

# Knightly News



Normandy Elementary

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Ms. Andrea Cosens, Principal

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**Dear Normandy Families,**

May has arrived and brought with it some beautiful spring weather! I hope that you have had a chance to enjoy some time outside. It has been such a treat to work in my yard and go for evening walks. As always, please make sure your students are prepared for the ever-changing Colorado weather. They are welcome to bring rain boots and umbrellas on the days cloudy skies threaten to bring rain. With the nicer weather also comes opportunities for sports like soccer and football. Please remind your student(s) to hold onto balls during drop-off and pick-up to avoid any dangerous situations with our Kiss 'N Go lane. Thank you for your help with keeping our kids safe!

As you may have read in our last Weekly Update our Columbine Area elementary schools, along with Ken Caryl Middle School, proposed a change to the Early Release Days for the 18-19 school year. Currently, Early Release Days are scheduled as half days for students. When students leave, staff members engage in professional learning opportunities. During the 18-19 school year those days listed as Early Release Days will be full non-contact days for all students in the Columbine Area elementary schools and at Ken Caryl Middle School. Students will not come to school on these days, however, area staff will participate in a full day of professional development. Our area schools will use this time for K-8 professional learning, as well as on-site training for our individual staff members. Some parents have asked about how this decision was made. At our Area Accountability meeting in January, the accountability committee members from each school discussed the benefits of changing these contact days for both families and schools. Trends noticed throughout the year included a lower attendance rate on half day early release days, the difficulty of finding day care for students, the need for more professional development and time for planning at school sites, and the lack of time we have to meet as an articulation area to align our instruction. As an articulation area, we decided that all stakeholders could benefit from a full release day, rather than a half-day. This decision resulted in five non-contact days for students next year: September 21, 2018, November 2, 2018, February 15, 2018, March 15, 2019, and April 26, 2019. If you have any questions or concerns about these days, please feel free to contact me. I am happy to answer questions or talk about how our area representatives made this decision. We appreciate your support with this change.



Normandy has a full month of fun and learning planned for students. An upcoming event I want to highlight is our first ever "Magical Journey of Knowledge." This will be held throughout the day on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students organized and designed this event to showcase our kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade Core Knowledge curriculum. Each class selected a portion of their science or social studies curriculum to share as a booth or activity for the event. The 6<sup>th</sup> graders coordinated donation efforts, mapped out the gym in order to place booths appropriately, and invited community members to share in our journey. Their hope is that our "Magical Journey of Knowledge" will continue for years to come. We are excited to learn from our first attempt and look forward to sharing this event with you.

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





# Columbine High School Day of Service



A special THANK YOU to the Columbine High School students who graciously volunteered in our Kindergarten Classrooms on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Our students enjoyed their time with you and we appreciate your willingness to spend time with us!

## National Child Abuse Prevention Month



Students from Mrs. Read's and Mrs. Schiff's classes planted pinwheels on the lawn to bring attention to prevention of child abuse in our community. Thank you to the Hallacy family for providing the pinwheels!



# Fun and GAMES!!!



## *Congratulations to our March Knights of the Round Table!*

**Kindergarten:** Reagan Smith, Liam Kliewer, Corran Fredericksen, Taighe Gleason, Emma Rondeau, Benjamin Porter, Noah DiAngelo, and Cloey Tolman.

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade:** Emma Hopp, Greyson Eells, Louie Heimback, Noah Westfall, Aya Ulrich, Grace Chavez and Scarlett Roberts.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** Ryan Suazo, Eleanor Holub, Quentin Rissmiller, Ana Brehm, Sam Klein, Jaxon Losh, Sarah Reynders, Nolan Yager, Kaden Mohr, Caroline Leavitt, Dante Fleck and Ava Kyle.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Colton Madsen, Sam Brooks, Avery Hepting, Nate Parsons, Elia Estey, Maddon Smith and Lily Ramsey.

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Tyler Sternberg, Jaxon Abeyta, Lauren Elwood, Andrew Austad, Jack Kapity, Sara Schott and Hailey McGinty.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Tilly Keydel, Hunter Eells, Joshua Untisz, Dorian Orchard, Zaiden Burrell, Shealah Van Wazer, Trevor Shannon, Charley Cromer, Ryan Osness and Calvin McIntyre.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Aaliyah Rodrakkwan, Reeve Holliday, Victoria Klocek, Alexis Peterson, Tony Iljkic, Avah Moret, Ellie Sykes, Giovanni Blea and Emma Thorfinnson.

# A Day Without Hate



April 27<sup>th</sup>



Social Emotional Learning  
Andrea Steinberg, Social Worker

I am so proud of all the hard work our Normandy Knights did this April! Our classrooms focused on practicing kindness through learning and activities leading up to a Day Without Hate on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Our creative student council and 6<sup>th</sup> graders made signs for the whole building, and we had a great whole-school assembly! Thank you to the Troubadors and Mrs. Rodriguez for their wonderful performance, as well as to our actors who created a skit on being upstanders (Ryan Bost, Sara Bost, Anna Macmillan, Izzie Diezler, Madison Dizalo, Jordyn Pacheco, and Ryland Hanley). I am looking forward to a May full of kindness and fun!

# From our LAMP Team

## Physical Education

**Ms. Patterson**

We are finishing the school year with Lacrosse and learning how to cradle, scoop, throw and catch with the long handled sticks. The students will also be completing their 2nd Pacer test with the hopes that their aerobic capacity has improved from first semester.

"Aerobic capacity is the maximal amount of physiological work that an individual can do as measured by oxygen consumption," in other words, how our body uses oxygen during exercise. The goal is that the students are staying active during our daily activities so that their bodies use oxygen more efficiently as the year goes on.

Hopefully the end of the year feels a little less busy this year with field day already completed in the fall, giving you more time to celebrate graduations, continuations, religious ceremonies, awards ceremonies and other family activities. Thank you for making this new tradition a success!

Thank you for your feedback and support regarding our Healthy Schools Initiative. Here are some ideas to think about when planning a birthday "treat" with your child's class for next year. These, of course, need to be discussed with your classroom teacher, but it gives us an idea of what we can accomplish with a little pre-planning.

Favorite idea - 10 minutes of recess in honor of their birthday  
Game of baseball trivia  
10 minutes of dancing to song they choose from fun approved list  
Heads up 7 up  
Four Corners  
Charades (Disney movie, book, actions)

Other ideas for birthday celebration items that are non-food: Inexpensive toys, pencils, erasers, bookmarks, seeds/pot for planting, crazy straws, temporary tattoos, key chains, glitter, bubbles, or gliders, just to name a few!

## Music Notes

**Mrs. Rodriguez**

We are wrapping up our year in music. The 6th grade is rehearsing for our 6th grade program on Monday, May 21st. It is based off a book called Wherever You Go by Pat Zietlow Miller. This is a nice farewell for the 6th graders as they embark on a new journey to middle school.

Grades 3-5 have been working on recorder songs. I am so incredibly proud of their progress this year. It is encouraging to see so many students take their recorders home to practice. Their growth is quite evident.

Grade 2 began learning a new rhythm, 4 sixteenth notes. We call this rhythm tika-tika. Some classes in Second grade starting singing in a 2-part round. This is when one group begins a song while a second group begins the song a little after the first group. Lastly, second graders have been showing 4-beat meter with the bodies while singing. This is music that has 4 beats in a measure.

Grade 1 is really growing musically. We learned how to read quarter notes and eighth notes in music, which we call ta and ti-ti. We also can identify and show high and low sounds with our voices. Currently, we call our high sound "so" and our low sound "mi," which comes from the system of reading music called solfege. It allows for musicians to mentally hear the relationship of pitches without needing to know the exact note name. All grade levels learn solfege, and each year we build more notes into our skill set.

### Performances:

Mini Minstrels and Troubadours have their last performance on Wednesday, May 9th at 6PM.

\*\*\* We will also have a day performance for the school during the week of May, 7th-11th.

6th Grade Program is Monday, May 21st during the school day, exact time TBD.



# Technology

**Juliann Brant MEd**

Hello Normandy Families,

We wrap up state testing this week and move into our final district assessment next week. Please encourage your student(s) to try their best on these last two assessments. One of the reasons we really like the district MAP tests is the immediate feedback we get from the test data. Teachers can quickly see where student's strengths are and also put support in place, as needed.

The end of the year in the library is quickly approaching. The district decides our final due date and has made that May 10th this year. All library books are due on this day so we can retrieve everything, complete the needed inventory and prepare to receive textbooks soon after. Help your students get all library returned by the 10th.

The other large end of year project happening in the library is getting our new iPads and Chromebooks set up for classrooms. Kindergarten and first grade will each have a set of iPads to keep in their classroom. Second through sixth grade will continue to use Chromebooks and each of these classrooms will have a couple new laptops that can be used as print devices, or as needed. Our students' technology skills greatly improved this year. You can support their tech use by encouraging them to create and write in Google Apps during the summer. Their @jeffcoschools.us domain is a Google account and will work anywhere.

## *Artistic Endeavors*

*Mr. Keith McConnell*

The following information explains current lessons at each grade level.

First grade: Printmaking!! First grade is learning about the various types of printmaking and the process a printmaker goes through. They are doing a simple version with sponges and animal stencils.

Second grade: They are in the beginning stages of a collage landscape inspired by the Austrian artist Friedensreich Hundertwasser.

Third Grade: Third grade are doing weaving on clay looms inspired by Native Americans.

Fourth grade: They are using a monochromatic color scheme, and making tints, shades, and tones of a color in an animal painting.

Fifth Grade: Fifth grade is currently studying why artists use one point perspective and are using this concept to create a composition in one point perspective using their name.

Sixth grade: Sixth graders analyzed narrative paintings using VTS (Visual Thinking Strategies) and developed a narrative accordion book based on a current or future event in their life.

*A special congratulations goes out to Tyler Sternberg. Tyler is in fourth grade and recently had a painting in the Annual Red Rocks Show. Tyler's painting was selected for the School Purchase Award so her art will be framed and become a permanent piece at Normandy Elementary!*

# Box Tops Contest Winners...

Congratulations to Mrs. Doherty's class! They were the winners of our Box Tops Spring contest with over 500 Box Tops collected. Awesome job! Mrs. Tipton's class came in 2nd place and Mrs. Allen's class 3rd place. Almost 6000 total Box Tops were collected which means \$600 for our library to replace old books and purchase new books and materials. And keep collecting them all summer... we will have another contest in the fall. Great job everyone and thank you for your support of Normandy and the Box Tops program!

Many thanks to our generous Silent Auction Sponsors:



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**Save the Date!**

**Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**



# 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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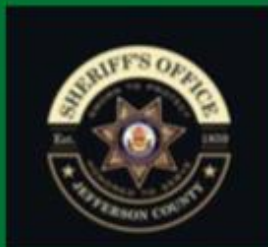
# JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## PARENT TECHNOLOGY SAFETY NIGHT

WHEN  
**MAY 10, 2018**  
**6:30pm**

WHERE  
**Falcon Bluffs  
Middle School**  
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Questions? Please call 303-271-6766.



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Lessons



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# **Ken Caryl Middle School**

# **OPEN HOUSE**

**FOR  
INCOMING  
6<sup>TH</sup> & 7<sup>TH</sup>  
GRADERS  
& THEIR  
FAMILIES**



**Thursday, May 3, 3:00-6:00 p.m.**

- School Tours
- Meet the Principal and Assistant Principals
- Core Teacher and Counselor Presentations
- Visit with Exploratory and Elective Teachers
- Practice Opening a Locker
- Information about our 1:1 Chromebook Initiative



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# Ken Caryl Middle School SPARTAN SUMMIT

## TO REGISTER

**AUGUST 1 & 2**

**Morning, 8:15 - 11:15 a.m.**

**(8:00 a.m. check-in)**

<https://bit.ly/2Hv6T7L>

**OR**

**AUGUST 1 & 2**

**Afternoon, 12:15-3:15 p.m.**

**(12:00 p.m. check-in)**

<https://bit.ly/2qvC2jx>

**(limited space at each session)**

A two-day experience where students will get the opportunity to learn about Ken Caryl Middle School before the school year begins. The transition from elementary to middle school is an exciting, yet overwhelming experience for students and parents. Ken Caryl Middle School wants to support your student with this new transition. Through this two day Spartan Summit, students will get the opportunity to learn about Ken Caryl Middle School before the school year begins! This program is designed to support a positive transition by providing strategies for student success in middle school.

Spartan Summit offers fun and interactive sessions for students to learn about the middle school experience and take away some of the stress and anxiety of the first day of school.

**This program is strongly recommended for our incoming sixth- and seventh-graders!**

## PAYMENT

**\$50 per student**

**Due by Wednesday, May 16**

**Login to JeffcoConnect**

<https://bit.ly/2qwzHon>

From menu on left, click *Jeffco Student Fee Payment*. For payment, select *Spartan Summit Registration*.

## Spartan Summit Activities are...

designed to help students familiarize themselves with Ken Caryl and the middle school experience. At the Spartan Summit, students will:

- Meet classmates and make **new friends**
- Participate in fun **team-building** activities
- Get to know the layout of the **school**
- Be the first to get your **schedule**
- Practice opening your **locker**
- Find your **classrooms**
- Have **fun!**

### For questions contact:

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Main Office  
303-982-4710