

# Knightly News



Normandy Elementary

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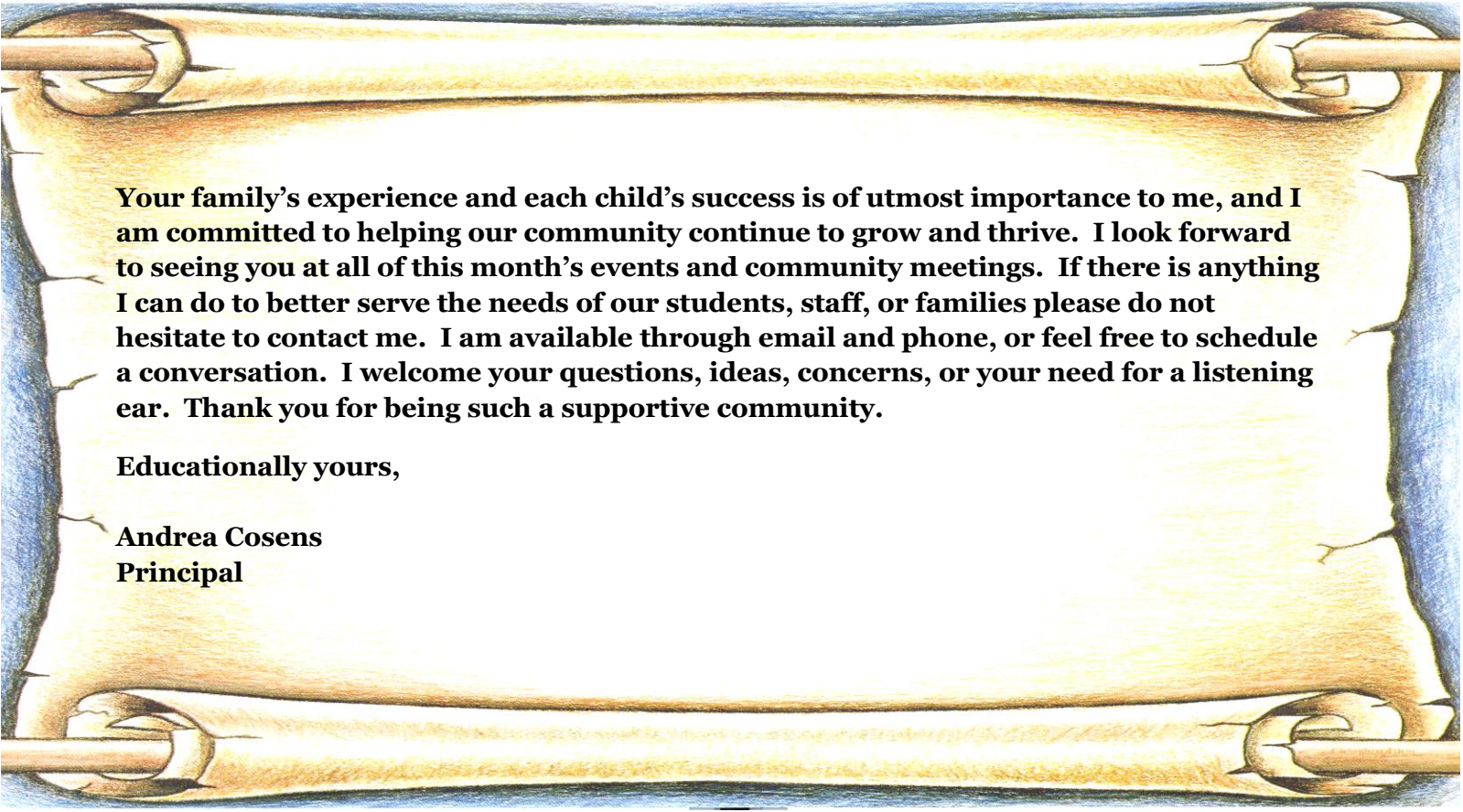
**Dear Normandy Families,**

**It is hard to believe that October arrived today. These past few weeks have flown by! , We have many activities planned for our students and families during the month of October, and I want to highlight a few as they are approaching quickly.**

- **Bike or Walk to School Day is on Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please meet at the Authentic Life Church parking lot and be ready to ride or walk to Normandy at 8:15am. Don't forget to visit the table out front to enter your name in a drawing.**
- **Mark October 3 on your calendar – it's October Count! The most important action you can take to support school funding is to make sure your student attends school that day. Much of public education funding from the State of Colorado is based on student count, and the official student count day this year is October 3<sup>rd</sup>.**
- **Our first 5K Run/Walk is on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. For more information about the race and registration, please visit this [site](#). We will meet you at the starting line at 10:00AM!**
- **Parent Teacher Conferences are on October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Families will have the opportunity to select conference times that work best with their schedules using SignUp Genius. Teachers will send a SignUp Genius on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> before 4:00PM. Our Art, Music, and PE team will be available both nights to visit with families, as well. Please feel free to stop by and chat with our AMP team on either evening.**

**Last spring our 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) state assessments, and we have exciting news to share. Not only did the overall percentage of students who met or exceeded state expectations increase in English Language Arts, Math, and Science, our overall rate of growth increased too! Normandy's growth report reflects a year's worth of growth or more in English Language Arts and Math. Each of our subgroups (ie – individual grade levels/males/females/English Language Learners/etc.) also observed a year's worth of growth or more for these two content areas. Last, Normandy students exceeded the district and state averages for achievement and growth. Way to go Normandy Knights! We are very proud of you!**





**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. I look forward to seeing you at all of this month's events and community meetings. 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**

***Congratulations to our August/ September  
Knights of the Round Table!***

**Kindergarten:** Skylar Cramm, Faith Tapsfield, Timmy Augros, and Gates Proto.

**First Grade:** Benji Porter, Kaden Valenzuela, Ellie Huntington, Carter Fichter, Eloise Holub, Ryder Skarda, Regan Smith, Marijka Zoetewey, Cruz Low, Tate Sternberg and Weston Mosier.

**Second Grade:** Ashton Aukland, Ella Cline, Eva Zimmerman, Aiden Austad, Liam Bang, Carson Boll, Mateo Lobato and Grace Chavez.

**Third Grade:** Maya Augros, Isabel Coughran, Ava Kyle, Grant Snyder, Sean Jerger, Ellie Hughes, Isabel Coughran and Emma Sunde.

**Fourth Grade:** Shelby Hancock, Jace Adcock, Maddon Smith, Lily Ramsey, Nate Parsons, Kinley Barnett, Avry Aukland, Timmy Vu, Lane Hansen and Camden Nichols.

**Fifth Grade:** Lydia Housand, Samantha Jerger, Ashlyn Hale, Wesley Miller, Isabel Grange, Sara Bost, Henrik Swartz, Nicholas Maxwell, Leah McGilchrist, Gavin Estey, Brayden Barrett, Tyler Sternberg and Gregory Legoh.

**Sixth Grade:** Zaiden Burrell, Jace Hansen, Tilly Keydel, Teresa Reekie, Mya deGunst, Kaden Crow, Mason Fennelly, Emerson Santaniello

# From our LAMP Team

## Physical Education

**Ms. Patterson**

Hard to believe that we have been in school for 6 weeks! A lot has happened in a short amount of time, including Field Day! Thank you to everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to support your students in a day of fun and friendly competition. A big thank you to all of the volunteers from Ken Caryl Middle School. It's always good to see former students and watch them excel in those leadership roles. The day wouldn't run smoothly without their help.

The first Pacer test has been completed for grades 4-6. This is one way to measure the students' aerobic capacity. Aerobic activity is a component of physical fitness that is important to Elementary School students. Students should accumulate 60 min of age appropriate physical activity each day.

The older grades are enjoying the nice weather and practicing their eye-hand coordination while "Stuck in the Mud."

The younger grades have been learning about spatial awareness (where they are in relation to other students), and self-control of their bodies. Sometimes, this is a hard lesson learned with a few bumps and bruises!

Feel free to stop by at conference time with any questions or concerns about your students' performance or behavior in P.E.

## Music Notes

**Mr. Barrera**

Hello from the Music Room! I have had such a wonderful time getting to know all of my new students and getting to share with them my love for music. The upper grades are working on some very difficult pieces with layered ostinatos and complex melodies. We sing these parts and play them on the barred instruments. The upper grades are also working on composing rhythms and performing them in interesting ways.

The Lower grades are learning about basic music elements such as high/low, Slow/fast all the while learning the names of these basic musical concepts. There is a lot of singing, movement and playing of instruments in the classroom. I am also very excited that Kindergarten is having specials this year. I have taught kindergarten before in my previous position in Englewood, and it is always wonderful to see students grow from such an early age. I am very happy to be at Normandy and I want to thank the staff, students and the community for being so welcoming and supportive.

We have the Troubadours/ Mini Minstrels concert coming up on November 29th with a selection of a few Holiday, nature and fun songs that we are very excited to perform for our community.

Thank you!

# Technology

**Mrs. Schiff**

Welcome back! I am excited to be in the library as the new Digital Teacher Librarian, and I am thrilled to be able to see all students. The Normandy library has had some changes to be aware of the 2018-2019 school year. Please feel free to stop by to visit or say hello. You may email me at [Kathy.Schiff@jeffco.k12.co.us](mailto:Kathy.Schiff@jeffco.k12.co.us).

Just a few reminders...

Kindergarten and first grade students may check out one book at a time, and grades 2nd through 6th may check out two books. Please remind your younger students which day is their library day so they can remember to return books to check out a new one.

We have a new library system this year. Parent volunteers are needed to support checkout with students until they become familiar with the new system. Often, I am called to help with technology issues, attend meetings, or I am teaching with classes during open checkout times. In order for students to be able to check books out, your help is essential. Checkout is not available for students unless an adult is able to assist in the library. The library is open 9:00-3:15. Volunteers who have time to help with student check out and shelving books are welcome. Please feel free to sign up to help using the link below if you love the library as much as I do! Thank you for your support and I am looking forward to a wonderful year.

[Library Volunteers](#)

# Artistic Endeavors

**Mr. McConnell**

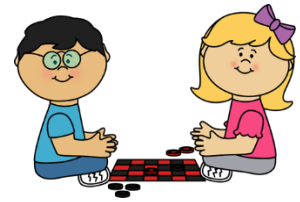
As you may already know, a fundraiser for art through Original Works will begin on October 8th. There will be posters promoting the fundraiser hanging inside the front entrance and office as well as product samples to look at. As the fundraiser progresses you will receive updates. I have done this fundraiser in the past and parents and students were very happy with the results! I also wanted to update you on what each grade level is working on in art:

- Kindergarten is learning about line types and line direction while incorporating primary and secondary colors.
- First grade is focusing on how artists tell stories through their art.
- Second grade first trimester looks at overlapping using geometric and organic shapes.
- The third graders are learning about color schemes and their relation to emotions and ideas.
- The first trimester for fourth grade looks at the concept of abstract art in the two and three dimensional realms.
- Fifth grade is learning about the elements that go into making a good composition.
- Sixth grade is currently working on a self-portrait that includes an animal that relates to them metaphorically.



## **Social Emotional Learning**

### **Ms. Steinberg, Social Worker**



Hello Normandy Families,

Our students are starting up Second Step lessons again, and I am so impressed with all the skills they remember from last year. Remember to check Seesaw for Home Links, pictures, and even videos from our lessons!

Thanks to generous gifts from past Normandy 6<sup>th</sup> Graders, we have two new Buddy Benches on our playground! Our students participated in a quick “ribbon cutting” ceremony and talked about how to use our benches. I’ve listed some of the things we talked about below. Check them out next time you visit!

Andrea Steinberg  
School Social Worker



**Welcome to**  
**our**  
**Buddy Bench!**



If you need a  
buddy, sit on  
the bench!

If you see  
someone sitting  
on the bench,  
invite them to  
play with you!

### Guidelines for using our Buddy Benches:

#### **When you sit on the Buddy Bench**

- Before you sit on the Buddy Bench, think of something you would like to do. Ask someone else to play with you.
- The bench isn't for socializing. Only sit there if you can't find anyone to play with.
- While you're sitting on the bench, look around for a game you can join.
- If you see something you want to do, or a friend you want to talk to, get off the bench!
- If you're sitting on the bench, play with the first classmate who invites you.
- Keep playing with your new friends!

#### **When you see someone sitting on the Buddy Bench**

- Start by saying hello. If you don't know the person, introduce yourself.
- Make conversation. *What's up? How are you? I like your shoes.*
- Ask them to play with you or suggest an activity you can do together.
- Don't make it the last time you hang out. Keep playing with your new friend!





Field Day 2018





Normandy Elementary was pleased to host author Keir Graff for a special presentation on his new book, The Phantom Tower. Students and teachers alike enjoyed his lively performance. Normandy has two copies of the book in the library for our students to check out. Mr. Graff is also the author of The Matchstick Castle as well as some books for adult readers.

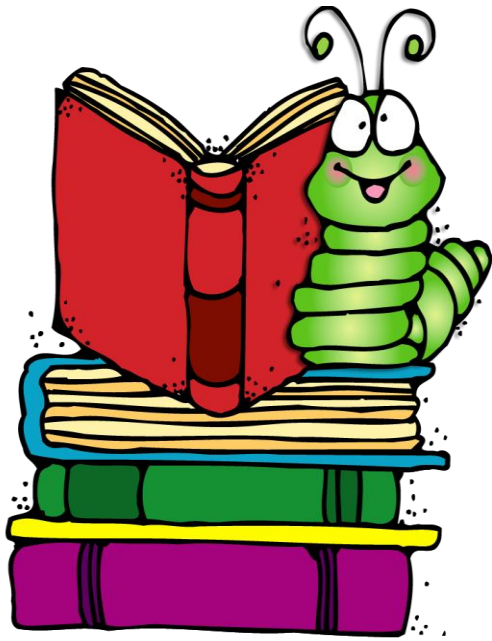
## Information and Reminders



**SAT., OCTOBER 13TH  
10AM - 1PM  
AT THE SCHOOL**

**INVITE FAMILY, FRIENDS &  
COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

**[REGISTER NOW!](#)**



# The Book Fair is Coming!

## October 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>

Hours:

Monday: 12:00-3:00

Tuesday: 9:00-7:00

Wednesday: 9:00-7:00

Thursday: 9:00-3:00

Friday: 9:00-12:00

Watch for an opportunity to pre-order the newest  
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Meltdown

### Hearing / Vision Screeners Wanted!!

We're looking for people who enjoy working with children of all ages and who want to help them do their very best in school. You will be visiting a new school most days, helping the district Nurses and Health Room aides to screen Jeffco students for any vision or hearing issues. All student information must be kept confidential.

North area, Sept.-Dec.

Hours: 7:30am -2:30pm (this includes driving time – work time is 6 hours per day).

Monday – Thursday – some Fridays

Approx. \$10 per hour **PLUS** mileage to and from school sites.

If this sounds like a great fit then please apply on Teacher

Match! <https://platform.teachermatch.org>

Job ID# 50317





Please  
post

JEFFCO SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

# COSTUME SHOP

Open: Mondays 1:00-5:00  
Thursdays 1:00-5:00

In west lot of 809 Quail, Bldg 1  
Lakewood, 80215  
303-982-2292

Like a Costume Library:  
Check out and Return



## BIKE OR WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Normandy Elementary

Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:15am

\* Celebrate Bike or Walk to School Day

\* Be entered in to WIN prizes if you walk/ bike to school that morning!

\* Be sure to follow walking and biking traffic rules- SAFETY FIRST

\* Have Fun and Be Healthy!

\* A group of parents and students will walk/ bike to school starting at 8:15 from the Authentic Life Church parking lot. (Formerly known as the Church of All Nations)

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!

## 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.**

## Upcoming Events

### [Normandy Family Calendar Link](#)

Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> – Bike/Walk to School Day

Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> – Student Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Official October Count Day

Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> – Playground Meeting, 5:30PM in the Library

Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip to the Museum of Nature and Science

Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> – Spirit Week

Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> – Skate City Night

Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> – K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Author Visit, Molly Idle

Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> – Partners In Education Meeting, 6:00PM in the Library

Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> – Fall Break/No School

Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> – Normandy Family 5K

Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> – Book Fair Week

Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> – Parent Teacher Conferences, 3:00-7:00PM

Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> – Parent Teacher Conferences, 3:00-7:00PM

Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> – Picture Retakes



# Attachments

## 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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Name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

# LET'S CELEBRATE Creativity!

Hello Family!

We have teamed up with Original Works to offer a very special program. In the next few weeks, your child will be creating their own unique artwork for this project. You will then have the opportunity to order a variety of high quality, professionally produced products featuring your child's masterpiece.



## SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD. SUPPORTING YOUR SCHOOL.

In addition to supporting your child's creativity, profits earned through each purchase will support educational initiatives at our school.

Look for more information coming home soon!





# 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.