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Nighthawk Newsletter

Thanksgiving Edition

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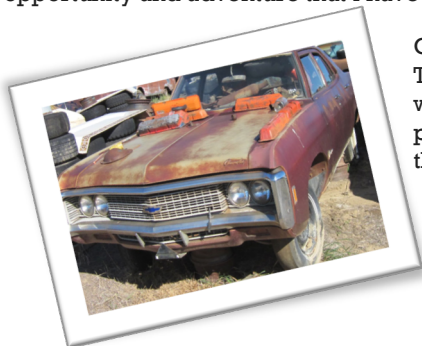
From The Principal's Office

Dear Parents, Students, and Teachers,

As I looked at last year's November newsletter, I spoke about Thanksgiving as being my favorite holiday. I am happy to say that it still is my favorite, and I don't see that changing anytime soon. Maybe it's that I always seem to cheer for the underdog, as Thanksgiving is scrunched between the popular Halloween and Christmas, and doesn't always get the attention I feel it deserves? Whatever the case, there is just something about being thankful that can transform an individual's life.

Having a heart of gratitude wasn't always the case for me. I remember in high school, my first car was a beat up old 1976 Chevy Impala. It looked a lot like this image I found on the internet. I would've taken a double take to see if this wasn't mine, but I noticed there wasn't a 1-inch gap in the top of the windshield that had fallen down from a bad windshield replacement, and there wasn't the dent in the driver's side door that prevented me from getting in and out of the car as normally intended, and wouldn't allow me to roll down the window. But don't worry, with a 1-inch gap directly in the windshield, getting fresh air was never a problem (except for wintertime, when the Southeastern Idaho snows would blow and blow... you get the idea). It did make opening the door for my date interesting, since that was my only entry way unless I climbed over the back seat. I'd open the door, slide over to my side, and then she'd get in an close the door behind her. Smooth.

When my dad first showed me my car, I remember pretending to be grateful. We didn't have a lot of money then, and I know he made a great sacrifice to even purchase a vehicle for me. And I knew I was still much better off than my other fourteen year-old friends that never even had a prospect of getting a car at that age. Yet, I had not developed the keen sense for opportunity and adventure that I have now, and only thought of what the car did not have to offer.



Over time, the beauty of the vehicle began to manifest itself through legendary moments. That car became the medium through which many of my favorite high school memories were made. My friends even gave it a beloved nickname. Well past the time I could have procured another vehicle, I continue to keep my "Brown Beast" because I couldn't part with the memories. Even when the transmission wouldn't shift out of first gear for over a week,

From The Principal's Office Continued

my brother put sawdust in the gear-box and somehow gave it more life after I heard a loud "bang" at 35mph the next day. Somehow, I think my dad knew exactly what he was trying to teach me when he gave me that beauty- that life is about being grateful for what each day may present. Even on my most difficult days where it feels like I'm staring at that car for the first time and it feels like there's little hope, I think of me and all my friends huddled together smiling and laughing piled in that old car trying to talk over the wheeze of the breeze coming in through the windshield, and I know everything is still right in the world.

I want to wish each of you a most wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. I feel so blessed to work with such a supportive community of parents, such a talented force of teachers and staff, and such creative and caring students. I can't think of anywhere else I'd rather be working than serving right here with you at Northridge.

Sincerely,
Mr. Woodhouse



From Our PTA Presidents

As we head into the holiday season and begin to take stock of all of the blessings we enjoy, Northridge is always top of the list. There is so much to be grateful for at Northridge. We have such a unique and amazing community that we are each part of.

What a blessing it is to have such amazing and dedicated teachers to educate our children and so many dedicated and passionate volunteers to help in the classrooms to supplement our children's' educational opportunities at the school. We are also fortunate to have a remarkable administrator in Mr. Woodhouse who is consistently looking for ways to improve the culture at Northridge and always has the best interest of the students, parents, and teachers at Northridge in mind.

All of the good things that happen at the school are made possible by our amazing support staff of teacher aides, custodians, lunch workers, district personnel and the awesome office secretaries. As a PTA, we are so grateful for the support they offer us, and as parents we are so grateful for everything they do for our children. Being involved with Northridge is truly a blessing.

Looking forward to the upcoming months brings great anticipation for Northridge traditions. We enjoyed celebrating with

Reflections participants and winners on November 10th. The annual Northridge orchestra holiday concert is on the 12th and the chorus concert is on the 19th. We hope that this holiday season will find you well and blessed.

We count you among our blessings and are grateful for the opportunity we have to work with you, your children and the faculty and staff of Northridge. Blessings to you!

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SANTA'S SECRET SHOP

November 30 to December 4

November 30 will be a Preview Only Day.

Shopping will be Tuesday December 1 - Friday December 4

The store will close Friday at 1:00.

Special Evening of Shopping

Wednesday, December 2 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Santa's Secret Shop is held in Room 25.



PTA Bulletin Board

Help Wanted

Star Reading

Many other committees

Spirit Committee

Book Fair

GET INVOLVED!

Contact Amy Poole & Amy Fox @
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Reflections

Thank you to all the artists that participated in Reflections and those that attended our Reflections Awards Night. Council Reflections Awards Night is scheduled for January 7, 2016, 7:00 p.m., at Orem Jr.



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Congratulations to our Excellence winners:

Joonseo Min - Visual Art	McKay Jones - Literature
Seoyonn Min - Visual Art	Lily Oliverson - Literature
Lily Oliverson - Visual Art	Brandon Fox - Literature
Lucy Samuelson - Visual Art	Corinne Young - Photography
Jenna Lindgren - Dance	James Lewis - Photography
Joselyn Rivest - Dance	Emarie Thomas - Photography
Emarie Thomas - Dance	Grace Lewis - Film
Elsie Thomas - Music	
Seoyoon Min - Music	
Lily Oliverson - Music	

Congratulations to our Merit winners:

Gideon Young - Visual Art	Katelyn Fox - Literature
Grace Samuelson - Visual Art	Elsie Thomas - Literature
Corinne Young - Visual Art	Adilyn Hilmo - Literature
Jace Lindgren - Visual Art	Kate Lewis - Literature
Allana Young - Visual Art	Maddie Webb - Literature
Hanna Bird - Visual Art	Emarie Thomas - Literature
Emarie Thomas - Visual Art	Jenna Lindgren - Photography
Elsie Thomas - Dance	
Taylor Hilmo - Music	
Rachel Johnson - Music	
Allana Young - Music	
Nicole Webb - Literature	

"WH0000" will win the Grade Level Box Tops Challenge?

The Jury is still out! So far it's a pretty close race...



K - 209
1st - 63
2nd - 225
3rd - 27
4th - 254
5th - 16
6th - 73

Congratulations 4th grade for being in the lead! Any grade can still win, so bring in those Box Tops! Make sure to write your name and grade on your bag. So far we have collected over 6,000 Box Tops! The more we collect, the more opportunities we will have for fieldtrips so keep clipping! Thanks so much!



Calendar Items

November

- 10 - Reflections Award Night
- 12 - Orchestra Concert
- 19 - Chorus Concert
- 19 - National Parental Involvement Day
- 25 - Teacher Comp. Day – No School
- 26-27 - Thanksgiving Break

December

- 10 - 2nd Grade Christmas Program
- 16 – Timpanogos Storytelling Event
- 21- Jan 1 – Christmas Break



November

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| 01- Marcella Caballero | 03 -Sam Bates |
| 09- Lisa Prestwich | 10 - Linda Pontius |
| 12 - Jerome Moore | 13- Jannica Dale |
| 14 - Aaron Holladay | 17 - Liz Ellsworth |
| 29 - Kimberly Kapp | |

December

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| 06 - Jenny Andersen | 15 - Amy King |
| 26 - Jenna Brown | 30 -Karalyn Davies |