



Skyline K-8

December 1, 2017



Principal's Corner

Skyline Families,

Happy Friday! I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend. It is so nice to have three full weeks of school before Winter Break. Winter Break is December 18-January 1st. We return to school on January 2nd.

This week I attended IB Primary Years Program training on Wednesday and Thursday with four other staff members. It was an awesome training but hard to be out of the building. Thank you to Melissa Dunn for subbing for me. Now that I have had the PYP, MYP and IB training, I feel better prepared to lead Skyline K-8 and help make our school the very best.

Tomorrow is our Holiday Pop-Up Shop here at Skyline K-8 from 10:00a.m.-1:00p.m. I will be here and hope to see all of you, too. Thank you to the PTA for organizing this event and so many others, including our new Family Movie Nights. Our first movie night will be on December 8th at 5:30p.m. December 8th is our staff holiday party, so unfortunately I will not be there. I hope to be at all of the other movie nights and to bring my children.

Have a great weekend!

All the best!

BG Aguirre



Upcoming Events

December 2

Holiday Pop-Up Shops- 10 am

December 8

Family Movie Night- 5:30 pm

December 13

Silent Auction Meeting- 9 am

December 18

Winter Break through
January 1



Library

Middle School students are exploring future career choices in Library this month. If you would be interested in speaking with classes about your career field, please contact Mrs. Hiser. We are exploring wide variety of career options. Please feel free to email mhiser@pps.net

IB Corner

In November, ten of our awesome staff members attended IB Workshops about teaching and learning with a global perspective. Workshops are a requirement of the IBO as a way to make sure teachers and administrators stay current in their understanding of what it means to be an IB World School.

The K-5 teachers and Principal Aguirre learned new ways to use tinkering and explorations to engage students in their IB units. The 6-8 teachers learned how to use a global context as a way to hook and engage students in their lessons and unit planners.

An added bonus is that our staff gets to learn alongside the staff from the three other K-8 schools in PPS which provides collaborative opportunities and the sharing of great ideas! This professional development is paid for by The Office of Teaching and Learning at PPS, and is seen as an essential element to the success of the IB programs in our school district.

Heidi Earle
Skyline IB Coordinator
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Counselor's Corner

December is a time of giving and connecting with others. Skyline's Giving Tree is an opportunity to support our community. Please remember that gifts should be returned to the school by December 11th to allow time for sorting and pick-up. In the spring, there will be opportunities to give the gift of your time. Last year, Skyline girls were able to participate in an afterschool program called **Girls on the Run**. **Girls on the Run** is a non-profit organization teaching girls healthy habits and self-esteem building through running and physical activity. We would like to bring an Elementary and Middle School team to Skyline this spring but we are in need of volunteers. To have a team, **Girls on the Run** requires at least two coaches per team. Currently, Skyline does not have a coach for either teams. If you are interested in volunteering, check out <http://www.girlsontherunpdx.org/Coach> for more information. The teams meet twice a week for 90 minutes after school. Coaching is an excellent way to give the gift of time to our community.

Have a wonderful week!
Amy Gervais
School Counselor

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.

Tis' the Season/ Holiday Pop-Up Shops

What better way to kick off the Holiday Season than shopping local? Come join us for our 2nd Annual Holiday Pop-Up Shop happening this weekend!

Where: Skyline Elementary School Gym

Time: 10am-1pm

Raffle: Our wonderful vendors have donated items for our raffle. \$1/ticket or 6 for \$5.00. Proceeds go toward perishable foods for the in-school food backpack program.

Admission: Free admission ~ we're asking for canned food donations if you can. Your first 2 cans will earn you ONE free ticket to our raffle, items in high need include:

- Peanut butter and jelly
- Soup (No broth please, we have an overstock of it)
- Pasta
- Rice
- Tuna

- Bread

Vendors: We'll have amazing vendors selling: honey, wine, hot sauce, spices, jewelry, pottery, art and more! You can find a full list of vendors on our website: <https://skylineschoolpta.com/vendors/>

Please feel free to invite friends and family to the event. You can share the event via Facebook or flyer attached. <https://goo.gl/hJFXTq>

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

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Middle School Winter Snowball date and location has changed:

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.

Poinsettias for Sale

Skyline 8th graders are selling poinsettias. Look for an order form to come home with your child this week. Poinsettias are available in 3 different colors, red, white and pink and in large and smaller sizes. Pictures of the plants can be found at www.newleafgreenhouse.com.

If you are interested in purchasing poinsettias for the holiday season, please return the order form to the office by Wednesday, November 15. Flowers will be available for pick up at the school on November 29.

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.

SATURDAY • 2 DECEMBER 2017 • 10AM TO 1PM

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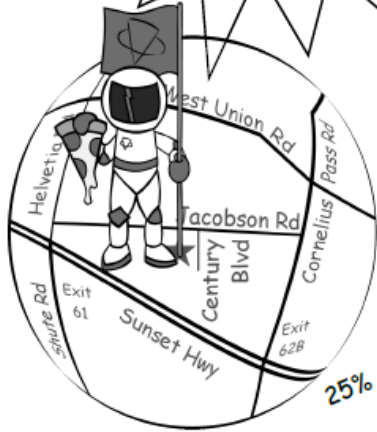
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