



Skyline K-8

September 29, 2017



Principal's Corner

Skyline Families,

Thanks for another amazing week. My first principal's chat will be next Friday, **October 6th from 8:30a.m.-9:00a.m.** in the library. I would love for parents/guardians to come, have a cup of coffee and let me know how things are going and what I can do to improve here as the leader at Skyline K-8. My plan is to change up the times for these chats so everyone who wants to attend can make it. If there is a specific time of day that works best for you, please email at baguirre@pps.net.

We had our bus evacuation drill on Wednesday. My apologies. I assumed the bus evacuation drill would go one way and did not double check before the drill. Students who rode the bus to school practiced the drill with their bus drivers and were then sent to class. Students who did not ride the bus were called out for the drill after the first drill was practiced. Moving forward, students will report to class and classroom teachers / period 1 teachers will bring their classes out for the drill. I believe teachers need to hear the message with their classes especially since we will be taking buses on field trips. I also know the younger ones would have liked to have teachers there.

If you have not signed up for our upcoming conferences on November 8th and 9th, please do so. My goal is to have 100% of our families attend conferences. This is the perfect opportunity to meet with teachers, hear all of the amazing things your children are learning about at school and touch base on potential areas for improvement.

Regular daily attendance is an important factor in assuring successful achievement in school. Students are expected to be at school each day school is in session unless they are ill. We encourage families to make medical or other such appointments for their children after school hours whenever possible. If you need to make an appointment during the day, please arrive at Skyline allowing enough time for your child to be called out of class.

Have a great weekend! All the best! BG Aguirre



Upcoming Events

October 5

TAG Night

5 PM – Library

October 6

Principal's Chat

8:30-9:00 AM - Library

October 13

No School – State In-service

October 18

Two Hour Late Start

10:45 AM

November 1

Picture Retakes

November 8

Parent Conferences

November 9

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In the Spotlight!

Skyline welcomes Kelsey Painter, but she asks her students to call her Ms. Kelsey. She received a Master of Arts in Teaching Early Childhood and Elementary Education from Concordia University, Portland. Ms. Kelsey is passionate about creating exciting and inclusive educational environments for all types of learners. She did her student teaching with Teacher Tom last year, and she is absolutely thrilled to be back at Skyline and to be a part of this wonderful community once again.

Outside of school, Ms. Kelsey loves to play the ukulele, write poetry, collect rocks and minerals, ride my bike, and spend weekends relaxing at the coast or exploring the other many wonders of Oregon. She is a lifelong learner and always willing to try or to learn something new. Currently, she is trying out calligraphy! Ms. Kelsey lives in Portland with her fiancé and their cat, Maebelline.

TAG Nominations

TAG nominations are now available! If you would like to nominate your child for TAG testing this year there are forms located on the TAG board in the main hallway of school. You can also ask your child's teacher or contact the TAG Facilitator, Melissa Dunn. A student who qualifies for TAG is one who demonstrates an exceptional ability in a particular area. Per Federal regulation, these students have scored between the 97th and 99th percentile meaning that they are performing at the highest level in comparison to their peers.

The TAG Department has transitioned to using Smarter Balanced (SBAC) scores for students in 3rd grade and higher who are interested in testing for academic achievement in reading and math. If families choose to opt out of SBAC in spring 2017, their students will not be eligible for TAG nomination in those two categories in fall 2017. Students in grades K-2 will still be given the IOWA achievement tests when a teacher or parent requests TAG testing for reading or math achievement.

All students will be tested in 2nd grade using the Intellectual TAG CoGAT test. If your student qualifies on this test you will be notified and papers will be sent home to officially nominate your child.

At this time, TAG services center primarily within each student's classroom. We encourage each school to provide differentiated curriculum and opportunities that would promote the following:

- Creation of equity across the district
- Learning experiences of students are relevant, engaging and at their rate and level
- Experiences centered on depth and complexity beyond the curriculum
- Development of the intellectual capacity of students and provide a classroom that requires cognitive demand
- Development of the professional skill-set and capacity of teachers
- Encouragement of a culture of intellectualism
- Standardized, universal tools and processes for students and teachers
- Nurture the innate and learned gifts and talents of students in a way that is deliberate and intentional
- Positively impact our community
- Allow like peers to think and plan together in an effort to build community and prevent isolationism
- Encourage and create multiple pathways for advanced experiences

Individual TAG plans can always be written with your child's teacher and the TAG Facilitator to determine the best ways to meet your child's needs and abilities. If you have any questions or would like any further information please

attend our TAG Meeting on October 5, at 5:00pm. You are also always welcome to contact the TAG Facilitator, Melissa Dunn at mdunn2@pps.net.

Counselor's Corner

Hello Skyline Families,

As an IB school, students work is focused on the process of becoming a learner. The IB learner profile traits are approaches to learning that students will carry with them throughout their lifetime. Each month, the school highlights a different IB learner profile trait to focus on. For the month of September, students have been working on being open-minded. Being open-minded as a learner means recognizing your own worldview while being able to appreciate and value the cultures, traditions, and perspectives of others. In the classroom, guidance lessons have been focused on Mindful awareness and using mindfulness to think before we act. As parents, you are your child's most important role-model for mindful thinking. Every time we show them thoughtful awareness of the impact of our actions on others, we teach them to be mindful.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Amy Gervais

Music Recorders- 4th / 5th Grade Students begin October 5

Recorder purchase is not required! But, they can be purchased online or in music stores throughout town. If online, please choose Peripole, Canto, Lauren or Yamaha (Other brands do not have a true pitch). Don't spend more than \$10.

Students who do not have a recorder can borrow a school recorder. School recorders are cleaned and disinfected after each use for others to borrow. Students who bring their own recorder will have exclusive use of their recorder and may bring their recorder to and from home to practice if they like.

More details at: singdanceplaybchrwb.weebly.com

Nurse's Corner

I have been seeing lots of kiddos in my office with sore throats/ swollen glands. The smoke has not been easy on us but strep throat is going around as well. If your child has a swollen throat or a cold, please go see your doctor. Also, now would be a good time to go get our flu shots before our students get a cold and we have to wait longer.

Just a friendly reminder to our Parents and Guardians,

Make sure to remind our students to:

- Cover their sneezes and coughs
- Keep TP or tissues in their pocket to wipe their nose's
- Wash their hands at least 10 times a day

Skyline IB

The IB Organization has recently updated their website. There is a new resources page for parents that includes information about the Primary Years Program (PYP) and the Middle Years Program (MYP) that are both offered here at Skyline, as well the Diploma Program (DP) that Lincoln High School offers. If you scroll down towards the bottom, there are also some helpful tips for supporting your student in an IB School.

Link: [Information for Parents](#)

As always, let me know if you have any questions.

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PTA Connection

Skyline Hash ~ Community Event

Are you ready to run? We have another Skyline Community Event that is kicking off in a few weeks, **The Skyline Hash!** This is a great opportunity for NEW families to join in and have a great time. We have RE-OPENED to all; Skyline Staff is also welcome to join for FREE!!!

We will have 2 different routes to choose from. Pick what is best for you!

- 2 mile loop or 5-7 mile loop

When: Sunday, October 8th

Time: 2pm at Skyline Tavern

What: It will be A to A, which means walking distance back to your cars

Bring: Bring along something to share (chips, store bought cookies, etc. are fine) just want to be sure there are snacks and not just drinks. Also please bring a drinking vessel and a change of clothes for after (will likely be wet).

Cost: \$20 payable to SKYLINE PTA or via PayPal at [PayPal.Me/skylinepta](https://www.paypal.com/merchot/?x=1&source=url&url=https://www.paypal.com/skylinepta), please note "Skyline Hash" in notes

RSVP: Please RSVP to Kristin Brown at: kristin.j.brown@gmail.com

The Annual PTA Costume Sale is Upon Us!

It's time to go through closets and donate used (but in good condition!) costumes to our annual PTA Costume Sale!

Here are the details:

- Donations accepted from 10/2 to 10/12: drop them off in the PTA/volunteer room in a clearly labeled bag, e.g., “PTA Costume Sale”,
- Sale runs from 10/9 - 11/ 2;
- All proceeds benefit Skyline’s PTA;
- All sizes of costumes accepted: this includes babies, toddlers, and adults!

NEW THIS YEAR:

- We’re *slashing* prices on costumes that have gathered a little dust in our collection. This. Means. Deals. Come check them out!
- And, on 11/1 and 11/2, any costume left will be sold at a fraction of its original cost.

Donate costumes! * Buy a costume for this year! *AND, buy another for next year!

Questions? Contact Clarissa Kearns, email: gentebeleza@hotmail.com

