

# Knightly News



Normandy Elementary

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**Dear Normandy Families,**

**November is a time when we focus on all of the things for which we are grateful. I am grateful for our community and the time we get to spend together, and I hope to see many of you at our upcoming Family Amazing Race this Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM. This month, I am also thankful for the time and effort our staff spent updating Normandy's Mission and Vision statement. It is the standard we have held ourselves to this year and we are excited to share it with you. We believe:**

**At Normandy Elementary  
we grow our minds and hearts,  
expand our knowledge and skills,  
and help one another thrive in our community.**

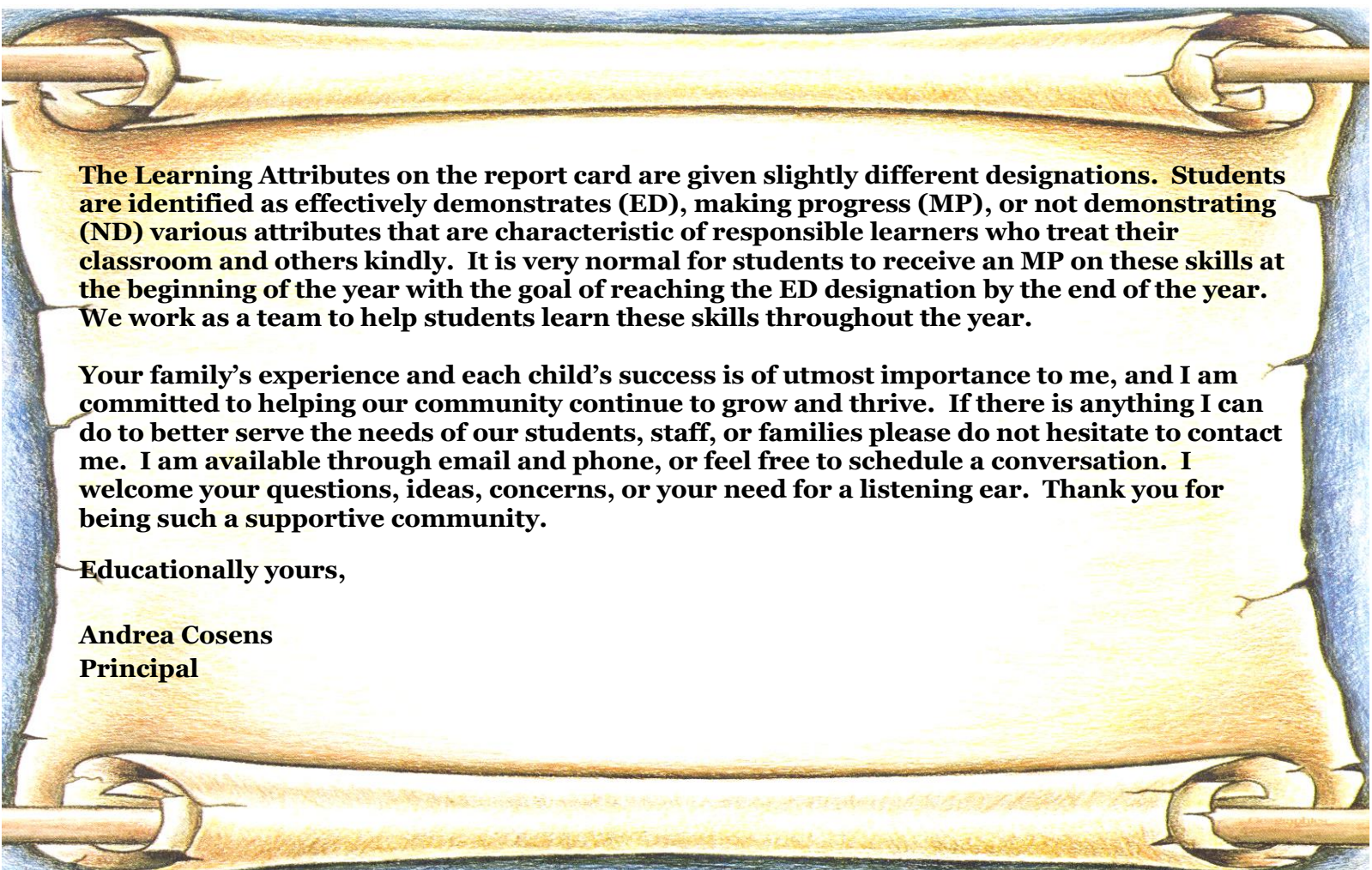
**Our Core Knowledge curriculum, rigorous literacy & math instruction, differentiated learning experiences, & school-wide arts, physical education, and social emotional learning positively impact the development of the whole child.**

**This is the most exciting work we have done together, by far. Please join us as we begin to infuse these statements into all we do at Normandy!**

**November also hosts the end of our first trimester. The learning has been phenomenal! As we prepare to send home report cards, we want to share how they communicate student progress. Report cards are a snapshot of how students are progressing toward the end of year expectations based on their work during each trimester. To share progress, we use the following scale:**

- 4 – The student consistently exceeds grade-level standards and expectations. He or she is consistently working on content beyond the trimester and/or end of year expectations.**
- 3 – The student consistently meets grade-level standards and expectations. He or she is on grade level at this time during the year.**
- 2 – The student is approaching or working toward grade-level standards and expectations. He or she does not consistently demonstrate this learning and may need a little extra help, at home and school, to meet the end of the year expectations.**
- 1 – The student has made little to no progress toward demonstrating grade-level standards and expectations. He or she is receiving significant support with this skill.**
- IN – The student's work is incomplete or insufficient and the student is unable to demonstrate progress toward grade-level academic standards and expectations.**





**The Learning Attributes on the report card are given slightly different designations. Students are identified as effectively demonstrates (ED), making progress (MP), or not demonstrating (ND) various attributes that are characteristic of responsible learners who treat their classroom and others kindly. It is very normal for students to receive an MP on these skills at the beginning of the year with the goal of reaching the ED designation by the end of the year. We work as a team to help students learn these skills throughout the year.**

**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. 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 October  
Knights of the Round Table!***

**Kindergarten:** Nikoletta Athanasopoulos, Maddox Weiner, Hana Dizon, Josh Seehafer, Piper Crawley and Breanna French.

**First Grade:** Drew Hughes, Keyra Hadi, Teagan Garcia, Isabella Rissmiller, Trey Houkal, Jordan Bates, Rocco DeMattee, Jarijka Zoetewey, Elliot Grange, Franklin Garver, Dex Worland and Charlotte Hale.

**Second Grade:** Reeselyn Robertson, Cruz Moret, Sam Edmondson, Carter Welsh, Zoe Whitmore, Cruz Moret, Rudy Hei, Louis Heimback, and Brianna Jones.

**Third Grade:** Sam Klein, Hadrian Hoyt, Diego Del Duca, Arika Adhikari, Caroline Leavitt, Tyce Harvey and Hadley Crawley.

**Fourth Grade:** Lily Lawrence, Caleb Tapsfield, Jordan Makowski, Kaia Low, Avery Hepting, Alex Porter, Emerson Sudar, Isaac Heimback, Donny Settle, Riley Herman and Davis Truax.

**Fifth Grade:** Daniel Yanett, Anna MacMillan, Brenna Boska, Isabel Grange, Sam Yager, Carson Cash, Caleb Hayes, Keely Mossberger, Izzie Dietzler, Sara Schott and Josie Latona.

**Sixth Grade:** John Swanson, Emory Crawley, Ayden Lawson, Kaden Crow, Chloe Hepting, Hannah Spruce, Anna Hassell, James Basinger, Tristan Garcia and Emerson Santaniello.

# From our LAMP Team

## Physical Education

**Ms. Kristy Patterson**

Hard to believe it's November already! Thank you for supporting our Healthy Schools initiative....as I walked around the Halloween parties yesterday, it was so nice to see all of the fresh fruit, veggie trays, water bottles, and of course, the creative not so healthy treats, as well. Who doesn't love a milk chocolate rat?? Everything in moderation. Our kids will benefit in the long run from learning that healthy food can be just as fun as the sugary stuff.

This past month, students have been learning some fun team building, invasion games. The emphasis being on differentiating between the role of offensive players vs. defensive players and why each is important. These activities bring out each students' natural position that goes along with their personalities. Some students love the offensive role of invading the other teams' territory while other students prefer to stay in their own territory and protect it.

This lesson continues as we move into games/sports that are more traditional, like hockey. Hockey not only allows us to develop our skills that we can apply towards a broad range of games but it encourages us to transfer those offensive and defensive roles in a different set up, along with practicing our passing and dribbling with a long handled stick.

I haven't allowed the younger grades to experiment with hockey sticks yet, but they will get their chance later in the year.

## *Artistic Endeavors*

*Mr. Keith McConnell*

The students created great work for the Original Works fundraiser. On November 7th the artwork and orders will be sent to Original Works and the products are scheduled to return to Normandy on December 6th.

As the first trimester comes to a close, below is a quick update for each grade in the art room:

Kindergarten will create artwork focusing on shapes using a variety of mediums.

First grade is ending the trimester on storytelling before learning about sequence and patterns in art.

Second grade will end the first trimester with a still life and begin the second trimester creating portraits.

The third graders will finish the first trimester with a triptych painting using color groups and then begin the second trimester with the theme of public art and its importance to a community.

Fourth grade will end the trimester with a 3D abstract sculpture before turning their attention to landscapes.

Fifth grade is learning about the elements that go into making a good composition and will end the trimester with a 3D sculpture that incorporates elements of composition.

Sixth grade is finishing up their amazing metaphorical animal self-portraits and will continue the theme of symbolism in art with a clay memory box.

## Music Notes

Mr. Zachary Barrera

Hello from the Music Room. In the second trimester I have decided to focus more on composing music with all grades. This will look very different from grade to grade but I hope that I will give the students a valuable opportunity to create their own music, as they may not get the chance again beyond elementary school. The Troubadours and Mini Minstrels concert will be on Thursday November 29th so come one come all! We will have some holiday music but mostly music focused on the beauty of nature. Thank you all for your continued support of the arts here at Normandy.

## Technology

Mrs. Kathy Schiff

Many, many thanks to several wonderful parents who have helped much in the library. From shelving books, to creating volunteer sign ups the library would not run well without your needed support. A special thank you to Carey Wirtzfeld and Julie Mollerstuen for your daily help with running the library. I so appreciate all your help & feedback. THANK YOU!

The Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success! A huge shout out and thank you to our many parent volunteers who helped with planning, set up, take down, and cashiering during the book fair. Things went so well thanks to your help! Thank you so much for bringing in your students to look at the many amazing book choices we had. We are adding many new book titles to the library from picture books to new fiction chapter books.

Thank you also to those who tirelessly save Box tops. This funding also enables us to order more books and items needed in the library.

In technology, we want our students to be able to navigate the Chromebooks well. Getting students familiar with many forms of technology from Chromebooks to iPads to laptops supports their learning in a 21st century learning environment. Our kindergarteners-2nd grade have been busy creating slides in Google Slides. Ask your child what they have been working on during "Tech Time" and they can also show you their work by logging into their Google account.



**January 2019**

**...to a school near you!**

**(Yes, Normandy!)**

To reward students for wearing their ARMOR to school each day, we are opening a school store.

Before the grand opening, we plan to visit Powderhorn Elementary to learn about the ins and outs of opening and maintaining a store. If you are interested in assisting with this endeavor, please contact Andrea Steinberg.





## Social Emotional Learning

Ms. Steinberg, Social Worker



Dear Normandy Families,

Our classrooms have been practicing our skills for learning this month! Many classes have made it through our first unit and rehearsed skills that help our community be a great environment for learning. Check them out below! Next, we will be talking about empathy and managing strong emotions. Remember to check Seesaw so you can talk to your student(s) about what they are working on at school!

With the holidays quickly approaching, remember to take time to care for yourselves. There are great websites that can help you just take a minute or two (like <https://my.headspace.com/>) or simple ideas in this article: <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/joyful-parenting/201708/25-simple-self-care-tools-parents>. If you are in need of **any resources** this holiday season, please don't hesitate to send me an email or call!



Children's author, Molly Idle, paid our Normandy Knights a visit on October 11<sup>th</sup>. She is the renowned author of Flora and the Flamingo, a Caldecott Honor Award winner, and most recently, Pearl. Our Kindergarten – Third Grade classrooms greatly enjoyed her spirited dialogue!

She has also written and illustrated several other stories featuring Flora as the main character as well as a series of stories about Rex the dinosaur.

# Band and Orchestra

Mr. Eric Whaylen

Hello band and orchestra guardians! Our fall concert is just around the corner! Both band and orchestra will have a concert on November 13th at Columbine High School in the gym.

## Concert schedule:

- Band students arrive at 5:00pm in the back of the gym (behind curtain) – Leave cases and coats in the back of the gym. Bring you instrument, stand, and music to the front of the gym. Our concert begins at 5:30pm.
  - Advanced Students: leave instruments and music to the side of the gym and sit in the reserved student section. Remember to be a good and attentive audience member.
  - After beginner band performs, the groups will switch.
- Orchestra students arrive at 6:30pm in the back of the gym (behind curtain) – Leave cases and coats in back of gym, Bring instrument, stand, and music to the front of the gym. Concert begins at 7:00pm.
  - String tuning at 6:45pm.
  - Advanced Students leave instruments and music to the side of the gym and sit in reserved student section. Remember to be a good and attentive audience member.
  - After beginner orchestra performs, the groups will switch.

## Item checklist for concert:

\_\_Instrument / Music \_\_Music stand \_\_Band/Orchestra t-shirt and black pants/skirt(or black shirt if you don't have one).

Extra rehearsal: On Wednesday November 7th, 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:

- 4:00–4:45pm/Beginning Band
- 4:45–5:30pm/Beginning Orchestra
- 5:30–6:15pm/Advanced Band
- 6:15–7:00pm/Advanced Orchestra

I've posted links to recordings of the Advanced Band/Orchestra repertoire at [www.columbineareamusic.us](http://www.columbineareamusic.us) to help aid your students in their practice endeavors.

## KISS 'N GO REMINDERS

- **The speed limit is 20 MPH during pick-up & drop-off.**
- **All students should be dropped off & picked up at the front of the school; including our 6<sup>th</sup> graders.**
- **Avoid texting & talking on your phone.**
- **Please continue to pull forward in the Kiss 'N Go Lane.**
- **From Plymouth & Kendall, to the bend in the Kiss N' Go near the baseball field, is a NO PARKING ZONE. This includes double parking to pick up your student.**
- **Always use the crosswalk.**
- **No U-turns anywhere along Kendall in the school zone.**

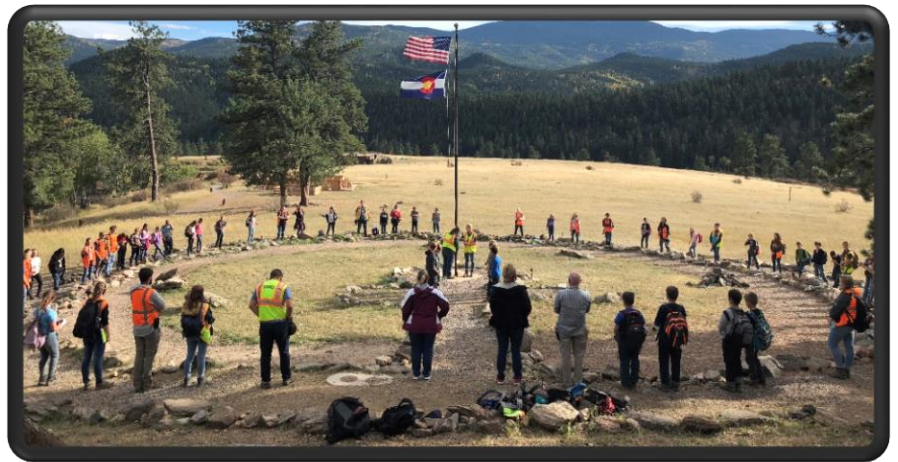




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# Upcoming Events

## [Normandy Family Calendar Link](#)

November 5 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	Box Tops Contest
Tuesday, November 6 <sup>th</sup>	Student Council Meeting at 3:30
Thursday, November 8 <sup>th</sup>	End of First Trimester Ancient Egypt Day 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade PIE Meeting at 6:00 pm
Friday, November 9 <sup>th</sup>	Family Amazing Race Challenge at 6:00 pm
Tuesday, November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Band and Orchestra Concert; Bad Daddy's Spirit Night – visit any time
Thursday, November 15 <sup>th</sup>	KCMS Spartan Interest Night at 5:30 pm PTO Meeting at 6:00 pm
Friday, November 16 <sup>th</sup>	Report Cards go home
November 19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thanksgiving Break; no school
Tuesday, November 27 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten Information Night



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!



# 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): \_\_\_\_\_

# 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.



You're invited to join the  
Normandy Elementary PTO

# FAMILY AMAZING RACE NIGHT



Friday, November 9th 6 to 8 pm

## Join us for a fun community night.

Your family will travel through the school competing against other families while playing games and completing fun challenges. Challenges will be appropriate for all ages and will be physical, mental and fun! Feel free to dress as a team

### **A suggested donation of \$10 per team.**

For those experiencing financial hardships, please give whatever you're able.

Reserve your spot by Monday, November 5th

### **REGISTER TODAY!**

Please detach the form, complete the information and return to the Normandy Elementary office.



**WE WOULD LIKE TO COMPETE!**

Main Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People on Your Team: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I'm enclosing my donation

☐ I'd like to pay via credit card the night of the event



# November

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Thursday 11/1:** Playground Committee Meeting 5:30pm in the library
- **Mon 11/5-Fri 11/16:** Box Top Contest
- **Friday 11/9:** Family Amazing Race Night 6-8pm
- **Thursday 11/15:** PTO Meeting 6-7pm in library  
Child care provided



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Pancake breakfast,  
a winter craft,  
and a visit with Santa



### FALL BOX TOPS COLLECTION CONTEST

It's time for Normandy's Fall BOX TOPS collection contest! Turn in your BOX TOPS to your teacher or the bin outside the front office from **November 5th - 16th**. Please be sure to write your teacher's name on your baggie or envelope. The classroom that collects the most will win a party of their choice! Every BOX TOP earns \$0.10 for our PTO. Expired BOX TOPS and Campbell's Soup Labels are not accepted.



### FAMILY CONTRIBUTION

Our community has donated \$4,587 in family contribution. The winners of the \$25 Amazon gift card are Jason & Brynn Roberts. Thank you to everyone who has donated!



### SCHOOLWIDE ART PROJECT

This year's collaborative student art project will be a plastic bottle cap mural. Please save all of your plastic bottle caps (soda, sport drinks, water bottles, snack containers, etc.) and send them to school with your student. The class that collects the most will get to choose the design of the mural!



# **Ken Caryl Middle School**

## **SPARTAN INTEREST NIGHT**

**ARE YOU  
INTERESTED IN  
JOINING OUR  
KCMS FAMILY?  
COME CHECK-OUT  
OUR SCHOOL!**



**Thursday, November 15, 5:30-7:00 p.m.**

- **Meet our Administration Team**
- **Get to Know our Amazing Teachers**
- **Learn about how our School Supports the Whole Child**
- **Experience our Exploratory and Elective Programming**
- **Information about our Learning Environment**



**Ken Caryl Middle School  
6509 W. Ken Caryl Ave.  
Littleton, 80128**

**303-982-4710  
[kencaryl.jeffcopublicschools.org](http://kencaryl.jeffcopublicschools.org)**



## Food For Thought BakPak Program

Beginning **Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup>** (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 financially and may need support to provide adequate food for their children on weekends. The weekend bags consist of food for 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 at the end of the school day each Friday.

**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. Steinberg, Ms. Windle, 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 Ms. Steinberg at 303-982-4766 or email her at [andrea.steinberg@jeffco.k12.co.us](mailto:andrea.steinberg@jeffco.k12.co.us).

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes, I would like my child (children) to participate in this program.**

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Classroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Classroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Classroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_