



Skyline K-8

December 15, 2017



Principal's Corner

Skyline Families,

Happy Friday! The past six months here in PPS have been awesome. I really love being the Principal here at Skyline K-8 and look forward to 2018. I hope you all enjoy the next two weeks off with your children. I look forward to seeing all of their smiling faces on January 2, 2018.

It was great to hear so many families attended the Movie Night last Friday! It sounds like it was a great way to kick off the weekend.

Thank you so much to the PTA for our new cart of 36 Chromebooks. We have already received them and students are using them. YOU ROCK!

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.

The next Principal's Chat will be on January 5th from 8:30a.m.- 9:15a.m.

All the best!

BG Aguirre



Upcoming Events

December 18

Winter Break through January 1

January 2

School Resumes

January 5

Principal's Chat 8:30 am



In the Spotlight

Skyline would like to introduce Alicia Fritz (Ms. Fritz), our student teacher in Ms. Porter's Kindergarten/1st grade class. Alicia is enrolled in Lewis & Clark's Graduate School of Education and will be receiving her Master of Teaching in Elementary Education. Alicia is half-American half-French and has grown up all around the world including Geneva, Switzerland, Hunan Province, China and Saint Louis, Missouri. Alicia is especially excited to be student teaching at an IB school since she was a student at IB schools in 6th-12th grade. It has been fun for her to observe what an IB education looks like at the elementary level! Prior to student teaching, Alicia taught English in Asia and also worked at Montessori schools in the United States. In her spare time Alicia enjoys reading, traveling, painting, watching documentaries and learning languages. Alicia is so excited to be a part of the Skyline community!

Inclement Weather Update

When bad weather hits, here's how PPS keeps families informed:

- With winter quickly approaching and memories of last year's snow deluge still fresh, it's a good time for a refresher on how Portland Public Schools lets families know when weather forces delays and closures. Student and staff safety is our first consideration when we make this call, while keeping in mind the importance of attendance and learning and the burden on families of school schedule changes.
- We make weather calls as early as possible after consulting local meteorologists, transportation officials, regional school districts, and traffic safety experts, keeping in mind that weather conditions sometimes change or vary across the city.

Where merited, we choose one of the following approaches:

- Buses move to snow routes, picking up and dropping off students at the snow route stops. Routes and times can be found at <https://apps.pps.net/Transportation/BusSchedule/Snow>
- Two-hour late start – school starts two hours later than usual
- Schools closed
- Early dismissal

There are three ways Portland Public Schools can send messages to families about delays, closures and other weather-related decisions:

- Phone calls: Automated calls, in all supported languages, will be placed to the primary number listed on each student's registration. If you've changed your number recently, please update it with your school.
- Email: An automated message will be sent to the email address you listed in your child's registration.
- Text message: You will receive a text message on your cell phone, but first you'll have to opt in to the SchoolMessenger system by texting "Yes" or just "Y" to 68453

Counselor's Corner

It has been quite a week at Skyline. The energy in the building is full of excitement for our break. I, too, am looking forward to some quality family time. Kindergarten through third grade lessons this week focused on why good manners are important and how we know the way our actions make other people feel. I am thankful to work with students who care so much about showing kindness and making others feel good.

Have a wonderful break!

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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New Chromebooks

Thanks to our amazing Skyline PTA for buying 36 brand-new Chromebooks for our students to use. They have arrived and are making a HUGE difference!



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 Foundation

Hello wonderful Skyline families! Are you contemplating end of year giving? Consider including the Skyline Foundation in your charitable donations this year! Our Foundation funds licensed teachers in areas where we have shortfalls in the budget. This year the Foundation is supporting Spanish and Educational Assistance in the classroom. For the 2018-2019 academic year, the Foundation and Principal Aguirre have set a goal to raise \$85,000 for our kids! Funds for the Foundation come from the Skyline Auction and from direct donations from our community. Together we can make it happen! Whether it is a one-time donation, or a monthly recurring donation as a Skyline Sustainable Member, it all helps to support the education of our kids. Help the Foundation make Skyline's educational environment amazing! Click the link below to make a donation:

<https://allhandsraised.org/donate/>

Those families that commit to being a Skyline Sustainable Member (through a recurring monthly donation) will receive a newly designed Skyline Eagles car decal! Nothing says school spirit like bling for your car! Please help us make education at Skyline all it can be!

Sincerely,

Skyline Foundation

P.S. Donations are tax deductible to the extent of the law. Questions? Contact Foundation Committee Co-Chairs - Erena Friedrich, arena.friedrich@yahoo.com & Jason Resch, jsnrsc@gmail.com

Skyline Supporting Businesses

Skyline is very fortunate to have several businesses supporting our school throughout the year with donations. We would like to thank Kristen Rader for her generous donation to Skyline PTO last week! If your business supports Skyline through donations or would like to support through donations in the future, please complete the following document. Community members will have access to this document to view and to add information. Thank you for all the support!

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1er51wvAT1Zon3yOtmA4xFQRUwBV7HwxuMg592Iv6Krk/edit?usp=sharing>

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 Tanya Smith (tsmithhomes@gmail.com) who will put you in touch with a student selling tickets. For more information about the vacation home, visit <https://skyline8thgraderaffle.weebly.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.

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!

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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 	<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 	<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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • _____ • _____ 	<p style="text-align: center;">recipe and write it down</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write about your favorite family tradition and share • Read a family album/ scrapbook • _____ • _____ • _____ 	<p style="text-align: center;">Scrabble, Boggle, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • _____ • _____
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