridge.org/summer-camps.html

*Maximum of 1 discount per camp, per child

Hands-on History Summer Camp



Summer Camp Session Themes

Dirty Jobs

Try your hand at some of the dirty jobs that kept this town alive and kicking. Dig into mining, see if you have what it takes to make pottery at a porcelain plant, and seek out a story for the newspaper. We're digging up Golden's history and it's time to grab your work gloves and help out!

Pioneer Kids

Travel back to the wild and woolly Golden of the mid-1800s. Learn what it was like growing up on a ranch while you work, learn, and play like pioneer kids. Tell a tall tale to entertain your fellow campers, cook on the woodstove, and take care of the chickens. Be sure to mind your manners around our one-room-schoolhouse teacher!

Decision Makers

Travel back in time and make your own decisions about the future of Golden. Take on the role of a historic character and work as a team to ensure that Golden prospers. How will the mayor vote on the railroad issue? What landmarks will you create as part of the New Deal? How would history be different if you were in charge?

Art Explorers

From the stage to the canvas and architecture to fashion, campers will explore popular forms of art from today and centuries past. Use paints, brushes, and fabrics to create memorable projects to take home. Line-dance like a Colorado cowboy, juggle in a Vaudeville show, and Jitterbug like a '20s flapper.

Silent Stars ★ NEW: 9-12 years only, full day camp

Form production teams to write, direct, film, and star in your own silent movie, just like the ones shown on the big screen in the 1920s. The session ends with a fun movie premiere for family and friends.

GoldenHistory.org/HOH

Register at
GoldenHistory.org/HOH

call:
303.278.3557



2018 Schedule

Ages 6-8 OR 9-11

	Morning Session (9 am-12 pm)	Afternoon Session (1-4 pm)
June 4-8	Pioneer Kids	Art Explorers
June 11-15	Dirty Jobs	Decision Makers
June 18-22	Pioneer Kids	Art Explorers
June 25-29	Dirty Jobs	Decision Makers
July 9-13	Pioneer Kids	Art Explorers
July 16-20	Dirty Jobs	Decision Makers
July 23-27	Pioneer Kids	Art Explorers
July 30-Aug 3	Dirty Jobs	Decision Makers

Ages 9-12 ONLY

	Full day camp, (9 am-4 pm)
June 4-8	Silent Stars
June 11-15	Silent Stars
June 18-22	Silent Stars
June 25-29	Silent Stars
July 9-13	Silent Stars
July 16-20	Silent Stars
July 23-27	Silent Stars
July 30-Aug 3	Silent Stars

Register at
GoldenHistory.org/HOH



Things to Know

- Ratio of one teacher for every ten students.
- Campers participate in full-day or half-day sessions.
- Half-day camps last from 9 am-12 pm and 1-4 pm.
- Full-day camps last from 9 am-4 pm with supervised lunch breaks. Campers must bring their own lunches.
- Drop-off and pick-up times:
Morning: 8:30-9:00 & 12:00-1:00
Afternoon: 12:00-1:00 & 4:00-4:30
Full-day: 8:30-9:00 & 4:00-4:30

Scholarships

Apply at GoldenHistory.org/HOH.

Discounts for Members

GHM members at the Household level or above receive discounts. Join at GoldenHistory.org/member or by phone before registering for camp.



Weekly Rates

		Half Days	Full Days
Member	Early Bird	\$110	\$220
	Regular	\$120	\$240
Non-member	Early Bird	\$125	\$250
	Regular	\$135	\$270

To sign up for the full day, choose both the morning and afternoon session activity numbers. Register between January 15 and April 2 to receive the early bird discount.



Jefferson County Schools Night



Watch our choir participate in the singing of the National Anthem!

Colorado Rockies vs. Atlanta Braves

Saturday, April 7th @ 6:10pm

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE ONLY AT:

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*Partial ticket proceeds support JeffCo Schools! – To participate, all performers **MUST** have a ticket to the game.*