



Skyline K-8

January 5, 2018



Principal's Corner

Skyline Families,

Happy New Year. I hope you all had a nice, relaxing break. It was so nice to see all of the students' smiling faces on Tuesday and to hear what they did during break. It was also nice running into some of you over the break at the bowling alley, Bethany Village and ice skating.

Our staff ROCKS! At our staff meeting on Tuesday, we continued to work on our K-8 writing articulation to help ensure we are working on writing at each grade level and so students can be high school ready when they leave Skyline K-8. Please incorporate writing at home when you can, such as having your children write grocery lists, create scavenger hunts for siblings or anything else you can think of that puts a pen/pencil/marker in their hands.

I would like to give a huge shout out to our custodians, Joe and Vicky, for their hard work over the two week break. The cafeteria floor looks AWESOME!

Please help give a big welcome to Hayley LeBray, our new MS Spanish Teacher. She is an awesome addition to our Skyline Family and has worked really hard to get caught up to speed on the Spanish curriculum, including meeting with staff at Lincoln High School.

Thank you to those of you who came to the Principal's Chat today.

Have a great weekend!

BG Aguirre



Upcoming Events

January 8

8th Grade Information Night
Lincoln HS 6-8 pm

January 15

Martin Luther King Day
No School

January 17

Late Opening- 10:30 am

January 18

PTA/ Foundation Meeting
6-8 pm



In the Spotlight

Skyline would like to welcome Hayley LeBray! Ms. LeBray has been studying Spanish for 13 years. She majored in Spanish at the University of Oregon where she also lived and studied abroad in Seville, Spain for six months. She recently graduated from George Fox University with her Master's in Teaching, endorsed in Spanish and Physical Education. She is a true Oregonian and grew up in Tualatin. Ms. LeBray's high school was an IB high school, so she is super excited to be working at Skyline where IB is an invested part of the curriculum and learning environment! In her spare time, she enjoys instructing cycling, hiking and being outdoors, traveling, continuing to grow in the Spanish language, spending time with family and friends, and exploring the variety of restaurants and food spots within Portland! She is so excited to be a part of the Skyline community!

8th Grade Information Night

Monday, January 8, 6-8pm

Families of current 8th graders, who reside in the Lincoln attendance area, and plan to attend Lincoln next year, are encouraged to join us for an important 8th grade informational event. The program will begin promptly at 6pm in the gym and will last until 8pm. We will start with a warm welcome from Principal Chapman, then continue with information regarding Curriculum, IB and Forecasting for next year's courses. Please plan extra time to access public parking as on-site parking is reserved for staff only. Please continue to check the website for more details to come.

The Cardinal Student Store will be open for special hours 5:30pm-7:30pm for this evening event. Credit cards accepted.

New Lincoln High School

Seeking Community Engagement-

Following passage of the 2017 bond, PPS is moving forward with planning, design and construction of a new Lincoln High School. The master plan calls for Lincoln to be rebuilt as a multi-story structure on the west side of the current campus. PPS is seeking public input on how the new Lincoln should be designed and is looking for volunteers to join the Lincoln Design Advisory Group (DAG).

Join the Lincoln Design Advisory Group (DAG)

The Lincoln Design Advisory Group will include parents, teachers, students, alumni and community representatives who will be involved in developing the design of the new Lincoln High School. The group will include at least one member representing each of the following: high school parents, neighborhood parents, feeder school parents, neighborhood associations, business associations, school programs, potential site and/or capital partners, students, teachers and a school board representative.

The Design Advisory Group Mission

The goal of the DAG is to develop a comprehensive, equitable, integrated and visionary high school campus design with authentic school community engagement. Members will be expected to serve for several months throughout the planning process.

Lincoln Project Details

During the construction process students will remain in the current building while construction of the new Lincoln will take place on the athletic fields at the west end of campus. When completed students will move to the new building and the original Lincoln building will be torn down and replaced by the new athletic fields. Construction is slated to begin in 2020.

Get Involved and Stay Informed

To join the Lincoln Design Advisory Group, use the online application here: <http://LincolnBond.pps.net> If you are unable to join the DAG, you will still have an opportunity to make your voice heard at an upcoming Lincoln Public Design Workshop. For more information and the latest updates visit the project website: <http://LincolnBond.pps.net>. Join the Lincoln project mailing list at LincolnBond@pps.net.

PPS Child Care Survey

Please take a moment to complete this confidential online Child Care Survey:

[2017-18 PPS Before After Care Survey Link](#) or go to pps.net, Departments, Child Care.

Your input is valuable. Survey results will be used as part of an annual program evaluation. Please complete the survey by **January 19, 2018**.

If you need a paper survey, please let your Child Care site director know.

Questions? Contact Nancy Hauth at 503-916-3230 or nhauth@pps.net.

Spanish:

Por favor tómese un momento para llenar esta encuesta confidencial, online childcare survey: [PPS La Encuesta de Cuidado Antes y Después de Clases 2017-18](#) o “pps.net – Departamentos – Guarderías”.

Sus aportes son importantes. Los resultados de la encuesta se utilizarán como parte de una evaluación anual de programas. Sírvase completar la encuesta antes de 19 de enero de 2018.

Si necesita usted una copia impresa para tomar la encuesta, hágase saber por favor al director de su guardería.

Preguntas? Contactar a Nancy Hauth al 503-916-3230 o a nhauth@pps.net.

Opt Out Testing

Parents/guardians who wish to opt out their child from state tests must inform their school office. The state form to opt out can be obtained at your school office or online: <http://www.pps.net/Page/1651> . If a family wishes to submit a letter or other documentation with a signature, the ODE form will be attached to the letter or other documentation to ensure the necessary information is included to properly identify the student who will not be testing. A student who is 18 years of age or over may opt himself or herself out of the test. Families can fill out the form to opt out their student at any time, but are encouraged to submit as soon as possible to allow schools to plan prior to the beginning of testing.

Green Team

This winter, the Skyline Green Team (a partnership of parents and students) has organized a recycling drive for holiday leftovers including: old Christmas lights, Styrofoam packaging, and old batteries. Unwanted items are

being collected by the office for recycling through January. Thank you for helping Skyline maintains our green school status.

Counselor's Corner

This week, I am so excited to introduce new units in our K-5 classrooms. For our Kindergarten through 3rd grade classrooms, lessons will be focused on a curriculum called "The Zones of Regulation." The Zones curriculum helps students identify and regulate their emotions. We begin by learning how to recognize emotions in ourselves and others. We then build on that recognition by practicing tools to help students calm and control their emotions. The "Blue Zone" describes a low level of alertness (sad, tired, sick, or bored). The "Green Zone" is a calm state of alertness identified as the ideal state for learning when one is happy and focused. The "Yellow Zone" describes a heightened state of alertness with elevated emotions and stressors. The "Red Zone" is used to describe extremely heightened states of intense emotions. A person is described as "out of control" in the Red Zone. The Zones are used to help students recognize their current state of alertness and utilize strategies to help them maintain or return to the ideal "Green Zone." 4th and 5th grade classrooms will also be utilizing the Zones curriculum, but we will be incorporating that into the bigger picture of IB Self-Management Skills and preparing students for Middle School.

Have a wonderful week!
Amy Gervais
School Counselor

IB Corner

The International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) spent most of last year revising and revamping their digital resources for both families and staff. Included is an informative new video series that explains how IB was developed 50 years ago.

Here is that link: <http://bit.ly/2Bqlq4h>

If you are into reading the latest educational research, IBO has a two page summary of their research conducted in 2017. There are a few printed copies outside the office. Or you can read it here: <http://bit.ly/2ChL5bV> .

Heidi Earle- IB Coordinator

Library

Thank you to families for sending pictures of all the great reading that took place over the winter break! For this New Year, we will challenge our Eagles to stretch their reading interests! Students in K-5 may choose to participate in the Eagle Reading Challenge. Students have received information regarding the challenge in library classes this week. There are two separate forms, one for [K/1](#) and one for [2-5](#). We look forward to some great reading journeys in 2018!

Melody Hiser
Library/ Media Specialist
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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

Welcome Back Skyline! As we get back into the everyday routine of school and work, the Skyline Foundation would like to wish all Skyline families a Happy New Year! May 2018 be a year of health, love, and prosperity for you and for Skyline.

Sincerely,
Your friendly neighborhood Foundation

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

ATTENTION ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS:

Mark your calendars. It's all most time for your kids to get their dance on at the Snowball!

Who: All 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students

When: January 20th, 2018

Where: Linnton Community Center

Time: 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10 (proceeds will go to the 8th grade class trip fund)

Details:

Ticket sales begin next week online and can be purchased the day of at the door.

Featured:

DJ: Skyline Alum, Jackson Posey

Dancing

Photo ops

Food and drinks

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!