



Nordstrom News

Nordstrom Home & School Club • November 2014

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all who joined us at our recent dinner night out fundraiser at Margarita's. This event was a nice chance to enjoy delicious Mexican food amongst so many Nordstrom friends and families. Our next dinner night out for the month of December will be at MOOYAH's on December 10. So if you missed our event this month, we hope you'll be able to join us in December. Keep your eye out for the restaurant event flier that will be coming home soon.

On Friday, November 7, our campus was taken over by flocks of colorful "birds" for our Rio-themed Pumpkin Run. It was so much fun to see the children fly around the pumpkin track dressed in their vibrant-colored clothing and sporting colorful feathered headbands and bird hats. Huge thanks goes to Erin Atkinson, Sharon Winchester and Melissa Wipf, Pumpkin Run Co-Chairs, for all of the time and effort they put into

making this such a fun and successful fundraiser. Congratulations ladies on a fantastic event! A final wrap up on this year's Pumpkin Run will be in next month's newsletter.

The start of Nordstrom's theater season is just around the corner, with registration and auditions in December and rehearsals beginning in January. The afterschool theater program is open to all 2nd-6th Graders. Theater registration forms (with complete details) will be sent home next week.

I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving break!

Wendy Sullivan

President, Nordstrom H&SC



NORDSTROM HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE: Shopping for a Cause

The Nordstrom Home & School Club is proud to once again host a Holiday Boutique fundraiser to kick off the holiday season. Nordstrom's Holiday Boutique will be held on Saturday, December 6, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., in the Multipurpose Room (MPR). This year's event will feature a variety of different vendors, as well as a bake sale and gently used book sale. Fifteen percent of all purchases made at the Holiday Boutique will be donated back to the Home & School Club.

Come by the Boutique to get a start on your holiday shopping and know that you will be shopping for a good cause - Nordstrom!

YEARBOOK: Don't Delay, Buy Yours Today!

Nordstrom Elementary yearbooks are still on sale. A yearbook is a permanent memory book. While many parents own a digital camera or use cell phones to take hundreds of pictures throughout the year, few of those pictures will ever make it into a photo album and even fewer of those pictures will be saved for the future. As a parent, you probably still have your yearbooks and you know the value of these "history" books.

Now is your chance to invest in a "history" book for your son or daughter. Don't delay! Reserve your copy of the yearbook now for only \$18 per book. Order online at: <http://info.schoolannual.com/buy-your-yearbook> to pay by credit card or pick up a form from the school office and make your check payable to: Nordstrom Home and School Club. Be sure to reserve a yearbook for your student before they are all sold out. This price is valid until February 27, 2015. The price of the yearbook will go up to \$20 on March 1, 2015, and there will be a limited quantity of yearbooks produced. So pre-order today to guarantee your copy! For questions, please send an e-mail to: HSCYearbook@yahoo.com.



Upcoming Events:

- Nov. 17 Minimum Day
Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 24-28 NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 5 H&SC Mtg. — 8 a.m.
(MPR)
- Dec. 6 Holiday Boutique
9 a.m.—1 p.m. (MPR)
- Dec. 9 Theater Registration
7:15 a.m.
- Dec. 10 MOOYAH Fundraiser
- Dec. 12 4th Gr. Principal's Coffee
7:50 a.m.
(Resource Center)
- Dec. 16 Theater Auditions
2:15 p.m. (MPR)
- Dec. 18 Theater Fittings
2:15 p.m. (MPR)
- Dec. 22-
Jan. 2 NO SCHOOL
Holiday Break

SPRING AUCTION 2015: Auction Committee Seeking Volunteers

Planning for Nordstrom's annual Spring Auction is underway. This year's theme is, "A Night of Masquerade." The Spring Auction committee is looking for volunteers for its fundraising committee. If you are interested in helping with the auction, please contact Janet Bouton, Spring Auction Co-Chair, at: janet_bouton@yahoo.com.

SCRIP: One Parent's Thoughts on Donating to Our School

All of us are committed to supporting our school as volunteers and financially to give our students a great school experience. My son is in 5th Grade and my wife and I are very thankful for all of the support given to the school. On that note ... last September, my wife and I thought about ways we could give more to the school financially. We already have given our Safeway Club Card to the eScrip coordinator and just by shopping at Safeway we found we have donated about \$30 a year for our family of three. We also purchase Scrip gift cards, which earns approximately another \$40 a year for the school.

In September 2013, my wife and I decided to look into www.shopwithscrip.com to see what other ways we can use the Scrip program to earn money for the school. We had heard of ways to do more Scrip, but we hadn't really tried to do it. We setup Scrip's PrestoPay online and started purchasing re-loadable gift cards, such as Safeway and Starbucks, as well as using printable gift-cards for Petco and Best Buy. Also, I decided to start tracking the earnings for the school with a spreadsheet. At the end of October 2013, I added up my earnings and in just two months my wife and I had earned \$99.95 just by doing normal shopping, purchasing gas for vehicles, and buying some Starbucks drinks!

Seeing those results motivated us to get creative using Scrip, such as purchasing on websites that use eScrip, or going to dinner using gift cards. By the end of the 2013-2014 school year (July to June), we had donated \$584.79 to Nordstrom! So far this school year my wife and I have earned \$136.11 for the school! If you would like to support the school financially by having more of your shopping spending going back to the school, join us and expand what you do with Scrip. I am happy to teach you how to do it (my contact information is listed below). Also, gift cards are now available for purchase using a credit card if you like to earn points or cash back for purchases. If more parents do what my wife and I do, we could earn so much more money for Nordstrom to further enhance our students' school experience. If you spend \$50 per month at Starbucks, \$3.50 of that could go to our school. If 200 families spent \$50 per month at Starbucks, and each earned \$3.50, that would equal \$500 a month; multiply that by 12 months, and that would total \$6,000 per year! *Something to consider ...*

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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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