



Skyline K-8

November 3, 2017



Principal's Corner

Skyline Families,

This week marks the end of the first quarter. I cannot believe it. Thank you to all of you who came to the Principal's Chat and Mural Night yesterday. A huge thank you to Mrs. Earle and Shannon Garcia Shinn for working with the 6th graders and organizing the event.

This week the 4/5 grade level team worked together in a Professional Learning Team and looked at student achievement data, interventions for students and worked on PYP year-long plans. It was awesome to collaborate, examine our data, and come up with plans to provide targeted interventions for our students who have instructional, social/emotional and attendance needs by utilizing all of our staff including Mrs. Gervais, our counselor and Mrs. Hiser, our intervention specialist/media specialist. The data showed there is a correlation with attendance and achievement data.

In our data meetings, we identified how we will differentiate our instruction to meet the needs of all learners while implementing our interventions. It is our goal to see our SBAC scores and overall student achievement increase. I have very high hopes for our amazing staff, students and families.

If you are interested in attending an informational meeting on understanding the Skyline School Report Card, the work I am leading with staff and anything else you might want to know, I will be hosting two Parent Information Sessions during conferences on Wednesday, November 8 from 1:00p.m.-2:00p.m. and 6:00p.m.-7:00p.m. in the library. If we need to schedule a third meeting to accommodate families, please let me know. You are also welcome to pop in my office anytime. I covered a lot of this information at the last PTA meeting but want to make sure everyone hears what we are doing and the new work we have added to our plates. If I am not available, Chris can schedule a time for us to meet. I want to be very transparent with the work we are doing here at Skyline with all of you.

Have a great weekend!

All the best!

BG Aguirre



Upcoming Events

November 3

Teacher Planning – No Students

November 6

Scholastic Book Fair –
Nov. 6-9

November 8

Parent Conferences

November 9

Parent Conferences

November 10

School Holiday

November 16

PTA Foundation Meeting-
6 pm

November 22

No School- Thanksgiving
Break Nov. 22 - 24

In the Spotlight!

Skyline Eagles Marathon Running Club

I am proud to announce that this year we have a total of 71 runners! Thank you to all the students who are heading to our track and pushing themselves to be physically active and complete more laps every day during recess and on Thursdays before and after school. As of now, our club has run a combined total of 221 miles! Our top runners are Jordan Goettler with 18 miles, Keaton Rader with 14 miles and Henry Whitworth with 13 miles.

Unfortunately, this year our club does not benefit from a grant covering the cost for the prizes. Currently, out of our 71 runners only 15 have paid the \$15 registration fee and the additional \$1 shipping fee. After communicating with a Nike representative, they are willing to offer us a 2 for 1 - or - 50% off the registration fee which brings the price down to \$7.50/per participant.

This means, that 30 runners out of 71 could be registered and receive the prizes. I would love for us to come together as a community and find a way to ensure that all of our runners can be registered and receive prizes for their hard work. The representative also explained that we should act soon as their inventory is diminishing quickly. If your child is running, and you have not completed a signup sheet, please pick one up at the school office and return it with either cash or a check made out to Skyline School.

Thank you,
Julien Grivel

Lost and Found

Please remember to check the Lost & Found in the main hall across from the school office during parent teacher conferences. All items not claimed by November 10th will be donated to the PTA Clothing Closet at Marshall High School.

Counselor's Corner

Next week, you will get to connect with teachers about your student's classroom experiences this year. As a mom, I know how hard it can be to get your child to share their daily lives with us. At our dinner table, I have learned to ask specific and sometimes funny questions to get my children to talk about their day. As you are preparing for conferences with your child, ask them about their challenges and their strengths. Conferences are a great time for students to set academic goals for the school year and as their greatest influence, you can help them articulate those goals. During guidance lessons this November and December, we will be connecting learning to our future goals by exploring how our everyday classroom lessons impact career choices they might make in the future.

Thank you and have a wonderful week,
Amy Gervais
School Counselor

Backpack Program

We were in the pantry and noticed that we could use more peanut butter, jelly, individually wrapped chips, granola bars, and soup (Chicken Noodle, Vegetable, Chicken & Rice, etc.- not just broth). 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.

Thanks,
Tanya Smith and Karina Ganz

IB Corner

The end of the quarter is a great time to practice the IB learner profile trait of being reflective. At Skyline that means, *“We thoughtfully consider the world and our own ideas and experience. We work to understand our strengths and weaknesses in order to support our learning and personal development.”* -IB Organization

All of our K-8 students will reflect each quarter on their strengths and areas for growth. Next week at conferences, look for your student’s reflections about their progress as learners using the vocabulary of the learner profile traits as their measurement tool. Quarters 2-4 these reflections will be sent home with report cards.

If you have questions or would like to see the templates we use, please contact me or stop by my office on the Gym stage.

With Appreciation,
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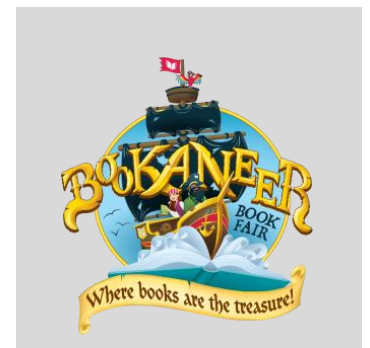
PTA Connection

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at our school from **November 6 to 9!** Book Fair hours will be 8:00 am to 3:30 pm on Monday and Tuesday, and Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00 am. to 8:00 pm (during Parent Conferences). Giving kids access to good books and the opportunity to choose their own books motivates them to read more. And, like most acquired skills, the more kids practice reading, the better they will get. We hope you will share your talents, and join us as we help students discover the power of reading.

We always are happy to have volunteers!

If you have some time to help us conduct the book fair, please register [online](#), or contact Jennifer Ingraham at jeniferi@comcast.net.



Reminder: Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Please return order forms ASAP. I can accept them until school is over on Tuesday, November 7.

All proceeds from the sale go to the direct PTA fund which supports: field trips, classroom teacher funds, scholarships, special events and more.

Thanks everyone for making this fundraiser a success!

Diana Dienger

Teacher and Staff Lunches

Next week there are teacher conferences on Wednesday & Thursday. So, we are presented with another opportunity to show our love to our Skyline Staff!!! We are going to inundate them with food - what could be better?! Please see the SignUp Genius link below.

[Teachers and Staff Lunch during Conferences](#)

Family Night Out Events in November

Hi Skyline Families,

Please support the Skyline PTA & Foundation by participating in our November Family Night Out events. All of the information is below. If you have questions, let me know at nicoleoanderson@gmail.com.

Thanks! Nicole Anderson

Dream Dinners Beaverton

Dream Dinners will host special meal prep sessions for Skyline folks in November. Their offer is pretty awesome: you assemble three 3-serving meals for \$34.99 (nine total servings) and they will donate \$10 from each session to Skyline!

After reserving your session and purchasing this offer ahead of time online, you simply show up and they have everything ready to assemble. Their very helpful staff walks you through the process. No clean up or ingredients wasted. Meals come home with you ready to pop in the freezer or fridge. Once thawed, most meals are completely cooked in 20-40 minutes. This offer is good for both new and existing Dream Dinners customers!

Choose either Saturday, November 4 at noon and Wednesday, November 8 at 6:30pm. Links are below to sign up. If these sessions fill, they will gladly make more for us. RSVPs are required.

[DREAM DINNERS FUNDRAISING EVENT ON 11/4/17 AT 12:00 PM](https://dreamdinners.com/main.php?page=rsvp_fundraiser&sid=730565)

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[DREAM DINNERS FUNDRAISING EVENT ON 11/8/17 AT 6:30 PM](https://dreamdinners.com/main.php?page=rsvp_fundraiser&sid=730566)

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Questions about Dream Dinners? https://dreamdinners.com/main.php?static=how_it_works.

Piccolo Mondo Toys

Skyline School Holiday Shopping Fundraiser

Who doesn't love shopping for great toys? Please join us at Piccolo Mondo Toys, a locally owned toy store for a holiday school fundraiser.

DATES: Sunday November 12th-Friday November 17th 2017

TIME: 9:30am-7:00pm

WHAT: 15% of your total purchase amount will be donated to Skyline

WHERE: Piccolo Mondo Toys in Bethany Village, [4768 NW Bethany Blvd. Portland, OR](#)

- If you would like to get some ideas, visit their website at www.piccolomondotoys.com.
- Family and friends who are unable to attend the event can also call in orders during the week at 866-578-TOYS.
- Piccolo Mondo normally tracks and gives a \$10 reward for every \$200 purchase to their customers; but on this week all customer credit goes toward Skyline.
- Due to the 15% donation, coupons and special prices/offers will not be accepted during this event. Please come support our school and a locally owned family business!

(Piccolo Mondo asked me to use their specific text. I want to add that their staff is really fantastic and always has great gift suggestions. And they gift wrap for FREE!! No flyer needed to shop -- they will ask at checkout if you are supporting a school)



Holiday Pop-Up Shops- Saturday, December 2

We are so happy to host our 2nd annual Holiday Pop-Up Shops Saturday, December 2nd. We currently have 18 vendors ready to join our fabulous event and would love to add more to the day.

If YOU or someone you know has anything they'd like to sell at the event, please complete the Vendor Form and payment to ensure we have a spot reserved for you. Vendor fees and raffle ticket sales go directly toward providing fresh food for our in-house Food Backpack Program.

We have wonderful vendors selling: wine, hot sauce, soap, handmade cards, photos, women's clothing & accessories, honey & beeswax candles, handmade jewelry, beauty products and more! Save the date and join us for all your holiday shopping needs!

Vendor information can be found here to register: <https://goo.gl/forms/qVWrtpNXp7CsxM62>

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/>

Do you have a passion for connecting kids to ART?

We are seeking an individual with a passion to connecting kids to art for the 2017-2018 Reflections Program. The Reflections Program is a National PTA program that connects students with arts.

During the 2017-18 school year, hundreds of thousands of students will reflect on a common theme "**Within Reach**" and create original works of art in the categories of dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography and visual arts. Students may enter the national awards program through their school's PTA.

The arts—and the National PTA Reflections program—support student success and serve as a valuable tool for building strong partnerships in your school community. Celebrate arts learning in your school community with Reflections.

Our school chair would share details about the Reflections Program, encourage students and families to participate and submit any projects for the event. The chair for this event does NOT have to facilitate any art. The projects should be completed at HOME. This individual would be a liaison between our school and PTA Reflections Department.

We had several students that won awards last year and recognized at the PTA convention. You can learn more about the program here:

<https://www.pta.org/home/programs/reflections>

Please contact me if you are interested.

Cosette Posko

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Fred Meyer Rewards ~ FREE MONEY

This is another installment of, "How Can We Earn Free Money?" How many of you shop at Fred Meyer?

If you shop at Fred Meyer I'm sure you're all getting your gas reward points + quarterly coupon, am I right? Well, guess what, what if I told you, you could keep ALL those awesome benefits and ALSO give back to our school?!!?! We currently have 8 families signed up for Fred Meyer Rewards....8! Seriously! I almost don't want to say that out loud, I think saying we have no families signed up because they didn't know about it would be better! So, how can you make magic happen? You're going to go to:

<https://www.fredmeyer.com/topic/community-rewards-4>

Sign-in if you already have an account, or create one (I promise this will be the only time you'll have to do this). Once prompted, you'll enter our group # **94079** and BAM, you're done! Every time you shop + scan your rewards card, you'll not only earn gas rewards + bonus points for yourself but also \$\$\$\$ for our school! How easy was that?!? Okay, now go copy + paste this on your personal social media page so your friends and family can do it too!

Real Estate Kickback

Just like our family night out events, we have a local Real Estate Agent that is also a parent at our school that offers a kickback to our PTA with each house sale. For every family who buys or sells a home with Kristin Rader OR refers her to a family, friends or colleagues who work with Kristin, \$100 is donated to the Skyline PTA when the sale closes. Please contact Kristin Rader with any questions.

kristin@kristinrader.com

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.

Before the conference

- ▶ Talk with your student to understand his or her questions and concerns about school.
- ▶ Check progress reports, report cards and work your student has brought home.
- ▶ Think of questions you want to ask the teacher. (See the checklist for possible questions, and add your own.)
- ▶ Write down information about your student that the teacher should know, such as a family death, divorce, changed finances, illness or a new home. (You can use the checklist below.)
- ▶ All adults with a role in a student's education — mother, father, grandparent, guardian — are encouraged to attend the conference.
- ▶ If English is not your first language, have someone contact the school before the parent-teacher conference and request an interpreter to assist you during the meeting.
- ▶ If you can't make the scheduled appointment, arrange another time with your student's teacher.

At the conference

- ▶ Ask the teacher what your student should know by the end of the school year.
- ▶ Ask how you can support your student's learning at home.
- ▶ If you don't understand something, ask the teacher to explain.
- ▶ Find out the best way (notes, phone calls, e-mail) and the best time to communicate with the teacher. (Middle and high school families now can communicate through the EdBox Viewer — ask a teacher if you need information.) Exchange contact information with the teacher.
- ▶ Be aware that the teacher needs to talk to other families. Ask to schedule a follow-up meeting, if necessary.

After the conference

- ▶ Jot down a couple of notes about the conference. (The checklist includes space for notes.)
- ▶ Discuss with your student what the teacher told you, especially the positive comments. Talk about goals and make a plan to reach them together.
- ▶ If you are the parent of a young student, check your student's backpack daily for materials sent home from school. Read all of it. If English is not your first language, ask a relative or friend to read the school information to you in your language.
- ▶ Contact the teacher whenever you have questions. If your student is not doing well, set up a regular schedule with the teacher to monitor progress. If English is not your first language, get a friend to help you contact the teacher or to ask the school office for an interpreter.
- ▶ Send the teacher a thank-you note when something good happens in the classroom.
- ▶ Talk with your student every day about school. Attend school events and offer to help from home, volunteer in the classroom or join the parent organization.

Parent-Teacher Conference Checklist

You may want to take this form to the conference to help you make the most of your time with the teacher.

Questions for the teacher

Mark the questions that are most important to you, and add your own.

- How is my student doing? Is my student working up to his/her potential?
- Is this class appropriate for my student's ability level?
- Does my student pay attention in class?
- Does my student ask questions, volunteer answers, and participate in discussion?
- Is my student's homework completed thoroughly, accurately and on time?
- Can you show me some of my student's work?
- Is my student in class every day? Does he/she come to class on time?
- Is my student respectful and courteous?
- What are your expectations of my student?
- Do you have any advice or suggestions for me or for my student?
- Does my student finish assignments in class and turn in homework?
- Does my student join in class discussions?
- What does my student do well?
- Is my student having a difficult time in any areas?
- What resources are available at school to support my student's learning?
- What tests or big projects will happen this year?
- What is the best way to stay in touch about my student's progress through the year?
- What suggestions do you have for me to get involved with school, and to help my student succeed?
- What specific things can I do at home to help my student learn?
- How is my student's culture reflected in the classroom learning time?
- Other questions _____

Things to tell the teacher

- How my student learns best.
- Any big changes in the family — a new home, new people in the home, death or divorce.
- Medical conditions that affect my student.
- What has helped my student learn successfully in the past.
- What my student enjoys about school and the classroom.
- What is most challenging for my student in this class.
- Other _____