



SKYLINE elementary school

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Dear Parents:

We are extremely pleased that the 2009 -2010 school year is under way! We are anticipating a great year of learning with your kids! We know you are too!



Coming home today is the Lake Stevens School District calendar. Inside the calendar you will find an insert that includes **important date changes**. The calendars needed to go to print prior to final negotiations. Now that negotiations have been finalized a few adjustments need to be made to the calendar. Please keep this insert in a safe place for your reference. Here are the highlights of the changes.

- **Late Start Days**—This year Late Start Days will be on Wednesdays. Every Wednesday, starting on September 30th, school will start one hour late at 9:45 AM. (There are a few exceptions to this noted on your insert.) All kindergarten students will attend on Late Start Days and take their normal transportation to and from school. AM kindergarteners will be at school from 9:45 AM—11:55 AM. (So they stay 30 minutes later than normal.) PM kindergarteners will start 30 minutes later than normal from 12:45—2:55 PM.
- **Conference Weeks**— Fall Parent & Teacher Conferences will be all week, October 26th—30th. On these days school is dismissed at 12:25 PM. Kindergarteners do not attend during conference weeks. Spring conferences will be all week March 22nd—26th.
- **February 1st**—There is school on this day despite what the calendar says!

A complete correct calendar can be found on our **school website** at: <http://www.lkstevens.wednet.edu/skyline/calendar.html>

I will continue to run reminders of these date changes as they come up in this bi-weekly newsletter. My newsletter can also be found on the Skyline website.

It is going to be a great year! Mr. B.

Curriculum Nights

We all know that for our children to have the greatest success in school that there must be a tight connection between school and home. **The single most important step you can take** in helping your child this year is to attend his or her upcoming Curriculum Night. This is a one time a year opportunity to learn about the instructional goals, expectations, and details of your child's classroom. We expect that all parents will attend.

In order to make Curriculum Night more convenient for families we have spread out the nights. Different grade levels will present on different nights and times in order to make our crowds smaller and parking easier. Free child care will be available at the school for families who call our office to make arrangements. Here is the schedule:

Thursday, September 17th

Third Grade	9/17	6:30-7:15
Fourth Grade	9/17	6:30-7:15
Fifth Grade	9/17	7:15-8:00

Tuesday, September 22nd

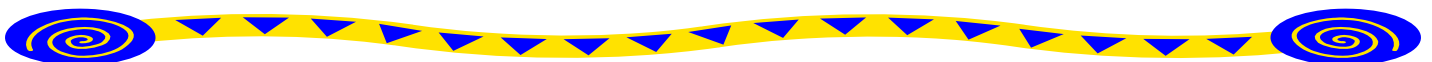
Kindergarten	9/22	6:30-7:15
First Grade	9/22	6:30-7:15
SLC I & II	9/22	6:30-7:15
Second Grade	9/22	7:15-8:00

This year each grade level will only have one presentation.

Again, if you need child care please contact our office at 425-335-1520. We will need to know the sessions you are attending and the children who will be left at child care. Arrangements need to be made before Wednesday, September 16th for the first curriculum night and Monday, September 21st for the second night.

You will discover about the exciting year ahead for your child and his/her learning and growth. Our staff looks forward to welcoming you and to sharing a broad range of information from classroom structure to homework policies. Opportunities to sign up to help in the classroom or with other academic and social events are also available at this time. We look forward to working closely with you in a partnership that makes this year an exciting, stimulating, and rewarding one for your child's academic and social growth.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Document Cameras



Thanks to the **hard work and effort** of so many of you our school now has **document cameras and projectors in every classroom**. A document camera is used instead of an overhead. A huge advantage is that teachers can use it to

project student work, read aloud books and other materials. These cameras were purchased with a combination of building funds, the fundraising efforts of the Skyline PTA, and through a grant from the Intermec Corporation. A big thank you goes to Kristen Wells who worked to obtain this grant. These are tremendous classroom tools. Look for them next time you are in one of these classrooms.



Pick up / Drop off

Please help us keep our student pick-up and drop-off area safe and efficient. When dropping off or picking up your child please be aware of the following:

Before school and at the end of the day there is no parking or extended stopping at any time in any of the lined areas in front of the school. These are reserved for parents to pull over and let their child out of the car. Even if you are remaining in the car please do not use this as an area to sit with your child until the building opens. It is simply for "drop off" purposes. If we all stick with this it will alleviate the back up that we often get.

Pull up to the farthest space available to pull over. Many times there is more room farther up the line. Let children in and out of your cars on the RIGHT side to assure they are safe from passing cars.

There is no parking in the circular turnaround which is a fire lane. When cars park here other cars and buses are unable to turnaround.

Please give any homework, notes, lunch money etc. to students prior to arrival so that immediately when you get to the drop off zone they can depart quickly.

The school does not open until 8:40. **Please do not drop students off prior to 8:30** as there is no supervision outside. Also if your child is a walker they should not arrive at school prior to this time.

Thank you all for your attention to these procedures. It will make a smoother morning for all.

Skyline Expectations



This month all of our students are learning about the high expectations we have for them at Skyline. Every student is familiar with our motto:

At Skyline we are safe, fair, kind and respectful. I am ready to learn and will encourage others to be successful because learning comes first.

Safe is... keeping me and others free from possible harm.

Fair is... giving everyone involved an equal opportunity to succeed.

Kind is... when my words and actions help encourage others.

Respect is... honoring the needs, ideas, and different opinions of others, even when they are different from my own.



Upcoming Events

9/17 Third Grade Curriculum Night 6:30 PM
Fourth Grade Curriculum Night 6:30 PM
Fifth Grade Curriculum Night 7:15 PM

9/22 Kindergarten Curriculum Night 6:30 PM
First Grade Curriculum Night 6:30 PM
SLCs Curriculum Night 6:30 PM
Second Grade Curriculum Night 7:15 PM

9/24 Picture Day! Bring your smile!

10/1 Fundraising Assembly 2:05 PM

9/30 Late Start Day
School Starts at 9:45 AM
AM Kindergarten attends from 9:45-11:55 AM
PM Kindergarten attends from 12:45-2:55 PM

10/7 Late Start Day

10/14 Late Start Day

10/16 No School (no hay escuela) Learning Improvement

10/21 Late Start Day

10/26 - 10/30 Parent Teacher Conferences
12:25 dismissal
No Kindergarten

10/28 NOT a Late Start Day (12:25 dismissal)