



Skyline K-8

December 8, 2017



Principal's Corner

Skyline Families,

Happy Friday! I cannot believe it is December already. Winter Break is December 18- January 1st. We return to school on January 2nd. Thank you to everyone who supported the Pop-Up Shop last Saturday. It was a huge success!

Maestra Kruger's last day will be next Friday. We are very sad to see her go but understand that she needs to relocate to be with her family as her spouse has a new job in Hawaii. We have hired Hayley LeBray to be our new middle school Spanish teacher. Hayley comes to us after working in the Tigard / Tualatin District and also at a private school. She has been in the building this week and will be in the building next week working with Maestra to help the transition be smooth.

We continue to receive several changes to student's daily dismissal plans. During October, we had 425 changes and 441 in November. This creates a lot of extra work for our office staff. For safety reasons and to make sure kids get to where they are expected to go, please develop a consistent routine for your child. **If changes need to be made, contact the office at skylineoffice@pps.net before 12:00 pm for any going home changes.** This allows the office staff time to connect with students and the staff it impacts.

Beginning in January, we request that you do not pull your student out of class the last 20 minutes of the school day. The end of the day is an important time for many classes to come together and reflect on the day. This is a valuable part of building their classroom community. I ask that unless you are pulling your student for an emergency or sickness, that you have them attend school for the entire day. When picking your student up during the school day, please come directly to the office and sign your child out. The office staff will then call the classroom to have your child meet you. Plan on arriving at Skyline to allow sufficient time for your child to pack up and come to the office.

All the best!

BG Aguirre



Upcoming Events

December 8

Family Movie Night- 5:30 pm

December 13

Silent Auction Meeting- 9 am

December 18

Winter Break through
January 1



In the Spotlight

Skyline would like to introduce Sean Powell (Teacher Sean), our student teacher in Teacher Tom's 2nd/3rd grade class. Sean is enrolled in Lewis & Clark's Graduate School of Education and will be receiving his Master of Teaching for Elementary Education. Sean has felt so welcomed and grateful to be part of the Skyline community. He has enjoyed getting to know all of the students, staff, and of course, families. Prior to student teaching, Sean taught in early childhood education for five years and performed as an actor in theaters in and around Portland. Sean received his undergraduate degree from New York University. In his free time, Sean enjoys hiking in Forest Park, listening to records, and running in his neighborhood. We are so excited to have Teacher Sean as part of our Skyline Community.

Counselor's Corner

This year has brought some exciting changes to our school. As a staff, we have spent a lot of time reflecting on how we know that what we are doing is effective. Every day, I am fortunate to see evidence of why my job matters. When I work with students and they choose caring and kindness instead of hurting, I know that I have made a difference. The holiday season provides a similar time of reflection as a community. Many families in Portland struggle to make the rent and put food on the table. As members of this community, we can set the best example for our children by confronting inequality and reaching out a helping hand or ear to our neighbors. This season of giving can mean giving of our money, but it can also mean giving of our time and our hearts. Below are local organizations who provide some special assistance during this holiday season. These organizations rely on volunteers and provide essential services to our community.

Lift Urban Portland

2701 NW Vaughn St #102

Portland, OR 97210

(503) 221-1224

A free Christmas dinner is served. The charity may also pass out hygiene items too, such as lotions, soap, coats, boots and more.

St. Vincent de Paul

Families may request Christmas food boxes by dialing 503-235-7837 and following the automated system

Seasonal services from Portland Salvation Army

There are usually multiple centers that offer Christmas dinners or presents for children. If a location is not running a program in a certain year, the client may be given a referral to another local non-profit in Multnomah County or another area that is available.

Gifts are for Children under the age of 12. Families will receive a box of food for Thanksgiving or Christmas.

Not only will they try to have gifts for children, but other, long term support is arranged too.

The Gresham Center is at 473 SE 194th Ave. in Portland. Phone number is 503-661-8972.

Moore Street Community & Worship Center is located at 5325 N. Williams Ave. in Portland Oregon. This program's phone number is 503-493-3925.

Washington County Oregon is supported by the Salvation Army Christmas program at Tualatin Valley Citadel, 351 SE Oak St., Hillsboro, OR 97123. Call 503-640-4311.

Have a wonderful week!

Amy Gervais

School Counselor

Library

Online Resources

PPS students have access to some wonderful online resources, all for free! We have spent time sharing these resources with students and would like to let you know about them as well. These resources include access to online databases, such as World Book Online, and access to electronic books, such as Tumblebooks. You can explore these wonderful resources by accessing the [Skyline Library](#) page or the [PPS Library Services](#) page.

100 Ways to Read Over Winter Break!

Encourage your child to keep reading over the winter break! Attached at the bottom is a list of fun ways to enrich and extend reading. Remember students can access online resources and read electronically as well: [Skyline Library](#).

Parents: Take pictures of your child reading from the many fun ways below! Send the photos to mhiser@pps.net. I will be putting together a slideshow to share with the school when we return after Winter Break. Thank you for your support and happy reading!

Melody Hiser
Library/ Media Specialist
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Technology

Happy Computer Science Education Week!

Computer Science Education Week is an annual program dedicated to inspiring K-12 students to take interest in computer science. With technology changing every industry on the planet, computing knowledge has become part of a well-rounded skillset. But fewer than half of all schools teach computer science! Luckily our kids at Skyline get to start computer programming in kindergarten. Thanks to tremendous community support of our tech program, our students are getting the foundational skills they will need if they choose to pursue a career in computer science. K-5 students can show you what we are working on in tech class by viewing our websites [K-5 Websites](#). Middle school students are completing [Computer Science Discoveries](#).

The Hour of Code is a project that aims to introduce coding to K-12 students for just one hour, but these exercises can be done any time, all year long. Have your kids check out the tutorials. Some things will look familiar and some brand new! If you have questions, please contact me.

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[Hour of Code](#)



Marathon Club

CONGRATULATIONS to our three runners Jordan Goettler, Keaton Rader and Henry Whitworth! They have successfully completed their first Marathon and are on track to complete the next one soon. I am so proud of all our runners and all the work they put into pushing themselves and achieving more. As a club, we have ran over 400 miles! I want to take the time to acknowledge and thank Ms. Porter for her dedication and support in making our Marathon Club a success. In addition to joining us on the track for Thursday morning practices, Ms. Porter has generously sponsored seven runners! Thanks to Ms. Porter's support Reed and Conrad Currie, Alissa Kim, Arie and Wren Smith, Riley Moran and Santiago Ortiz will be able to enjoy the rewards from Nike's Marathon Club!

See you on the Track,
Julien



PTA Connection

PTA President Search ~ seriously, read on...

I'm coming in on the end of my term as PTA President, and while I have loved having this position for the last two years, I'm ready to begin working with another willing parent to take my place.

- What does it take to be PTA President?:
Anything you want it to be! You can run the show any way you like! I am very hands on and very communicative, but you can certainly spend more time on working with a small number of parents and relay information that way.
- How much time does it take?
Well, that's entirely up to you! I'm up at 11:25pm and writing this email, but most nights I'm not, just depends. There are heavy spots throughout the year: August, September, June and being in the loop throughout other events.
- What skills do I need?
Honestly, the biggest skill is being able to communicate effectively with people. That includes principal, teachers and other parents. Email is HUGE so comfort with emailing, replying to emails and managing calendars is extremely important.
- What happens if no one steps up?
If no one steps up, we will lose our PTA.
- What happens if we lose our PTA?

If we lose PTA, we lose an important voice for our children. It is our job to be the advocates for our children, help with decisions that are made within the school, how funds are spent that are raised and build community.

- Can I Co-President?
You surely can share the position with another individual. We do currently have a Vice President that is pretty awesome and a great resource your first year!
- This sounds GREAT! How do I sign up?
Shoot me an email if you're interested, and I'm happy to chat with you in more detail.

Skyline PTA FREE Family Movie Night

Friday, Dec 8th Doors open 5:30 PM

Come and join us for a free Family Movie Night in the Gym. Bring your whole family for the great fun. Pizzas, baked goods and drinks will be available for purchase (hosted by 4/5 grade classes to raise funds for their outdoor field trip). Use gym mats and get cozy on the floor or sit on the bleachers. Students must be accompanied by an adult. Pick two movies from the list and vote on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/events/1509147545842987/>) or email susan@tjpto.com. The movies are Despicable Me 3, The Jungle Book, Finding Dory or Cars 3.

Skyline Giving Tree

Tis the Season for Giving!

Every year, Skyline supports families within our own community who are experiencing need over the holiday season. While the holidays are about more than gifts, we also know that giving and receiving gifts is often a valued and meaningful tradition. **We would like to invite you to participate in this year's Skyline Giving Tree, which will be supporting 7 Skyline families.**

Giving is as easy as selecting a tag from the Giving Tree outside of the school's office in the main hall, or you can choose from a selection of gifts from the online wish list. **These gifts will go to Skyline classmates and families.** Please return wrapped gifts with the tag under the Giving Tree. Gift Cards can be handed to the Skyline Office Staff or placed under the tree. Please direct gift-specific questions to Skyline Counselor, Amy Gervais, and general questions about the Giving Tree to Skyline Volunteer Coordinator, Deirdre Hubler.

Please consider giving what you can to brighten the Holidays for our fellow Skyline families this year. *All gifts should be returned to the Giving Tree or Office by Monday, December 11th.* Your support in helping to make the Holidays joyful for all of our Skyline Community is sincerely appreciated.

Melissa Busch

Skyline Fundraiser at Out of this World Pizza!

Join us on Thursday, December 14 (10am-9pm) at *Out of this World Pizza*. Just mention Skyline School when you visit and they will give 25% of sales back to the Skyline PTA. Located at 6255 NW Century Blvd. in Hillsboro.

If you haven't been to *Out of this World*, here is what they offer: Play Structure, Active Arcades, Dedicated Toddler Space, Drop-in Play, Birthdays & Groups, Unlimited Play, Parents Play Free, Fresh Pizza and Salads, Scooped Ice Cream, Brewed Coffee and Bottomless Soft Drinks. See you there!

<https://www.outofthisworld.net>

Middle School Winter Snowball Dance

Date: Saturday, January 20, 2018

Location: Linnton Community Center

Sign-up genius went out to the parents of eighth graders on Tuesday of this week. Please pick a committee to join and help us pull off an awesome night for our middle school kids!

If you didn't get the sign-up genius or if you are a parent of a child in another grade but want to help, please email Lora Smith at: lorasmith12@gmail.com.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/30e0d4eafaa2aabfb6-middle>

Win a Cozy Quilt

The 8th grade is raffling off a gorgeous quilt in Lincoln, Trailblazer, or just fabulous winter red and black. Don't miss your chance to win! Contact your favorite 8th grader to purchase \$5 tickets. If you don't know an 8th grader selling the tickets, contact Tanya Smith at tsmithhomes@gmail.com.



Vacation Home Raffle

The 8th graders are selling raffle tickets to a week at Seventh Mountain Resort in Bend, June 8-15. Tickets are \$20 each, and there are limited 900 tickets available. To purchase tickets, see your favorite 8th grade student or contact Nicole Fravel (nfravel@comcast.net) who will put you in touch with a student selling tickets. For more information about the vacation home, visit <https://skyline8thgraderaffle.weebly.com/>

Real Estate Donation

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 donation 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

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!

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.



OUT OF THIS WORLD SKYLINE ELEMENTARY Fundraising Day



Visit **OUT OF THIS WORLD Pizza & Play**
Thursday, December 14th 10am-9pm
for a fun family experience and support your
school at the same time.

OUT OF THIS WORLD will make a 25% donation
back to your school on all food and admission
purchases that day. Just tell us your school
name when you visit and we'll keep a tally.

6255 NW Century Blvd ☆ Hillsboro, OR 97124
(503) 629-8700 ☆ www.outofthisworld.net

Directions: Sunset Hwy to Cornelius Pass Rd N exit
Left on Jacobson Rd, left on Century Blvd

Play Structure ☆ Active Arcades ☆ Dedicated Toddler Space ☆
Drop-in Play, Birthdays & Groups ☆ Unlimited Play ☆ Parents Play Free ☆
Fresh Pizza and Salads, Scooped Ice Cream, Brewed Coffee and Bottomless Soft Drinks

Donations apply to drop-in visits and exclude group events such as parties, corporate events, etc.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read a picture book • Read a chapter book • Read from Online Resources/ eBook • Read and solve a Math problem • Read a nonfiction book about something you know nothing about • Read a book you love...AGAIN • Read a biography about a person you admire • Read a book that will teach you a new skill • Read a book from your favourite author • Read a comic book/ graphic novel • Read a joke/ riddle book • Read a recipe/ cookbook and make it! • Read about caring for animals • Read a language book and learn a new language • Read about a place you would like to visit • Read a sport/ fitness book • Read a book that takes place in the future • Read a magazine or newspaper • Read a play • Read a spooky book or mystery • Read an award winning book • Read about another culture or holiday tradition • Read a book that became a movie • Read a folk tale, fairy tale, or myth • Read a book of poetry • Read an instruction/ video game manual • _____ • _____ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a parent, grandparent or guardian read to you • Read to a sibling or family member • Read in bed, past your bedtime • Read a story YOU wrote • Read with a book club or group of friends • Read to a stuffed animal/ toy • Read to a pet • Read to someone using Skype/ Facebook • Volunteer to read at a retirement home, hospital or church • Create and read a shopping list • Create and read a plan to build/ create something • Read a procedural/ how-to book • Read your journal or start one • Buddy read with someone and take turns • Create a video of you reading • Write a book review and read it to someone • Read a book at a public library • Donate used books to a charity • Read/ sing holiday songs or carols • Write and make a card and share it with someone • Create your own unique recipe and write it down • Write about your favorite family tradition and share • Read a family album/ scrapbook • _____ • _____ • _____ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read with a finger puppet • Read closed-captioning on TV • Read a step-by-step or recipe aloud to someone • Read while eating • Read with hot cocoa • Listen to an audio book in the car • Read aloud and record a story, then share with someone • Read at a local coffee shop or bookstore • Read in the bathtub (with no water) • Organize your bookshelves • Write a play and put on a show • Read at the park/ playground • Read in a plane, train or automobile • Read in the snow • Read under a Christmas tree (or any tree!) • Read aloud with animated voices • Read under the covers with a flashlight • Build a pillow fort and read inside • Rewrite the ending of a book • Read while waiting at a restaurant or office • Play reading games like Scrabble, Boggle, etc. • Collect your favorite words in a jar • Read the boxes/ packages in your food pantry • Type a story on the computer and email/ share with someone • Read while upside down • Have a family read-around • _____ • _____

The largest learning event in history

During Computer Science Education Week
December 4-10, 2017

HOUR OF CODE

The Hour of Code is a global movement introducing tens of millions of students worldwide to computer science, inspiring kids to learn more, breaking stereotypes, and leaving them feeling empowered.



ANYONE, ANYWHERE
CAN HOST AN HOUR OF
CODE. JOIN US!

HourOfCode.com

What is the Hour of Code?

A one-hour introduction to computer science.

The Hour of Code began as a one-hour coding challenge to give students a fun first introduction to computer science and has become a global learning event, celebration, and awareness event. HourOfCode.com offers hundreds of one-hour activities in over 48 languages for kindergarten and up. Activities require no experience and can be run on browsers, tablets, smart phones - some don't require any computer at all.

Code.org's own activities feature Minecraft, Star Wars, Disney's Frozen, Angry Birds, and Plants vs. Zombies.



An annual global event. The Hour of Code takes place every year during Computer Science Education Week, the first week in December. With a huge groundswell of support and attention, it's an ideal time for schools and districts to put the spotlight on computer science programs and expand opportunities.

Why computer science?

Computer science is foundational. Computer science is changing every industry on the planet. Every 21st-century student should have the opportunity to learn how to create technology. Computer science concepts also help nurture creativity and problem-solving skills to prepare students for any future career.

Economic opportunity for all. Computing occupations are the fastest-growing, best-paying, and now the largest sector of all new wages in the US. Every child deserves the opportunity to succeed.

Students also love it! Recent surveys show that among classes students "like a lot," computer science and engineering rank near the top—only performing arts, art, and design are higher.

Beyond the Hour of Code

Don't stop at an hour. Add high-quality computer science to your curriculum or enroll in hands-on professional development workshop. Make a lasting change at your school. Learn how at code.org/yourschool.

The Hour of Code has made huge strides in bringing computer science to all students

In the first Hour of Code four years ago, more girls tried computer science than have tried in the last 70 years!

Celebrities, tech visionaries and even President Obama support Hour of Code

- Every Apple Store in the world has hosted an Hour of Code.
- Hour of Code has been featured on Apple, Amazon, Google, YouTube, Yahoo!, Bing, and Disney homepages.
- Celebrities Ashton Kutcher and Jessica Alba and tech leaders Sheryl Sandberg, Bill Gates, and Jack Dorsey have talked with classrooms in live video chats.
- President Obama wrote his first line of code to kick off the Hour of Code in 2014, and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau kicked off the Hour of Code 2016.
- Hour of Code students opened the NASDAQ at a special event in 2015.
- Over 300 partners have come together to support this grassroots campaign, including The College Board, Microsoft, Infosys Foundation USA, Google, Salesforce, BlackRock, Verizon, Disney, Teach for America, Khan Academy, DonorsChoose.org, and more.



Over
100 million
students have tried
the Hour of Code

49%
female students

431,363,247
hours served

Together, we can solve the diversity gap in computer science

Women who try AP Computer Science in high school are ten times more likely to major in it in college, but females currently only make up 25% of high school CS classrooms, and those ratios don't change in the workforce! An Hour of Code is a great place to start addressing the diversity gap and introducing computer science to more girls in an engaging and empowering way!



"I challenge girls in every single country to learn one Hour of Code."

Malala Yousafzai
Nobel Peace Prize
Winner

Join the movement December 4-10, 2017 beginning with an Hour of Code!