



SKYLINE elementary school

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Dear Parents:



Parent-Teacher conferences for Skyline will be October 26th through 30th.

This is a special time set aside for parents and teachers to talk about the individual progress and academic goals of each student. **Conferences are a critical link in creating a partnership between home and school.**

Please attend your child's conference. Make it a priority in your schedule; take time off work. Everyone that is involved with supporting your child's education at home should attend. **It will be one of the most important things you do all school year.**

The Importance of Home & School Teamwork

Neither parents nor teachers working alone can do everything to help students learn. But **when parents and teachers are on the same team, children win every time.** Here's how you can contribute to the partnership:

- **Teach responsibility for learning & behavior.** A child who understands and accepts responsibility will do better in school. And the very best place for your child to learn to take responsibility is right at home.
- **Teach your child to set goals.** At the beginning of the week, help your child identify one goal, write it on a piece of paper and post it in a prominent spot. Talk about how to accomplish the goal. Help your child break it down into smaller steps. At the end of the week, did your child achieve the goal? Talk together about why or why not.
- **Teach your child to be organized for school.** Together, decide where your child can keep everything for school - books and supplies, completed homework assignments, special projects, permission slips. Your child's final responsibility each evening is to put everything for school the following day in that place.

The staff at Skyline thanks you for your teamwork.

Mr. B.

Turn Mistakes Into Valuable Lessons

Your child - like the rest of us - makes mistakes. **But with your help, he can use his mistakes to learn and grow.** Teach your child that every mistake is also an opportunity in disguise. To help him handle the bumps along life's road:

- Praise his effort. Remind your child that he really tried. Say you're proud of him for giving it his best shot.
- Find ways he can improve. Ask him to think about how he ran into trouble. Did he ignore the directions? Did he work too fast?
- Focus on success. Help your child see all the things he does right. Remind him that skills he found difficult in the past are easy for him now.
- Emphasize learning. Of course you want your child to get good grades, but talk with him about what he is learning, not about what grade he gets.
- Get help. If your child works hard but still has problems, talk with his teacher. Together you can get your child on track and on the road to success!

Conference Week Schedule

Next week is conference week. Teachers will be meeting with all families to discuss student progress and discuss a plan for continued success. **Because it is conference week there are several schedule changes** of which you need to be aware.

- Conferences are held Monday—Friday, Oct 26th-30th.
- **School is dismissed at 12:25 all week.**
- Because school is dismissed at 12:25 there will be NO late start day on Wednesday. School will start at 8:45 AM.
- Kindergarteners do not attend school this week.
- First and second grade lunch is served from 11:00-11:30.
- Third and Fourth grade lunch is served from 11:30-12:00.
- Fifth Grade lunch is served from 12:00-12:25.
- The Skyline PTA will be holding a Book Fair during conference week in the library.

School Closures

Weather Related Bus Schedule Changes

The annual fall information letter to parents and the limited bus schedule is posted on the district's website at www.lkstevens.wednet.edu - under *Parents* click *Transportation*. This information outlines the possible changes from the regular transportation/school start schedule as it relates to weather related conditions. Announcements of weather related delayed starts or closures may also be found on the district's website – just click the icon at the bottom of the page "School Closure Delays."

Praise the Effort

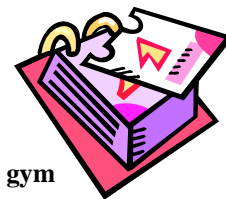
For years many people believed that intelligence was fixed, that each person had a certain amount. **But researchers have learned that intelligence can be cultivated through effort.** Carol Dweck, from the National Association of Independent Schools, discovered that students who believe that intelligence is fixed also believed that their learning was limited. Once they got to a certain level of math or reading or science, that was it. They had reached the maximum level of their intelligence. On the other hand, students who believed that they could learn more through effort were able to achieve at higher levels. How can we help our kids? **Praise their effort rather than their intelligence.** Don't tell them how smart they are, tell them what hard workers they are, and watch them grow. Hard workers develop the determination and confidence to work through any problem. This is a wonderful life long skill that will produce success!

Swine Flu Information

Here is the district protocol and plan for monitoring flu/H1N1 outbreaks:

1. Monitor absenteeism at all schools. Secretaries and nurses call to follow up on sick students or unreported absences.
2. When schools reach an absenteeism of 10% we automatically report to the health district; evaluate the reported reasons for absenteeism and make appropriate decisions for possible closure, parent/staff notification.
3. Students and staff who are ill are asked to remain home for 24 hours after they are symptom free.
4. Implement important hygiene measures and reminders through out schools and in materials to parents.
5. Monitor information as it is presented from our health district and the CDC.
6. Routine cleaning of buildings to include all areas that are highly touched – hand rails, door handles, entry ways. Sanitizing products in schools and classrooms.
7. Identification of high risk staff and students for notification of outbreak and vaccination information.

Upcoming Events



- 10/21 **TONIGHT!!! - Kindergarten Pumpkin Carving Night 6:30 PM gym**
- 10/26 - 10/30 **Parent Teacher Conferences 12:25 dismissal No Kindergarten Book fair! (Book fair late night Thursday.)**
- 10/28 **NOT a Late Start Day (12:25 dismissal)**
- 10/30 **Halloween Parties—Students bringing appropriate, non-violent costumes to school should have them in a bag until party time.**
- 11/1 **Daylight Savings Time Ends—Fall Back 1 hour!**
- 11/4 **Late Start Day—School starts at 9:45 School Starts at 9:45 AM AM Kindergarten attends from 9:45-11:55 AM PM Kindergarten attends from 12:45-2:55 PM**
- 11/5 **Picture Retake Day**
- 11/10 **Veterans' Day assembly 2:15 PM gym**
- 11/11 **Veterans' Day—No School (no hay escuela)**
- 11/18 **Late Start Day—School starts at 9:45**
- 11/20 **PTA Family Movie Night—6:30 PM UP!**
- 11/25 **NOT a Late Start Day (1:55 dismissal)**
- 11/26 **Thanksgiving—No School (no hay escuela)**
- 11/27 **Thanksgiving Holiday —No School (no hay escuela)**
- 12/2 **Late Start Day—School starts at 9:45**
- 12/3 **1st & 2nd Grade Concert 7:00 PM LSHS PAC**
- 12/9 **Late Start Day—School starts at 9:45**
- 12/16 **Late Start Day—School starts at 9:45**
- 12/16 **Report Cards come home**
- 12/17 **PTA Bingo Night 6:30 PM gym**
- 12/19 **Winter Vacation begins Winter Vacation Dec 19th—Jan. 3rd**
- 1/4 **Back to School!**

Skyline 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.