



Nordstrom News

Nordstrom Home & School Club • September 2014

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Welcome" to our new Nordstrom families, and "welcome back" to our returning families. I hope your students have adjusted to the new school year and have settled into their daily school routines.

The Home & School Club (H&SC) has a lot of great things planned this year and is already hard at work. Our first event of year -- Family Fun Night -- is next Friday, September 19, from 5 - 8 p.m. Complete details on this fun community-building event can be found in the article below.

Nordstrom has a very active and involved parent community, which is what helps set our school apart, and our H&SC is a very strong parent volunteer organization. We always welcome new members and additional help. H&SC meetings are held on the first Friday of each month at 8 a.m. (after the Lion's Den assembly). We currently have a few vacancies on our Board and are looking for volunteers to head up some committees. The H&SC is still in need of committee chairs (or co-chairs) for two afterschool programs, the Chess Club and Jump Rope Club, and our Spring Auction. The Spring Auction is an important income source for our H&SC budget -- bringing in \$25K

a year -- and helps fund many of our programs. If we cannot find someone to head up this event, then we run the serious risk of not holding the event, which will be a big hit to our budget. If you are interested in any of these positions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at: wendygsullivan@yahoo.com. We hope you will consider stepping up to help.

The "Nordstrom News" is the H&SC's monthly newsletter, which shares important information on all H&SC activities and events. We hope that you take the time to read this newsletter each month so that you are informed on everything that is happening at our school and within the Nordstrom community.

We are looking forward to a great year!

Wendy Sullivan
President, Nordstrom H&SC



JOIN THE FUN AT THE FAMILY FUN NIGHT CARNIVAL

Meet up with old friends and make new ones at Nordstrom's annual Family Fun Night. It's an evening of food, games, prizes, raffles and FUN for the whole family. This year's carnival features a Cake Walk with beautifully decorated cakes, a few new games along with the popular Fish Bowl Toss and Pie Throwing at teachers and the Principal! Make plans to have dinner at the event since we will have three different food trucks providing delicious selections of tasty fare -- there will be something for everyone! Come hungry because we will also be selling popcorn, root beer floats and sweet treats at our Bake Sale.

Pre-order your carnival tickets by Monday, September 15, to use on games, the photo booth, balloon animals, Bake Sale and Cake Walk. By pre-ordering your tickets, you will save time in line and receive bonus tickets. To order, fill out the Family Fun Night form that was sent home this week and return it with payment to take advantage of this great offer! Additional order forms are available in the front office and can be found on the Family Fun Night page of the Nordstrom School website: http://www.nordstrom.mhu.k12.ca.us/family_fun_night.html. Click on the Family Fun Night poster icon to download the form. Hope to see all of you there!

NORDSTROM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Friday * September 19th * 5 - 8 p.m.

FOOD TRUCKS * GAMES * BAKE SALE * RAFFLE * FISH BOWL TOSS

CAKE WALK | PIE THROWING AT TEACHERS | BALLOON ANIMALS
PHOTO BOOTH

ORDERS ARE DUE: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH
Returns your order form to your child's teacher or the front office.

Avoid the lines! Save TIME and \$\$\$! Pre-order CARNIVAL TICKETS
Carnival Tickets can be used on All Games, Cake Walk, Photo Booth, Balloon Animals and Concession Stand (Water, Soda, Popcorn and Root beer Floats only).

TURN IN YOUR BOX TOPS

If you have been clipping and saving up all of your Box Tops over the summer, now is the time to turn them in. Box Tops can be turned in on the Box Tops collection sheet that was sent home last week or loose in plastic baggies, which should include your student's name and teacher. Please make sure that the Box Tops are neatly trimmed and valid. We cannot redeem expired Box Tops.



Upcoming Events:

- Sept. 16 Fall Picture Day
- Sept. 19 Principal's Coffee 6th Gr.—7:50 a.m. (Resource Center)
Family Fun Night 5—8 p.m.
- Sept. 26 Principal's Coffee 1st Gr.—7:50 a.m. (Resource Center)
- Oct. 3 H&SC Mtg. 8 a.m. (MPR)
- Oct. 17 Principal's Coffee 2nd Gr. — 7:50 a.m. (Resource Center)
- Oct. 28 Fall Picture Retakes
- Oct. 31 Pumpkin Run Halloween Parade

NORDSTROM 2014-15 STUDENT DIRECTORY

School directory forms were sent home last week. If you would like to participate and be included in the Nordstrom Directory, please return your form by Friday, September 26. Those intending to order a copy of the Directory must include the \$3 payment with the order form.

SCRIP: FUNDRAISING WHILE YOU SHOP

The Home & School Club will continue the Scrip program this year and we are happy to announce an exciting change to our program – credit cards will now be accepted for Scrip purchases! In the past, only checks and cash could be used to purchase Scrip, but beginning in October, you will be able to use your credit cards for Scrip. We hope this will make it more convenient for families to participate in this fundraising program.

For those not familiar with Scrip, it is a fundraising tool where you can earn money for our school just by using gift cards to pay for your everyday purchases. By buying gift cards at full face value from Nordstrom, which buys them at a reduced cost, our school earns money immediately. We have access to gift cards from hundreds of popular retailers. If you need gift cards for gifts, please buy them from us. Even better, consider using Scrip gift cards in place of cash, checks or credit cards for your everyday shopping. Scrip is **fundraising while you shop**. More information on Scrip, including when you can purchase it, will be coming home in the weeks to come.

SCIENCE CLUB: GLIDERS—FALL 2014

Science Club is an afterschool science program that is sponsored by the H&SC. This Fall, boys and girls in 1st - 3rd Grades will have the opportunity to participate in this fun activity. This session of the Science Club will focus on gliders and will meet on Tuesdays from 2:10 - 3:30 p.m. in the MPR, from October 7 - November 4.

Participants will be using the "Design It and Explore It" curriculum to investigate and design simple paper airplanes that glide through the air and are remarkably elegant fliers. Students are allowed to attend independently with parental permission, but for this program to be a success, we will need parent volunteers to help guide the children. Please consider volunteering, even if it is only for one session. No science background is required.

There is a minimal cost to participate. A \$5 materials fee will be collected at the first session. Science Club registration forms have been sent home in Friday folders and will be accepted on Monday, September 29, at 7:30 a.m. outside of the school's front office. Please do not turn in registration forms to your child's teacher. This was a very popular program last year and space will be limited to the first 50 students.

For further information or questions, please contact Angie Waddington, Science Club Chair, at: (408) 612-8081 or angiewaddington@gmail.com.

SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS FOR THE NORDSTROM YEARBOOK

Do you want to get your pictures in the yearbook? The Nordstrom yearbook staff is giving students and parents the opportunity to submit photos for the yearbook. If you have great photos of school events, such as field trips, class parties or other school functions, or pictures of your student with friends just having fun at school, we would like to see them. Our photographers cannot be everywhere. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific yearbook that everyone will want to have.

To submit photos online:

- Go to: <https://images.schoolannualonline.com/login>
- If you are not automatically logged into the site, enter username: **401853845**
- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the yearbook staff needs additional information
- Click "Save Details"

It is that easy! Submit your photos today! The deadline to submit photos is February 28, 2015.

Please Note: The yearbook staff will review all photos and determine final yearbook content. We cannot guarantee that all submissions will be used in the yearbook.

Follow us Online!

Visit the Nordstrom website at:

www.nordstrom.mhu.k12.ca.us for all information relating to our school and the Home & School Club. Get information on upcoming events and fundraisers, as well as Classroom links to Teacher sites, the school calendar and much more.

The Home & School Club is also on Facebook, so if you are too, become a "friend" and get the latest on the Nordstrom community. You can find us on Facebook at: **www.facebook.com/nordstromhsc**.

eScrip

Have you registered or renewed your Safeway Club Card or other major credit cards with eScrip? These cards must be renewed each year. If you answered yes, then thank you. If your answer was no, it's never too late! Please visit: **www.escrip.com** to register or renew today!

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