



# Nordstrom News

Nordstrom Home & School Club • December 2014

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Season's Greetings! I hope everyone weathered the storm okay these last couple of days. Wow ... We had a great turnout at MOOYAH's this past Wednesday for Nordstrom's monthly dinner night out. Not only did we enjoy delicious burgers, fries and shakes, but it was fun to be in the company of so many Nordstrom families! Nordstrom definitely took over the restaurant. Be sure to join us in the New Year at Panda Express (Cochrane Rd.) on January 14, 2015 for our next dine-out event.

We have finally wrapped up Pumpkin Run 2014 – classes enjoyed their Kona Ice slushy parties before the Thanksgiving break and prizes were awarded to the top fundraising earners at the Lion's Den assembly on December 5. Please read the article below for final thoughts from our Pumpkin Run Chairs and to find out how much we raised. We had fun in Rio and are looking forward to what's in store for next year!

Our Theater Program is off to great start this year with a fantastic turnout at our recent registration. We have just about reached

maximum capacity for the main show and now have a wait list for Pre-Show. Students will go through auditions after school on Tuesday, December 16, and cast lists will be announced on Thursday, December 18. We are looking forward to a wonderful theater season.

Make sure to save the date for our annual Spring Auction, which will be held on Friday, May 8, 2015 at the Gilroy Elks Lodge. This year's theme is, "A Night of Masquerade." If you would like volunteer on the Spring Auction committee, please contact Janet Bouton, Spring Auction Co-Chair, at: [janet\\_bouton@yahoo.co.m](mailto:janet_bouton@yahoo.co.m).

I wish you and yours a beautiful holiday season and happiness in the New Year!

Wendy Sullivan



## PUMPKIN RUN 2014 WRAP-UP

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Pumpkin Run a birdtastic success! We are happy to report that we exceeded our fundraising goal this year, raising over \$36,000 before expenses. The Pumpkin Run would not have been possible without the support of our generous sponsors, including: Ledwith Financial Wealth Management, You Move Me, Arrowhead Water, Velodyne, Johnson Lumber, Gizdich Ranch, Rockin' Jump, Kona Ice, and Home Depot.

It goes without saying that our Nordstrom community is among the best. Many thanks to the following individuals for volunteering their time to make the Pumpkin Run a fun and fantastic event!

Aimee Ledwith, Alison Valone, Nellie Guttromson, Helen Rhee, Andrea Acord, Dana Bruning, Deborah Vick, Elise Andrews, Matt Schulte, Gina Thibault, JeNae Kaiser, Jennifer Allen, Jennifer Roggia, John Verhoeven, Heather Higgins, Julie Read, Katie Paulson, Liana Kishi, Liz Marcheschi, Michelle Randall, Matt Barreras, Michelle Ketchum, Nina Tarr, Shelli Kepler, Stephanie Cetani, Tasha Cooper, Tiffany Woods, Wendy Sullivan, Stephanie Roma, and Cami Tout.

Thank you to the following for providing snacks for the Pumpkin Run: Derek Koen, Shannon Haar, Stephanie Roma, Angie Waddington, Giselle Khanna, Heather Lawler, Helen Holter, Jackie Pacansky-Kleiner, Juel Marceau, Lesa Pfeffer, Liz Soto, Lorna Aochi, Sandra Chan, Sheena Pemberton, Son Tran, and Stephanie Fernandez.

Special thanks to Victor Coakley for lining the Pumpkin Run track; Tiffany Woods for creating our amazing Rio sets; Nellie Guttromson for helping to load and deliver more than 700 pumpkins to Nordstrom; Jennifer Kim for website support; and the H&SC Board for their support of the event.

An extra special thank you to the Nordstrom yard duties for their support of the Extra Apple Recess, Pumpkin Run, and Kona Ice Parties; and to our fantastic Nordstrom custodians, Wes and Alan, for all they did to help with the event.

We would also like to acknowledge Vivian Donn, Tara Gilford, Sheri Giordano, and our fearless leader, Principal Neal, for the endless support they provided for the event. Lastly, we are incredibly grateful to our amazing Nordstrom teachers for motivating their classes to reach their goals and for their support of the Pumpkin Run Chairs. Thank you!!

~ Erin Atkinson, Sharon Winchester & Melissa Wipf, Pumpkin Run Chairs

### Upcoming Events:

Dec. 16	Theater Auditions 2:15 p.m. (MPR)
Dec. 18	Theater Fittings 2:15 p.m. (MPR)
Dec. 22- Jan. 2	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> <i>Holiday Break</i>
Jan. 5	<b>School Resumes</b> Spell-A-Thon/Bee Kick-Off
Jan. 7	5th Gr. Principal's Coffee 7:50 a.m. (Resource Center)
Jan. 9	H&SC Mtg.—8 a.m. (Resource Center) Spell-A-Thon Mid-way Pledge Goal Deadline
Jan. 14	Panda Express Dine- Out Event (Cochrane Rd.)
Jan. 15	Spell-A-Thon & Pledge Forms Due
Jan. 19	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> <i>MLK, Jr. Holiday</i>
Jan. 20	Theater Rehearsals Begin
Jan. 21	Grade-Level Bees
Jan. 23	Final Spelling Bee

## HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE FUNDRAISER EXTENDED

Thank you to all who visited Nordstrom's Holiday Boutique on Saturday. If you couldn't make it, don't worry! Many boutique vendors have graciously extended their fundraising opportunity for another week, so you can still shop for a good cause! If you make a purchase from any of these vendors/businesses by Sunday, December 14, 2015, 15% of your purchase will be donated back to the Nordstrom Home & School Club. So while you're shopping for your loved ones, you'll also be supporting your school.

**Stella & Dot - Leanna Bieganski**, <http://www.stelladot.com/ts/gxu26>  
**Origami Owl - Wendy Sullivan**, [www.charmedliving.origamiowl.com](http://www.charmedliving.origamiowl.com)  
**Scentsy - Elizabeth Burke**, [www.thenoflamecandle.com](http://www.thenoflamecandle.com)  
**Edna Powers Handmade Jewelry**, [edna.powers@worldnet.att.net](mailto:edna.powers@worldnet.att.net)  
**Bottlecap Necklaces - Neeki Gillani**, [Etsy.com/shop/Sneeki](https://www.etsy.com/shop/Sneeki)  
**Jamberry Nails - Marlene Lang**, [marlenelang.jamberrynails.net](http://marlenelang.jamberrynails.net)

For additional details, please visit the Holiday Boutique page on Nordstrom's website at: [www.nordstrom.mhusd.org](http://www.nordstrom.mhusd.org).

## SPELL-A-THON/SPELLING BEE: Bee Your Best!

It is almost time for our annual Spell-A-Thon and Spelling Bee. Great news! The Nordstrom Home & School Club is proud to announce that KPIX-TV & KCBS Radio partnered with the Scripps National Spelling Bee to bring the Bee to our school. This means that the Spelling Bee champion from Nordstrom will be eligible to participate in the regional Spelling Bee in San Francisco in February and could potentially move on to the Scripps National Bee in Washington, D.C. in May.

### Spell-A-Thon/Spelling Bee Process

On January 15th, the school will participate in a Spell-A-Thon, which is a fundraiser. Spell-A-Thon materials, rules, details, and pledge forms will go home in next week's Friday folders and will be available on our school website. The top 20 spellers from each grade will move on to a grade-level Spelling Bee held on January 21st. The top five spellers in 3rd through 6th Grades will move on to the final Spelling Bee on January 23rd. The winner will be crowned the school champion and will move on to the Regional Bee in San Francisco. Hopefully Nordstrom's champion will compete in the Scripps Bee.

### Fundraising

Help your student "Bee Their Best" by studying the words and reaching out to family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers for sponsorships. Please refer to the pledge form coming home soon for more details or go to the school website to donate online (preferable method). Our goal is for each student to raise \$50, with an overall class goal of \$1000. For every \$25 dollars raised, your child will be entered into a drawing for an iPad Mini! All classes that meet their halfway goal of \$500 by January 9th will earn a cookie party! CLASSES THAT MEET THEIR OVERALL GOAL OF \$1000 WILL EARN A FUN HOT COCOA AND TREAT PARTY!

### Sponsorships

We are looking for families or businesses that will sponsor a class for a \$100 pledge. That sponsor will get a sign prominently displayed outside the classroom door with their choice of a personalized message to the class and their speller gets credit toward the iPad drawing.

### Spirit

Show your spirit by finding the Bee Mascot on campus and correctly spelling words. Students will receive a sticker and raffle ticket to be entered into a drawing for some great prizes. "Bee Your Best" buttons, rubber bracelets and bee headbands will be available for purchase starting January 5th. Purchase a sign for \$5 that you can decorate and display out in front of the school to show your support for our spellers. Wear yellow and black on January 15th to show your spirit!

### Volunteer

The Spell-A-Thon/Spelling Bee is a volunteer intensive event and we need your help to make it a success. There are a variety of different volunteer opportunities, such as data entry, grading tests, counting pledges, proctoring tests/bees, and wearing the bee mascot costume, so please consider signing up. Go to the Spelling Bee page on our school website to sign up on Volunteer Spot.

### IMPORTANT SPELL-A-THON/SPELLING BEE DATES:

Spell-A-Thon/Spelling Bee Kickoff	Monday, Jan. 5
Mid-way \$500 Pledge Goal Deadline	Friday, Jan. 9
Spell-A-Thon & Pledge Forms Due	Thursday, Jan. 15
Grade-Level Spelling Bees	Wednesday, Jan. 21
Final Spelling Bee	Friday, Jan. 23



## Follow us Online!

Visit the Nordstrom website at: [www.nordstrom.mhusd.org](http://www.nordstrom.mhusd.org) 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](http://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](http://www.escrip.com) to register or renew today!

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