



# Skyline K-8

October 20, 2017



Primary Years Programme



Middle Years Programme



## Principal's Corner

Skyline Families,

This was another amazing week at Skyline K-8. When I am out of the building for district responsibilities, Melissa Dunn subs for me. This week I was out on Tuesday for Student Intervention Team training and Thursday for my cluster administrative meeting. Thank you to Melissa for subbing. I do not like being out of the building.

On Tuesday, after school, our staff had the first district IB meeting with all of the PYP/MYP schools in the district. Thank you to Heidi Earle for coordinating and getting our entire staff Skyline IB t-shirts. This is something we do four times a year, and it was a great opportunity to learn from other IB schools.

Thank you to those of you who came to our assembly on Wednesday. A huge shout out to our awesome middle schoolers for being great role models and leaders during our first K-8 family activity before the assembly. Ask your child who is in their family group, what it means to be a family at school and what their family name is for their family group. We plan to have monthly activities and will be grouped together in these family groups for Move for the Arts. Skyline staff are ROCKSTARS and put a lot of work into grouping the students and helping make this happen.

We introduced our new PBIS "Golden Awards" at the assembly. Classes will be recognized and honored quarterly.

**Golden Shoe:** Quietest class in the halls was awarded to Mr. Harkness' class

**Golden Spatula:** Tidiest class in the lunchroom was awarded to Mr. Harkness' class.

**Golden Bat:** Most dedicated and enthusiastic class in PE was awarded to the 6th grade class.

**Golden Mouse:** Outstanding class in technology was awarded to Teacher Kelsey's class.

**Golden Book:** Best bunch of library visitors was awarded to the 6th grade class.

**Golden Recorder:** Most practiced and polished music class was awarded to



## Upcoming Events

### October 20

Cookie Dough Fundraiser-ends Nov. 2

### November 1

Picture Retakes

### November 2

Principal's Chat – 4 pm

Family Mural Night – 5-8 pm

### November 3

Teacher Planning – No Students

### November 6

Scholastic Book Fair - Nov. 6-9

### November 8

Parent Conferences

### November 9

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### November 10

School Holiday

### November 16

PTA Foundation Meeting-6 pm

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Mrs. Fuentes' class.

**Golden Football:** Excellence during recess was awarded to Ms. Arias' class.

**Golden Broom:** Tidiest Room was awarded to Ms. Tilt.

**Golden Guitar:** Best sing along participation during Mrs. Barten's school song was awarded to Mrs. Sammon's class.

Thank you for your flexibility with Wednesday's late start. Our staff spent the morning working on very important Equity work, practiced our earthquake evacuation drill and made sure we had everything ready/prepared for our family group activity.

Thank you to Ms. Tilt for hosting her first parent math night on Wednesday. We had a great turnout. Thank you to all of the parents who attended. It was fun to see you all engaged and learning.



Thursday, our school participated in an earthquake drill, as part of the Great ShakeOut. Every school in the district took part in the drill on either October 18th or 19th. The event was an opportunity to practice how to be safe during earthquakes. Thank you to Melissa Dunn and Chris Sugura for coordinating and running the drill while I was at my cluster meeting with my administrative team. YOU ROCK!

All staff members along with the student body participate in all of our drills at school. Fire drills, earthquake drills, lockdown drills (danger is inside school) and lockout drills (danger is on or near premises) will be a part of every school year. If you as a parent or guardian find yourself in the building during these drills, you must participate and cannot ignore the alarm to finish a project. We ask that you do what the children do.

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. Our teachers are working hard to streamline our communication in grades K-5 for conferences. You will receive a PPS Parent-Teacher Conference Form with your student's data to better inform you of where your child is academically.

Grade level teams will be working together in Professional Learning Teams to look at student achievement data, interventions for students and working on PYP year-long plans. I am looking forward to examining our data, providing targeted interventions and seeing our achievement levels raise here at Skyline K-8.

Thanks so much! Have a great weekend!

All the best!

BG Aguirre

## In the Spotlight!



### 4 Cool Kids: A Podcast Made by Skyline Students

Teacher Tom's 2nd and 3rd grade students have released the first two episodes of their new podcast, **24 Cool Kids**. The podcast is one way students develop their reading, writing, researching and speaking skills while exploring their own interests and sharing their work with a real audience. The podcast episodes can be streamed from the podcast's website ([twentyfourcoolkids.com](http://twentyfourcoolkids.com)) or you can subscribe through iTunes on your smart phone or computer by searching for the podcast "One Cool Class Doing Podcasts" and then you will automatically receive new episodes on your device.

## School Picture Make Up Day- November 1

Lifetouch Studios will be at Skyline on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:45 am for picture re-takes. If your student did not have pictures taken and you would like to order pictures, order forms are available in the school office or you can order online at [MYLIFETOUCH.COM](http://MYLIFETOUCH.COM) and use the code FO737018Q1. Or if you would like to return your picture packet, Lifetouch will gladly re-take your students picture. Each classroom will be called to have identified students report to the gym for pictures. If you ordered a group or classroom composite picture they will be distributed in January.

## Counselor's Corner

Thank you to students for making the first IB assembly so special. At the assembly, students were recognized for being open-minded learners.

Award winners included:

Reed Currie, Madeline Johnson, Elise Dyer, Eva Breen, Marcus Anderson, Nursun Schmidt, Emilio Vasquez-Pettit, Cooper Johnson, Jamie Coello, Joseph Goines and Jackson Jones. At the assembly, students were invited to participate in Skyline's Green Team. Last year, a team of parent volunteers worked to renew Skyline's Green School Certification. Thanks to their hard work, Skyline was recently designated as one of Oregon's Premier Green Schools. To honor that designation, Skyline will be restarting its Green Team with students taking a leadership role. Students will be responsible for running the recycling program, monitoring food waste and our compost system, as well as the overall reduction of waste at Skyline. We are looking for creative and passionate students who care for the environment and our school to take the reins of Green Team. Please encourage your students to participate. We will be having training for interested Middle School students during the first week of November.

Thank you and have a wonderful week,  
Amy Gervais

## Backpack Program

Thanks to Sara Bowersox and Liz Ascher, our weekend backpack program is up and running again for the 2017-2018 school year. This year, we could really use a weekly donation of bread. Staples, including small bags of rice, pasta and snack items that are small, easy to open, and light to carry, would also be appreciated. When buying items, please keep in mind that it is often little children carrying these items. While bulk is great for families, it is impossible for kids to carry.

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## IB Corner

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Great News Folks!

Every five years the IB Organization requires its schools to review their IB programs. This “self-study” is an opportunity to look deeply at the three aspects of an IB Program:

- A. Philosophy, the educational values and beliefs of the school leadership
- B. Organization, the structures and resources that are in place to support a program
- C. Curriculum, the collaborative planning of the teaching, learning and assessment

After three years of reflection and two rounds of feedback from the IBO it is official, Skyline K8 has been re-authorized as an IB World School. If you have any questions about the process, or would like to see the Action Plans we have written for moving forward on our IB journey please feel free to contact me. I would love the chance to brag about our amazing Primary Years and Middle Years Programs.

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## Library Link

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Following is some great information from the Multnomah County Public Library. If you and your child have not had the opportunity to visit the Multnomah Public Library, now is the time!

### **Multnomah Library-Meet Your Youth Librarian!**

Does your child need that just right book? The one that isn't too hard or too easy and will make them want to keep turning pages, building reading skills as they go? Well, we have just the right book at the Northwest Library. Ask for Susan (Smallsreed), the Youth Librarian and she'll help you find what you need. That's right, each branch has a librarian that specializes in helping kids, teens and families get what they need.

### **Kids and Teens read fine-free at the Multnomah County Library!**

Worried about racking up late fines on your library card? Good news! Multnomah County Library no longer charges late fines for any kid's or teen books -- whether they are checked out on a kid, teen, or adult card. All late fines have been removed from library cards for youth ages 17 and younger. Also, all late fines have been removed for kid and teen materials checked out on adult library cards. There is still a replacement fee for lost items. Questions? Come on by any Multnomah County Library branch, or visit [multcolib.org](http://multcolib.org). Have questions or concerns about other charges on your library card? Call Multnomah County Library account services at [503.988.5342](tel:503.988.5342).

### **For grades 6-8**

Free tickets to Wordstock: Portland's Book Festival! **November 2**

Calling all teen author groupies: Looking for an opportunity to hobnob with the likes of P.C. Cast, April Henry, Renee Watson, and more? Want to spend the day hanging out with like-minded book nerds? "That sounds expensive. How much does it cost?" Nothing! Wordstock: Portland's Book Festival welcomes teens - so much so that you can attend for free.

[Reserve your ticket here!](#) And here's a glimpse of the happenings on the [teen author stage](#).

### **Susan Smallsreed, Youth Librarian**

Northwest Library  
Multnomah County Library  
503.988.9448  
[www.multcolib.org](http://www.multcolib.org)

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# PTA Connection

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## **PTA Costume Sale in FULL SWING!**

--All costumes on sale for just **\$1.00**. Whaaat?! You read it right, folks! DEALS. GALORE.

--Sale run on the **Honor System**. Grab costume(s), do the math, and place money in the jar located just inside the office window. Pay by cash or check (payable to "Skyline PTA").

--Feeling generous? **Donations of any amount ALWAYS accepted and appreciated.**

--Sale runs from 10/16 - 11/2. All costumes not sold will be donated to Goodwill.

--All proceeds benefit Skyline's PTA.

Questions? Contact Clarissa Kearns, email: [gentebeleza@hotmail.com](mailto:gentebeleza@hotmail.com)

## **Mrs. Field's Cookie Dough Fundraiser - Oct. 20- Nov. 2**

Order your cookie dough while supporting Skyline PTA and getting ready for the holidays with fresh baked goods. All proceeds from the sale will go to the direct PTA fund which supports: field trips, classroom teacher funds, scholarships, special events and more.

Look for your packets being sent home with students.

Questions ?

Ask Diana

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## **Skyline PTA Fundraiser – \$5 bags roasted coffee**

Roasted coffee fresh from a national coffee roasting competition held here in Portland. 100 bags (10-12 oz each) of whole bean coffee available for \$5 each! Special - 5 bags for \$20. Good coffee from the best roasters across the country. Contact Brian Hoop at 503-475-6056 or [brian.g.hoop@gmail.com](mailto:brian.g.hoop@gmail.com).

Kelley Weigel's dad and stepmom own Fresh Cup Coffee magazine and co-host a national coffee roasting competition right here in Portland. They donated the leftover packaged bags from roasters across the country. In case you want to check it out - <http://www.goldenbean.com/>

Goal is to raise \$450-\$500 for the Skyline PTA.

## **Holiday Pop-Up Shops**

PTA is hosting the 2nd Annual Holiday Pop-Up Shops this year, **Saturday, December 2nd**. We're looking for vendors at this time to showcase their beautiful goods. Vendor information can be found here to register:

<https://goo.gl/forms/qVWrtcpNXp7CsxM62>

The vendor fee is \$20 + a donated item for our raffle if you are able to. The fee and money raised from our raffle go toward supporting our in-house Food Backpack Program. Please share this information with friends if they are interested in joining. You can learn more about our event last year here:

<https://skylineschoolpta.com/vendors/>

## **Amazon Smile ~ FREE MONEY**

Did you know about the Amazon Smile program? In a nutshell, you link your Amazon account to link to "**SKYLINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA**" and 0.5% goes right to us! Just to paint a small picture for you:

***We raised close to \$400 in just ONE MONTH of linked accounts!!!!***

Here are some FAQs from Amazon:

[http://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/about/ref=smi\\_aas\\_redirect?ie=UTF8&ref\\_=smi\\_ge\\_ul\\_lm\\_raas](http://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/about/ref=smi_aas_redirect?ie=UTF8&ref_=smi_ge_ul_lm_raas)

I know many of you do not have your account linked as of right now but take a second and give it a try, go to:

<https://smile.amazon.com/>

and choose "**SKYLINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA**" as your charity. On a laptop or desktop, you will see at the very top when you're supporting. On a mobile phone, create a shortcut link on your phone rather than using the app. The app for some reason does not link to Amazon Smile. You can find details on how to create a shortcut via this link:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Szx37OHM0911qhC46JX5Xn-O\\_XW30vE6mKgxxUyjDhw/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Szx37OHM0911qhC46JX5Xn-O_XW30vE6mKgxxUyjDhw/edit?usp=sharing)

As always, please contact me if you have any questions!

Cosette Posko

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## **Save the Date! Skyline Auction March 10, 2018!**

Hello New Families!! Have you heard that Skyline has some of the most exciting and interesting parties? We call them Community Parties (we sell spots during our annual auction). We currently have some spots open that we would like to extend to NEW families first. This is a great opportunity for you to meet other families and make some wonderful friends. And at NO cost! That's right, a spot at our BUNCO tables for FREE! And if we can't fill the spots with new families, then we will open those to current/returning families. So, if you're new or know someone that is new and would like a spot or more info, email us. Also current families: we will start a wait list.

**BUNCO Date: Saturday, October 14th - RSVP before 10/12**

Liz Ascher

Shirley Baker

Skyline Auction Co-Chairs

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## **Late Opening Breakfast Donations**

Once again this year, we want to show our appreciation year round to our Skyline staff. One way we do this is to provide breakfast for the staff on Late Opening Wednesdays. You can choose a morning on the attached SignUpGenius, and get a classroom of parents to help you, or a club or soccer team, or scouts group, etc. to sponsor the breakfast. It can be as simple as coffee, fruit and donuts or as elaborate as waffles made fresh on site (Yes - someone did that last year!!) - it is really up to you, no right or wrong.

Thanks in advance for your help and participation!!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094aacac29a46-late>