

End of Year 2014

April/May 2014

From the Principal's Office



As the new principal, I have enjoyed getting to know the students, teachers and parents of Northridge Elementary. The support I have seen from the parents and PTA members is wonderful. I am excited to

be part of a collaborative partnership between parents, the community, and our fantastic teachers, as we continue to help our students achieve at their highest levels.

As an administrator, I try to walk the halls in the morning and greet the students and teachers. The other day I heard one student enter the school and remark with a big smile: "ahh... I love school." I have reflected on that statement many times since then. Does every child at school feel that way? What contributing factors led this student to have such a positive experience? Is there a way to ensure every child feels the same?

I want you to know that as a school, we are dedicated to doing our best each day to ensure that every child has a positive experience. We want all students to love school, and to make those important connections with their peers and teachers. As I listen to our teachers collaborate, their focus is on individual students and how they can help them progress and be successful in the classroom.

Through my years as an administrator, I have listened to teachers and parents concerned about their students, and how to help them progress. I

have been impressed not just with our teachers at Northridge, but also the parents in the community, and their willingness to be a team member in their student's education.

I am confident that as we work together we will find ways to address each student's individual needs. Thank you for your continued support of our school and the privilege of being able to educate your child. Each time I am here at Northridge, I can't help but say to myself: "ahh, I love this school."

Eric Woodhouse

Information about track changes:

- If a track change is needed, requests will be taken in the office April 14th April 25th.
- In 4th grade next year, there will only be one AM teacher, which will create a need to shift current 3rd graders from the AM track to the PM track for 4th grade. If you are able to help with this, please let the office know. If there are not enough requests for this change, we will need to make the necessary adjustments and you will be notified of those changes.
- Current 4th graders remain on the same tracks for 5th grade, and current 5th graders remain on the same track for 6th grade, with no changes needed.
- Anyone knowing that they will not be Returning to Northridge next year should notify the office as soon as possible.



Calendar Items

April 14-17 Pizza Pie Café Fundraiser

April 17 Spring Picture Day

April 22 Parents and Pastries

May 2 Family Movie Night

May 6 PTA luncheon

May 23 Field Day

May 26 Memorial Day

May 28 3K Run/Walk

May 30 Last Day of School

PTA President's Message



Thank you for supporting the Northridge Family Skate Night. This is a fun and well attended tradition for our Nighthawks and from hearing feedback, the kids had a great time skating with their friends. Thanks also to those that voted for the Teacher of the Year. This year we had two winners, Mrs. Crandall and Miss Burton. We have a great fifth grade team. Please read a little about these two amazing ladies below.

We've also had to say goodbye to our principal, Mrs. Philipp. We wish her well at her new school. Thank you for making her last Friday memorable with a sea of sunshine yellow, well wishes, and hugs. We will miss her dearly but are excited to get to know our new principal Mr. Woodhouse.

This month we have some exciting things to look forward to ...aside from Spring Break. We have Ballroom and Orchestra concerts, spring pictures and a twist on Mom and Muffins or Dads and Donuts. This year we are having a Parents and Pastries. We will be sending out more information as the date gets closer. We also have our Family Movie Night in early May so please plan to attend with your family.

Thank you for your support of Northridge PTA. Libby Lewis

PTA Fundraiser at Pizza Pie Café

The PTA is sponsoring a fundraiser at Pizza Pie Cafe from Monday, April 14 to Thursday, April 17. Look for a card coming home with your students on Monday, April 14 to use when you go to Pizza Pie Café. We will receive a portion of the sales.

Box Tops Competition Coming Up



It's time for another Box Top collection! A collection sheet will go home for Spring Break. Turn them in

April 14-18. Clip your Box Tops and glue or tape them to the sheet. Make sure you turn in all your Box Tops that expire on June 1, 2014 so I can turn them in before they expire! Staple a bag of extra Box Tops to the sheet. We'll have a drawing with everyone that participates after the sheets are collected. We'll have one last contest of Upper grades vs. Lower grades the week of May 19-23. Thank you everyone for helping. Ten cents adds up when we all help!!

Spring into Action with Running Club

Running Club will begin Friday, April 18, at lunch recess!

Watch for miles to be posted on the Running Club Board by the cafeteria for your class from Heart Healthy February. Starting April 18th, you can earn more miles for your class out on the track with Running Club!

To any parents who could possibly help, it's a great opportunity to get outdoors and cheer your children on as they run around the track. Bring your younger kiddos as well. Contact Kathryn Ricks (Kathryn.ricks@gmail.com) if you are interested.

r.a.d. KIDS Needs Volunteers



r.a.d. KIDS is a great program that we teach to the 2nd and 4th grade students every year. It teaches them about safety and how to stay out of danger and what to do if they find themselves in a dangerous situation. We are in need of 1-2 more instructors for the upcoming year(s). If you find yourself in a position that you could do this, we would like to know ASAP. You will need to be trained as a certified instructor, which costs over \$400. The PTA will pay for this, however, we would need a commitment of at least 2-3 years in order to feel like it was money well spent. The approximate time that you would need to put into this each year would be about 3 hours a day, every day, for the first 5 weeks of school plus some meetings/assignments ahead of time to prepare for the upcoming classes. If we are able to train 2 more instructors, we would be able to divide the daily instruction up among each of the instructors, so that it wouldn't be too time consuming on any one person. If you are interested, please email Teri Allred at luvdacoogs@comcast.net.



School Community Council Elections Coming Up



Serving on our School Community Council is a wonderful way for parents and

teachers to contribute and help improve academic performance at our school. The school receives an annual dividend from the school trust lands. Our council decides how these funds will be used. This year our school received approximately \$36,000 from the School LAND Trust Program. The council reviews and prepares other academic plans for our students each year. All plans are reviewed for final approval by our school board. Councils also act in an advisory capacity to school and school district administrations.

Qualifications

Every public school in Utah has a School Community Council. The councils are made up of school employees who are elected by employees and parents who are elected by parents of students attending the school. Membership terms are for two years. Elections are held at the end of each school year. Parent members must have a student attending the school at least one of the two years of their term of service. Employees must be employed by the school district at the school.

This year's SCC election will take place May 7-9. Ballots will be sent home with your student and if you would like to vote, you may fill out that ballot and return it to the office yourself or place it in a sealed envelope with the words "SCC Election" and send it to school with your child. We would also ask that you sign your name over the seal of the envelope. This will insure that the vote will be counted and has not been tampered with.

If you would like the opportunity to run for this position, please let me know by April 22 (earlier would be better). Also we would ask that you prepare a short paragraph about yourself and a photo that we can attach to the ballot so all will get to know who you are. We welcome any and all who qualify to be on the ballot and have an opportunity to be voted in. If you have questions you can contact me, or anyone on the SCC (information is found on Northridge's website under SCC) or you can check out the website www.schoollandtrust.org.

Teri Allred, SCC Chair luvdacoogs@comcast.net 801-368-1694

Northridge Announces Teacher Award of Excellence Winners



Miss Burton
"She's the package
deal - creative, fun,
and teaching
concepts and
motivating the kids to
learn." That's how
one parent describes
our amazing Miss
Burton! Miss Burton
has a neat and
orderly classroom
and teaches her
students how to be

organized and responsible. Miss Burton is on top of everything and pays attention to the details, taking extra care to motivate and teach each student. Another parent said, "Miss Burton teaches in a way that the children know exactly what she is saying. Her instruction is clear. She makes all students feel they can achieve their highest potential." She makes learning fun and finds ways to encourage her students to succeed. She teaches her students to be kind and to support each other and celebrates their successes. Miss Burton does extra special things for her students throughout the year and compiles a book of remembrance for her students of some of the highlights of being in 5th grade.

Miss Burton builds a solid relationship with parents by communicating and updating them regularly. She keeps them informed about events and each new concept she will be teaching. She always gives examples of ways parents can help their child at home to re-enforce the concepts taught at school. Miss Burton is an enthusiastic supporter of the PTA and school functions and always gets her students excited to support and participate. Most often she is one of the first to sign up to help with events happening at the school. She also teaches her students the power of service, and each year does a major service project with them. This year along with the other 5th grade classes they brought in 1,690 pounds of food which they donated to the homeless shelter. WOW!! On a regular basis Miss Burton is one of the first teachers to arrive and almost always the last to leave. She is dedicated to teaching and puts her heart and soul into inspiring her students to be the best they can be. We are so grateful for all Miss Burton brings to Northridge; her expertise and years of experience are a strength to our school. We LOVE her and are pleased to honor her as one of our Award of Excellence winners this year.

Mrs. Crandall
"You are capable of doing
great things!" That is
what you will learn when
you enter the classroom
of our beloved Mrs.
Crandall. These words
are posted above her
door as you enter her
classroom. Each student
is important and is
inspired to reach for their
highest potential in her
class. Mrs. Crandall



believes in and motivates each of her students. One parent commented, "Mrs. Crandall had a big impact on my daughter. She was constantly accepting of my child — weaknesses and all. My daughter was inspired to work harder because her teacher believed in her." Mrs. Crandall's gentle and compassionate teaching helps each student feel comfortable and safe, while expecting each student to put forth their best effort.

Mrs. Crandall is not just busy cheering her students on. She gets involved 110 percent in all the activities sponsored by the school and PTA. One example was with a fundraiser the PTA did last year. Mrs. Crandall helped her students and parents see the value in the radKids program and her classes alone brought in a large amount of money. She does not do anything half way. Mrs. Crandall's class also learns the importance of serving others. Each year her class holds its own major service project. The kids get so excited about the project and serving others that they usually end up benefitting hundreds of people in need. This year along with the other 5th grade classes they brought in 1,690 pounds of food which they donated to the homeless shelter. She also instills in her students a great love and appreciation for our country. Her classes have brought this to life by writing servicemen; many if not all get a response. She maintains an excellent relationship with parents and keeps them well informed with everything going on at school. We LOVE Mrs. Crandall and feel so blessed to have her teaching at Northridge, and to have her influence passed on to our children. We are pleased to honor her this year as one of our Award of Excellence winners.

Greetings from Next Year's PTA Presidents: Join Us in Making Northridge Great!



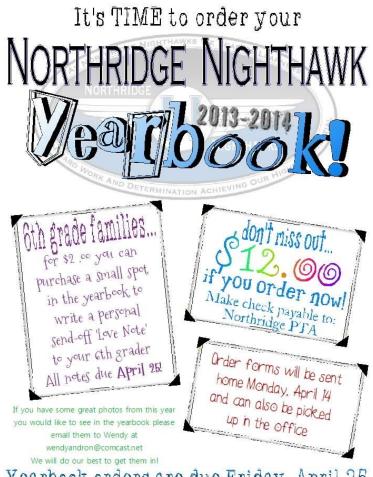
We are so excited about serving together as co-presidents of the PTA next year and we can't wait to get started! We want to invite each of you to get involved in the Northridge PTA next year and help us make it a great year. However much time you have to give and whatever your talents may be, we can use them! Our programs focus on community involvement, individual development, family life, health and safety, education, school spirit and carnival (which is how we fund almost all of our

programs). We need committee members and committee chairs and everything in between. Please let us know if you'd like to be involved and we'll help you find the right place to serve.

2014-2015 PTA Co-Presidents

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Yearbook orders are due Friday, April 25 after that date extra copies will be sold on a first come first serve basis for \$15.00 each

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 5 - 9

--CONNECT, BUILD, ACHIEVE--

Help us say "Thank You" to our WONDERFUL teachers here at Northridge Elementary.

There is not a theme for each day as in past years, however, students are invited to send in handmade notes or handmade gifts or any of the below ideas throughout the week. Let's let our teachers know how much we appreciate them!

Mrs. Smith - Kindergarten

<u>FavoriteSnack/Treat:</u> Act 2 butter lovers popcorn, Hershey Kisses, Chocolate bars, Mounds

<u>FavoriteDrink</u>: Caffeine Free Diet Coke

FavoriteLunch: Kneaders, Subway

Classroomsupplies/Wishlist: Glue dots, double stick tape, Crayola Washable markers (broad tip), snack baggies, Walmart gift cards, I-tunes gift card, small toys for treasure box, stickers for student papers, fun teacher stamps/stamp pads

Mrs. Farr - Kindergarten

<u>FavoriteSnack/Treat:</u> Sugar snap peas, chocolate almonds, Mint M&Ms, Reese PB cups

FavoriteDrink: Diet Dr. Pepper

FavoriteLunch: Café Rio, Kneaders

Classroomsupplies/Wishlist: Small & large zip baggies, double stick tape, dry erase markers, wiki sticks, Fun stickers, sticky labels, small prizes for treasure box, Walmart gift card

Mrs. Whiting - 1st Grade

<u>Favorite Snack/Treat:</u> trail mix, cashews Chocolate anything

Favorite Drink: fruit juices

<u>Favorite Lunch</u>: Costa Vida, Kneaders, Pizza Pie, Zupas

<u>Classroom supplies/Wish list</u>: Dry erase markers, boxes of tissue, googly eyes, small prizes, stamp pads, and gallon size bags Gift cards to craft stores, dollar store, or Walmart. Children's books and TeacherPayTeacher.com credit.

Mrs. King – 1st Grade

<u>Favorite Snack/Treat:</u> kettle corn, fruit, trail mix, Twix, Milky Way, Red vines, Dove Chocolate

<u>Favorite Drink</u>: diet Coke, Flavored water

Favorite Lunch: Costa Vida, Kneaders

Classroom supplies/Wish list: Markers, wipes, treasure box items Gift card to Staples, Walmart, Amazon, children's books, anything is appreciated

Mrs. Curtis – 1st Grade

<u>Favorite Snack/Treat:</u> wheat thins, cheese-its, almonds, air pop popcorn Twix, Kit Kat, Almond Joys,

Favorite Drink: water, Dr. Pepper

<u>Favorite Lunch</u>: Kneaders, Cafe Rio, Zupas

<u>Classroom supplies/Wish list</u>: Clorox wipes, sharpie markers, dry erase markers, googly eyes, black cardstock Walmart or hobby lobby gift cards. Anything is appreciated!

Mrs. Edwards - 1st Grade

<u>Favorite Snack/Treat:</u> Beef Jerky, Nutter Butter, almonds, cashews, Almond Joys, Reese's Peanut Butter Cups

Favorite Drink: Water

<u>Favorite Lunch</u>: Costa Vida, Kneaders, PretzleMaker

Classroom supplies/Wish list: Clorox Wipes, Gallon size bags, markers, fun stickers, used picture and/or chapter books Walmart gift cards, Hobby Lobby Gift cards, anything is fabulous and appreciated

Miss Harris - 2nd Grade

Favorite Snack/Treat: fruit, any candy

Favorite Drink: Lemonade

Favorite Lunch: Kneaders

Classroom supplies/Wish list: Clorox Wipes, tissues, paper towels WalMart gift certificate, Oriental Trading gift certificate

Mrs. Farr - 2nd Grade

<u>Favorite Snack/Treat:</u> fruit, yogurt, string cheese, dried fruit, nuts, smoothies, Peanut butter cups, chocolate almonds Dove truffles caramel

Favorite Drink: smoothies, water

<u>Favorite Lunch</u>: Cafe Rio, Zupas, Kneaders

<u>Classroom supplies/Wish list</u>: tissue, plates, small prizes, foam, buttons, ribbon gift cards

Mrs. Ker - 3rd Grade

<u>Favorite Snack/Treat:</u> Fruit, crackers, Twizzlers

Favorite Drink: Water

Favorite Lunch: Panda Express

<u>Classroom supplies/Wish list</u>: Craft glue, glue dots, bright card stock, gift cards

Miss Burton - 5th Grade

<u>Favorite Snack/Treat:</u> Buttered popcorn (Pop Secret "Homestyle"), string cheese Peanut Butter M&Ms

Favorite Drink: Diet Coke with Lime

Favorite Lunch: Costa Vida, Kneaders

Classroom supplies/Wish list: colored cardstock (black/brown/brights), tape runner (aka scrapbook tape), magic markers (permanent & full size) Maceys gift cards for photo development, large (poster size)lined post it note chart paper (Staples has them for \$30)

Mrs. Broderick – 2nd Grade

<u>Favorite Snack/Treat:</u> Vegetables, fruit, almonds

<u>Favorite Drink</u>: Minute Maid Light berry, Propel

Favorite Lunch: Kneaders, Subway

<u>Classroom supplies/Wish list</u>: dry erase markers, small paper, Walmart or Hobby Lobby gift cards. Anything is appreciated!

Mr. Bunker – 3rd Grade

<u>Favorite Snack/Treat:</u> Unsalted tree Nuts, Avocados, Almond Joy, Taffy

Favorite Drink: Root Beer

Favorite Lunch: Café Rio

<u>Classroom supplies/Wish list</u>: A heavy duty (Industrial strength) electric pencil sharpener

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Mrs. Ellsworth – 4th Grade

<u>Favorite Snack/Treat:</u> Dark Chocolate, almonds Dove Dark Chocolate, Swedish fish

Favorite Drink: Crystal light mix

Favorite Lunch: Kneaders, Costa Vida

Classroom supplies/Wish list: Whiteboard markers, Colored markers, Colored file folders, Gift cards for Target or Walmart, Classroom books

Mrs. Crandall – 5th Grade

<u>Favorite Snack/Treat:</u> Any fruit, apples with peanut butter Peanut Butter M&Ms

Favorite Drink: Diet Coke with Lime

Favorite Lunch: Costa Vida or Subway

<u>Classroom supplies/Wish list</u>: Dry Erase markers, boxes of tissue

Mrs. Savage - 2nd Grade

Favorite Snack/Treat: Jerky, Mixed nuts, Yoplait yogurt, dried apricots, Oreo cookies, Dove chocolate, Lindt truffles, peanut butter eggs or cups

Favorite Drink: fruit smoothies

<u>Favorite Lunch</u>: Costa Vida , Kneaders, Cafe Rio

<u>Classroom supplies/Wish list</u>: Dry erase markers, boxes of tissue, googly eyes, small prizes, stamp pads, gallon size bags, colored and black cardstock

Walmart cards, Costco cards, Oriental Trading certificates, Michaels gift cards

Ms. Iman - 3rd Grade

<u>Favorite Snack/Treat:</u> chocolate Hershey's

<u>Favorite Drink</u>: Smoothies or Dr. Pepper

Favorite Lunch: Costa Vita

<u>Classroom supplies/Wish list</u>: Clorox Wipes, boxes of tissues

Ms. O'Ne i I I – 4th Grade

<u>Favorite Snack/Treat:</u> anything chocolate

Favorite Drink: Diet Coke or Dt. Mt.

Favorite Lunch: Olive Garden

Classroom supplies/Wish list:
Whiteboard markers and even more whiteboard markers, Clorox Wipes, boxes of tissues

Ms. Fulwider - 6th Grade

<u>Favorite Snack/Treat:</u> Chocolate covered almonds, fruit, dried fruit anything milk chocolate, Reese's

Favorite Drink: water, Root beer

<u>Favorite Lunch</u>: Kneaders, JCW, Cafe Rio

<u>Classroom supplies/Wish list</u>: glade plug-ins, dry erase markers, colored cardstock (bright), pencil sharpeners, Ticonderoga pencils, books Gift Cards (Walmart, Target, B&N), small toys for class auction, books

Miss Geyerman - Science

<u>Favorite Snack/Treat:</u> Peanuts, sunflower seeds, very dark chocolate

Favorite Drink: Diet Coke

Favorite Lunch: Costa Vida

Classroom supplies/Wish list:
Pencils, composition notebooks, sharpies, batteries, notebook paper, colored markers, anything science related.

Mrs. Poynter - Music

<u>Favorite Snack/Treat:</u> nuts, cashews, healthy popcorn, good 2 bar peanut butter chocolate, dark chocolate

<u>Favorite Drink</u>: Diet Coke, Icee, Costco smoothies

Favorite Lunch: Café Rio

Classroom supplies/Wish list: non-candy student incentives, I-tunes gift cards, Walmart, kneaders.

Mrs. Sulz - 6th Grade

<u>Favorite Snack/Treat:</u> dark chocolate covered cranberries, fruit, Cheetos Anything dark chocolate

<u>Favorite Drink</u>: calorie free flavored water

<u>Favorite Lunch</u>: Kneaders, Mama Chu's, Pizza Pie Cafe!

Classroom supplies/Wish list: Glade plug in refills, bright card stock, pencils, chart paper, gift cards from Barnes and Noble or local nurseries, books

Ms. Petersen - Preschool

Favorite Snack/Treat: Fruit, Sugar Free Gum (fruit and mint flavors)
Chocolate-peanut M&M's, Twix, chocolate & caramel, licorice, Any chocolate

<u>Favorite Drink</u>: Mio Drink Mix, Root beer, water

<u>Favorite Lunch</u>: Kneader's, Subway, Zupas,

Classroom supplies/Wish list: Tissues, Grocery bags, craft supplies, Lysol wipes or sparys, Collage Materials like buttons, ribbons, fabric scraps, pasta, stickers, etc., Lotions, hand soaps

Mr. Harvie - Music

<u>Favorite Snack/Treat:</u> Nuts, cashews, Symphony bars (toffee)

Favorite Drink: Water

<u>Favorite Lunch</u>: Taco Amigo, Arby's, any restaurant.

Classroom supplies/Wish list:
Tissues, Mechanical Pencils .07
lead or thicker, Pens - blue or
black or red I-tunes gift cards for
music

Mr. Welch - Computers

<u>Favorite Snack/Treat:</u> Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough, Pistachios, Jerky Twix, Fast Break, Kit Kat

<u>Favorite Drink</u>: Mango/Peach Kool-Aid, mixed with real apple juice (you should try it!)

<u>Favorite Lunch</u>: Joe Banditos (Springville)

Classroom supplies/Wish list: tissues, hand sanitizer, little non-candy prizes If there's a tech-nerd parent, I would like help with scripting and networking.

Mr. Bristow - Computers

Favorite Snack/Treat: fruit (fresh, dried, canned), trail mix, granola bars, Chex Mix Twix, Crunch bar, EL Fudge, caramel popcorn, Mounds

<u>Favorite Drink</u>: Lemonade, Fruit drinks, V8 fruit fusion, peach

<u>Favorite Lunch</u>: Costa Vida, Kneaders, Italian Place

Classroom supplies/Wish list: Inexpensive rewards (toys, pencils, etc) <25¢ each (Zurchers, Oriental Trading) Headphones, Wal-Mart gift card

Mrs. DeWitt - Art

<u>Favorite Snack/Treat:</u> Nature Valley
Oats 'n Dark Chocolate granola bar,
Payday

Favorite Drink: Diet Mt. Dew

Favorite Lunch: Kneaders, Arby's

Classroom supplies/Wish list:
Mechanical Penils.07 lead, Walmart gift card

Mrs. Crenshaw - Speech

<u>FavoriteSnack/Treat:</u> gummy bears, dried mangos, snickers

FavoriteDrink: cran-raspberry juice

<u>FavoriteLunch</u>: Kneaders, Taco Amigo, Anywhere:)

<u>Classroomsupplies/Wishlist</u>: Tissue(Kleenex), crayons with skin colors

Ms. Messenger - Star Reading

Favorite Snack/Treat: Wheat Thins, Triscuit, Chex Mix, goldfish, Twix, Rolos, Milky Way

<u>Favorite Drink</u>: Any kind of lemonade and fruit juice

Favorite Lunch: Kneaders, Subway

<u>Classroom supplies/Wish list</u>: Pencils, pencil top erasers, Kleenex, hand sanitizer, folders (green, red, yellow, purple, blue or orange) New or used books (fiction or nonfiction) for grades 4-6.

Mrs. Stonehocker - Speech

<u>Favorite Snack/Treat:</u> Granola bars, Cheez-its, pretzels, pistachios, Toblerone, Milky Way, Twix,

<u>Favorite Drink</u>: Strawberry lemonade, V8 fruit fusion, any fruit juice

<u>Favorite Lunch</u>: Costa Vida, Kneaders

Classroom supplies/Wish list: glue sticks, glue dots, tissues, prizes for treasure box iTunes gift card for iPad apps, Michael's gift card, Wal Mart gift card

Mrs. Ritter - Speech

<u>Favorite Snack/Treat:</u> fruit, any chocolate with nuts <u>Favorite Drink</u>: Cherry Coke Zero, Coke Zero

<u>Favorite Lunch</u>: Costa Vida, Kneaders <u>Classroom supplies/Wish list</u>: Poster Board, prizes for awards and treasure box. paper clips, Lysol wipes, tissues Children's books, iTunes gift cards for speech therapy iPad apps

Mrs. Cain - Special Ed

<u>Favorite Snack/Treat:</u> "cuties", Peanut Butter Cup

Favorite Drink: Diet Coke

Favorite Lunch: Costa Vida, Del Taco

<u>Classroom supplies/Wish list</u>: Kleenex, Hand Sanitizer, Fine tip Erasable markers