



Skyline K-8

October 12, 2017



Principal's Corner

Skyline Families,

This was a fun and short week at school. Please remember tomorrow, **October 13th, there is no school.**

If your child mentions not seeing me in classrooms as much over the past week, unfortunately that is true. I seem to have caught the nasty cold/sore throat bug going around. I am excited to be feeling better and getting back into each classroom at least once a day. I love watching our teachers teach and our students actively engaged and learning.

We now have all of our students grouped in their K-8 Family Groups. Our first family group activity will be on October 18th. Family groups will meet each other and do a "Get to Know Each Other" activity before our first assembly that afternoon.

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.

Have a great weekend!

All the best!

BG Aguirre



Upcoming Events

October 13

No School- State In-service

October 16

PTA Envelope Stuffing 9-11 am

October 18

Two Hour Late Start-10:45 am

IB School Assembly- 2:05-2:55

PTA Auction Meeting- 2-3 pm

October 19

PTA Foundation Meeting- 6 pm

October 20

Cookie Dough Fundraiser

November 1

Picture Retakes

November 2

Principal's Chat – 4 pm

Family Mural Night – 5-8 pm

November 3

Teacher Planning – No Students

November 8

Parent Conferences

November 6

Scholastic Book Fair (Nov. 6-9)

In the Spotlight!

Skyline welcomes Courtney Tripp, our school's new Educational Assistant. She has spent several years teaching informal environmental education in the Portland metropolitan area and loves teaching. Courtney has a deep passion for helping others and one day hopes to impact the lives of the people in her community by becoming a counselor. She is a bright, smiling face each day for students, and we are so happy she is at Skyline!

New Guidelines Regarding Head Lice

Skyline will now be using the guidance provided by the School Health Specialist at the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and the State School Nurse Consultant with the Public Health Division of the Oregon Health Authority regarding head lice in the school.

SUMMARY

The management of head lice in the school setting should not disrupt the educational process. Evidence-based strategies include:

- Abandoning "no-nit" school policies
- Educating students on the avoidance of head-to-head contact and sharing of personal items
- Allowing students to remain in class and participate in school-sponsored activities when live lice or nits (the eggs of head lice) are found on their heads
- Notifying parents/caregivers at the end of the school day when findings indicate the presence of head lice
- Educating parents/caregivers about prevention methods, regular head-checks at home, and evidence-based treatment options.

Counselor's Corner

Skyline's first IB assembly will be happening on Wednesday, October 18th from 2:05-2:55. Before the assembly, students will be meeting for the first time in our new "family groups." Family groups were created as a way for our community to make long-term connections in our school. Students will be in groups of 15 or 16 K-8 students with a staff member. The groups will meet throughout the school year to build relationships and community in our school. It is an opportunity for our Middle School students to be leaders in our school and be exemplars of IB traits. At the assembly, Skyline will be receiving an award for our re-certification as a Green School, students will be recognized for being Open-Minded, and classrooms will be recognized for their positive contributions to our school. Skyline families are welcome to attend with special seating in the bleachers. Award recipients will be receiving a congratulatory letter and a follow up email invitation to the assembly on Thursday, October 12. Please email any questions to agervais@pps.net.

On another note, I would like to introduce my student intern, Jennifer Fields, to our school community. Jennifer brings to Skyline a wealth of experience both as a teacher and as a college and career counselor at a high school. She will be working with students in guidance lessons and providing individual and group supports. She will also be helping me plan a Career Exploration Day, which will be happening later this year. We are fortunate to have her on our team.

Have a wonderful week,
Amy Gervais
School Counselor

Library Link

October is Digital Citizenship and National Cybersecurity Awareness month, and this year the PPS IT Department has put together a week long informational campaign. During this week we will share information that is relevant to all staff, students and their families. Content will be shared in a variety of mediums include posters, flyers, social media posts, etc. Follow PPS IT on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) and Portland Public Schools on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). We are using #ppsdigcit to share content this week.

Throughout the week you can expect to learn more about the following:

- Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
- Digital Citizenship Curriculum
- How to identify phishing and scam emails, and what to do if you receive one
- Legit-o-meter for students - how to validate what you are learning online is truthful and safe
- Acceptable Use Policy including a student-friendly poster

To view all the content, visit the [Digital Citizenship Week](#) website on the PPS IT page. If you have questions about the week or any content you receive, please contact the IT Department at itfeedback@pps.net.

PTA Connection

PTA Meeting ~ Thursday, October 19th 6pm FREE CHILDCARE

Please join us for our 2nd PTA meeting of the year. A full agenda and last month's' meeting minutes can be found on our website:

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

Quick overview of topics:

- Music Assembly idea **needs vote
- School Mural project **needs vote
- Backpack program
- Holiday Pop-Up Shops
- Giving Tree
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Update from Principal Aguirre

Free childcare is provided with a pizza dinner for the kiddos. Please contact Chris or myself to reserve a space. Light snacks and refreshments provides for attendees. Remember, only PTA members can vote, please join today, you can find a link for an online membership here: <https://skylineschoolpta.com/schoolforms/>

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

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.

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:

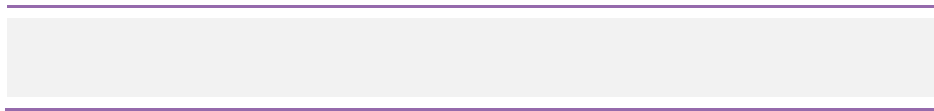
We raised close to \$400 in just ONE MONTH of linked accounts!!!!

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

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

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

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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>