



Nordstrom News

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! I hope 2015 has been off to a good start so far for you and your families.

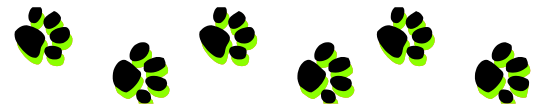
This has certainly been a busy month already with all of the Spell-A-Thon and Spelling Bee activities. Please read the article below for a recap on the Spell-A-Thon/Spelling Bee. A huge thank you to Aryn Harris and Karyn Gallipeo, Spell-A-Thon/Spelling Bee Co-Chairs, for coordinating this successful and academically-challenging event. It was great to see students so motivated to spell their best for a good cause – their school. Congratulations on a job well done ladies and thank you for motivating our children to "bee their best!"

Thank you to all of the Nordstrom families who supported our recent dinner night out fundraiser at Panda Express! It was

definitely a busy night at the restaurant. There was a long line the entire time that I was there. We raised more than \$240! These proceeds will support our 6th Grade Science Camp program. Details for February's dine out fundraiser will be announced soon, so keep your eye out for a flier that will be coming home.

To our 6th Graders who leave for Science Camp in just two weeks ... we hope you have a wonderful and memorable week at camp and truly enjoy this special experience.

Wendy Sullivan



SPELL-A-THON/SPELLING BEE WRAP-UP

It has been amazing to watch the *buzzzzz* around school for the Spell-A-Thon and Spelling Bee. It was nice to see so many students showing their spelling spirit by wearing their headbands, bracelets, and yellow/black attire. Thank you Nordstrom friends and families for supporting our spellers and school through your fundraising efforts. Because of you, Nordstrom received approximately \$19,500 in pledges, and so far we've collected \$18,500! We are hoping that the last bit of pledges will continue to trickle in over the next week. So if you have any outstanding donations, please turn them in as soon as possible.

The Spell-A-Thon/Spelling Bee is a very volunteer-intensive fundraiser that spans over several weeks. This event could not have been successful without the tremendous support from the many volunteers who showed up to help over a span of three days. We truly appreciate all of your help!

Students did a great job during the written Spell-A-Thon, our academic fundraiser, on January 15, and approximately 20 finalists from each grade level earned their way into the Spelling Bee. (A complete list of finalists can be found on page 2.)

Final written Spelling Bees (Kinder - 2nd) and grade-level oral Bees (3rd - 6th) were held on January 21, and they were exciting to watch. It is inspiring to see so much talent. This year, we had 31 kindergartners who qualified for the final written Bee. They all did an amazing job, with the winner eventually spelling a 2nd Grade word. Congratulations Ainsley Andrews! The 1st Grade winner, Soraiya Truong, put up a real challenge going back and forth with her opponent for several rounds. Our 2nd Graders started off strong and quickly advanced to more complex words from a 5th Grade list before Nicholas Unger was named the winner. The 3rd Graders had the largest cheering section this year with over 25 parents who showed up to support their children. Way to go parents! Charlotte Vandebroek took home the 3rd Grade trophy this year after going several heated rounds with three other finalists. Tegan Leong defended her title of grade-level Spelling Bee champion by spelling the word "occupancy," for the 4th Grade title. Fifth Grader, Minh Thy Hoang, took home the 5th Grade trophy by correctly spelling the word "personage." Kylie Sullivan battled it out in some tough rounds to win the 6th Grade Bee with "cumbersome."

The top four to five spellers from the 3rd - 6th Grade oral Spelling Bees moved on to the final phase of the Spelling Bee – a school spell off. These 17 students competed against each other on January 23 to earn the distinction of Nordstrom Elementary's top speller and Spelling Bee Champion. Congratulations to the top three finishers of the Spelling Bee: Kylie Sullivan, Tegan Leong and Minh Thy Hoang. Kylie Sullivan is our top finisher and will move on to the Scripps Regional Bee in February. We are so proud of you Kylie and we know that you will represent Nordstrom Elementary School well.

~ Aryn Harris & Karyn Gallipeo, Spell-A-Thon/Spelling Bee Co-Chairs



Upcoming Events:

Feb. 6	H&SC Mtg. 8 a.m. (MPR)
	6th Gr. Panorama Picture
Feb. 9–13	6th Gr. Science Camp
Feb. 16–20	NO SCHOOL Winter Break
Mar. 6	H&SC Mtg. 8 a.m. (MPR)
Mar. 12 & 13	Theater Performances Times TBD (MPR)

GREAT JOB SPELL-A-THON FINALISTS

Kindergarten (20 to qualify): Scott Alvarez, Ainsley Andrews, Caliana Barberi, Thomas Brown, Kori Brownell, Andrea Castillo, Camila Celis, Mikaela Dang, Sawyer Drago, Samantha Jenkins, Sidney Kleiner, Brooke Ledwith, Alisa Macabantad, Emily Madison, Ian Pagsisihan, Morgan Pemberton, Brady Pfeffer, Nathalie Ramos, Agustin Paredes, Liela Skiver, Ella Smith, Luke Spicer, Daanish Syed, Hareen Toor, Isha Toor, Faith Vo, Layla Wasche, Alana Watters, Spencer Wipf

1st Grade (26+ to qualify): Sophia Bettencourt, Jordan Bouton, Mia Bridle, Abigail Calhoun, Dylan Chan, Kyle Clevenger, Sunny Fernandez, Amelya Forbis, Jayden Ho, Alivia Irvine, Robin Janssen, Emma Jeffrey, Ty Ketchum, Tyler Lang, Haley Le, Rosa Lopez, Elyas Villagrana, Joshua Paulson, Alexis Provençal, Soraiya Truong, Kate Ward, Kelsey Warner, Eric Yang, Zack Zabkar

2nd Grade (26+ to qualify): Nicholas Aramaki, Andrew Atkinson, Julianna Bristol, Benjamin Brown, Adrian Celis, Natalie Cooper, Elizabeth Duong, Camryn Fan, Leila Gallipeo, Lilly Hanson, Bailey Hereford, Sian Holter, Grace Lennon, Jasayla Mariscal, Jovanni Olivarez, Alan Pham, Vincent Pomo, Aadjot Sidhu, Nicholas Tatom, Nicholas Unger, Elise Vandenbroeck

3rd Grade (27+ to qualify): Ryan Bays, Shrish Bulusu, Christian Degnan, Evann Durling, Hayden Haar, Austin Jennings, Dillon Ketchum, Susan Kirchhoff, Benjamin Ledwith, Kevin Magnuson, Elsa McNarney, Parsa Moosavi, Andrew Nguyen, Kennedy Nguyen, Kiera Nguyen, Nava Ogabian, Jessica Poonia, Nolan Randol, Roma Shah, Janet Smith, Jasreen Toor, Nolan Tran, Charlotte Vandenbroeck, Ella Yang, Dennis Zhan, Diba Ziaeian

4th Grade (27+ to qualify): Siena Acord, Aaron Altamirano, Christopher Becerra, Laura Bui, Grace Chan, Amartya Chaube, Alan Chow, Bailey Empleo, Chloe Gallipeo, Samuel Koldewyn, Tegan Leong, Kaitlyn Lorig, Dayshaun Ly, Alexander Nguyen, Nathan Nguyen, Penelope Pagaduan, Charlotte Songmouang-Hunter, Lee Stilwell, Kaelyn Sullivan, Joshua Wei

5th Grade (27+ to qualify): Samantha Aramaki, Ming Lu Chen, Catalina Degnan, Marc DiFrancesco, Christian Grave, Haley Haar, Minh Thy Hoang, Audrey Hogan, Aiden Huang, Frank Lang, Alfred Nguyen, Paige Pagaduan, Abigail Paulson, Alexandria Purtell, Jake Randol, Neil Shah, Sahej Sidhu, Nicholas Tran, Melynda Trinh, Junhong Zhang

6th Grade (22+ to qualify): Anthony Aochi, Nikita Balakumar, Victoria Bettencourt, Christine Chon, Alec DaCunha, Angela De Vega, Samantha Frazer, Katrina Graham, Sierra Heinrich, Shelby Hernstedt, Thien An Hoang, Danielle Hobbs, Mia Katsuyoshi, Quinten Kouwenhoven, Sophia Lehrbaum, Tyler Muhleman, Kylie Nguyen, Preston Nguyen, Manraj Pabla, Kylie Sullivan, Kerscene Tien

CONGRATULATIONS SPELLING BEE FINALISTS & WINNERS

Kindergarten: Ainsley Andrews

1st Grade: Soraiya Truong

2nd Grade: Nicholas Unger

3rd Grade: Ryan Bays, Austin Jennings, Andrew Nguyen

4th Grade: Christopher Becerra, Bailey Empleo, Alexander Nguyen, Penelope Pagaduan

5th Grade: Samantha Aramaki, Marc DiFrancesco, Neil Shah

6th Grade: Nikita Balakumar, Samantha Frazer, Tyler Muhleman

School Winner: Kylie Sullivan

Winner: Charlotte Vandenbroeck

Winner: Tegan Leong

Winner: Minh Thy Hoang

Winner: Kylie Sullivan

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION! THEATER SEASON UNDERWAY

Theater season has officially begun at Nordstrom. The Theater Program has grown steadily over the last few years and this year boasts the largest group yet. Registration and auditions were held last month before the holiday break. This year, 48 4th–6th Grade students will be performing in the main show, Rottenhoods, a satire based on the story of Robinhood, and the Pre-Show will be featuring more than 20 2nd and 3rd Grade performers!

Students have just started after-school rehearsals, which will continue for the next six weeks until show time. Nordstrom's thespians will be performing for fellow students, family and friends on March 12 and 13 (show times will be available in next month's newsletter).

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