



# SKYLINE elementary school

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## Dear Parents:

**Welcome to the 2009 -2010 school year!** We are all very excited

that a new school year is upon us, and we are looking forward to the challenge of making it a wonderful experience for your children. As always, students are the focus of the Skyline staff. We will continue to seek ways to improve our school and set high standards for our students. Our world is changing and we need to prepare them for the future. We can't do it by ourselves. We need your support, and we want to encourage you to take the time to become involved in the education of your children and make the 2009-2010 school year a great learning experience. Together we can make incredible things happen. Your efforts at home are essential and indispensable in making sure every child does their personal best and reaches their full potential. We are looking forward to a great year with your kids!

## Class Placement:

Every Skyline teacher is dedicated to high academic standards and meeting the learning and social needs of each child. **Every child's placement is important and was given careful consideration.** Classroom teachers, specialists, learning support staff and the principal were all part of the placement process. Parent input taken last spring is important and valued. **Students benefit from new experiences.** A critical life lesson for children to learn is that working with diverse students and teachers is enriching and helps prepare them to successfully handle new and different experiences. **Balanced classrooms should reflect our diverse society.** All classes are balanced with regards to academic ability, behavior, race, ethnicity, gender, socio-economic standing, learning styles, and number of students. Thank you for your support. Skyline Elementary remains dedicated to providing your child with a quality and enriching learning experience.

**Student placement letters will be mailed 8/24.**



## Upcoming Events

8/24 Office open 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, 1:00-3:30 PM  
9/7 Labor Day—No School  
9/8 First Day of School! 8:45 AM

## New Faces, New Places

**The Skyline learning community is a place where the entire staff is dedicated to helping students acquire the social and academic skills necessary to become life-long learners and contributing members of our world. We are blessed to have an incredible, creative staff that works daily to do what's best for kids.**

With some weddings this summer we have two familiar faces with new names. Ms. Mavor is now **Mrs. Autumn Morrison** and Ms. Tichy is now **Mrs. Jessamyn Summers**. Congratulations!

We also have some familiar faces in new places. **Mrs. Michelle Reed** is back at Skyline teaching 2nd grade. Michelle has spent the past few years as a district literacy coach but we are thrilled to have her back with our students. **Mrs. Ellie Moon** will be working with **Mrs. Lisa Lentz** teaching 5th grade this year. Due to funding issues some librarians will be covering two different schools. Ellie returns to the classroom and will be sharing teaching a fifth grade class with Lisa. It is a tremendous opportunity as the students will be enjoying both of these energized teachers and both of these new mothers will get to spend time with the families. **Ms. Sharri Sandnes** will be the new face in the library this year. Sharri will share her librarian duties here and at Hillcrest every other week. **Mrs. Debbie Speirs** will be teaching third grade this year. She will be sharing her position but another half-time teacher has not been hired at this time

## Curriculum Nights

**Again this year we will be having two different Curriculum Nights.** This will allow us to spend more time providing you with information and ease our parking congestion. Parents of third and fourth graders will be meeting on Thursday, Sept. 17th from 6:30-7:15 PM. Fifth grade parents will be meeting the same night from 7:15-8:00 PM. Kindergarten and first grade parents will be attending on Tuesday, Sept. 22nd from 6:30-7:15 PM. Second grade parents are the same evening from 7:15-8:00. It is our hope that by having different nights for parents to attend, parking problems will be lessened and all of our parents will be able to come. **Mark your calendars now!**

9/17 Curriculum Night #1, 3-4 6:30-7:15, 5th 7:15-8:00  
9/22 Curriculum Night #2, K-1 6:30-7:15, 2nd 7:15-8:00  
9/24 Picture Day—Bring your smile!

**At the beginning of each year I like to remind us all of the little, yet very significant, things we need to do in order to make Skyline a safe place for everyone. Your help in reinforcing these procedures is greatly appreciated.**

1. **Sign-in at the Office:** While Volunteering and/or visiting Skyline during school hours you must first sign in at the office and wear a name tag.
2. **Arrival:** School hours are from 8:45 AM to 2:55 PM everyday. The first bell rings at 8:40 and we expect students to be in their classrooms, ready to learn by 8:45. We believe that being on time is a lifelong skill. We appreciate your efforts to get students to school on time.
3. **Before School Supervision:** In order to keep the children safe students must not arrive before 8:30 until supervision begins.
4. **Early Dismissal:** Parents must sign their child out in the office whenever they are picking them up for an appointment. We will call the child down to the office via the phone. This provides us with a safety check on the whereabouts of our students and minimizes disruption to classroom instruction.
5. **Absent/Late Arrival:** When your child is absent and not attending school, or has an appointment and will be arriving late, please call 425-335-1520. This enables us to keep track of who is on/off campus for their safety.
6. **Transportation Change:** When your child is riding a different bus or has a change in their normal routine from school, please send a note with them to school that day. Also, please include last names on the note.
7. **Drop-off/Pick-up:** Please help us keep our student pick-up/drop-off area safe. Cheerfully, obey the directions given by our supervising staff, volunteer parking lot attendants, and student safety patrols. Please keep your speed to a minimum. Thank you for your consideration of these safety procedures.

**PLEASE DO:**

- Drive slowly and always yield to people in the crosswalks.
- Use the lined area for drop off/pick up purposes.
- Please give any notes, lunch money, etc. to students prior to arrival.
- Let children in and out of your cars at the CURB and on the RIGHT side to assure they are safe from passing cars.
- Unload students by 8:40 AM to make sure they are on time for school.
- Carpool whenever possible.

**PLEASE DO NOT:**

- Park in the lined loading zone area during the morning drop off time 8:35—8:50 and during the end of the day pick up time 2:45—3:05.
- Park in the turn around circle. It is a fire lane.
- Wait in the handicapped stalls.
- Stop in the middle of the road.
- Drive around the back of the school. This is for buses only.