



Greetings Skyline Elementary Families,

Saying Goodbye to the 2018-2019 School Year!

June has arrived and I cannot believe the end of our school year is near! We have had an amazing school year with incredible learning taking place each and every day. From learning and field trips, to assemblies and demonstrating Explorer Expectations, to family fun nights and so much more, we've had a wonderful year here at school. Thank you to our parents and families for each and every day that you give us to work and learn with your son/daughter/children. We enjoy every moment, and boy oh boy, do those moments fly by! June 20th we'll celebrate the teamwork and relationships we've established this year during Field Day. We thank Mr. Hodge for his leadership and organization of this exciting experience. The next day, June 21st, marks our last day of school. We'll wrap up an amazing year as a learning community during that time!

I want to take this special opportunity to wish our amazing Fifth Graders a special goodbye! Next year, you will all move on to middle school where you will continue to do fantastic things. Work hard, learn a lot, and make sure to come back and visit all of us. We will miss you, and we wish you the best on your new adventures and your middle school years! Remember, once an Explorer always an Explorer! Have a wonderful middle school experience! Make it the best!

If you are moving away from Lake Stevens throughout this summer, we will miss you too! Wherever you go, take your lifelong learning skills and your Exceptional Explorer Ways with you and do your best. Thank you for making Skyline Elementary a part of your school success!

We certainly cannot end our school year without sharing a huge "Thank You" to all of our volunteers, WATCH DOGS, and Incredible PTA. Our volunteers are all terrific people! Each and every one of you does so much for our school, our staff and our students. Your work is appreciated, your energy is unbelievable, and your care and support mean so much to us. Thank you for your continued support of our programs, our students, and the work we do! We thank our PTA for providing us family fun nights, organizing staff appreciation lunches, always being supportive of our programs and for our INCREDIBLE ROCK WALL donated this year. Our kids LOVE it! Our PTA impacts the success of our school, and we appreciate all you do. I hope that if you are back with us next year, you will join our PTA and become a member of a wonderful organization that truly has Skyline's best interest in mind. Thank you to all of you from all of us!

Skyline Families, enjoy your summer! I hope for sunny days, strolls in the park, lemonade stands and popsicles, family reunions, swimming, fishing, vacations close by and far away, water balloons, and flip flop days full of fun and sun for all of you! We will see some of you back Wednesday, September 4th for a new school year! Be on the lookout for more information in August regarding our "Meet the Teacher/Open House" event just before school starts and our upcoming 2019-2020 school year. Thank you for a terrific year with all of your kiddos and for the support you have shared with me in my first year here at Skyline. I have felt so welcomed and appreciate the kindness you have shared. Have a fantastic summer and we will see you all soon! Until we see you again...

June Smiles,

Tori Thomas

Principal

Very Important Staffing Celebrations and New Adventures to Share

Retirement Celebration:

★ Jill Cochran

- After an absolutely incredible career in education, Jill is making the move to Retirement! We are so excited for Jill to enjoy days with her grandkids and family, time out on the Lake, and lots of free time to fill in with the all the things she wants to do. Skyline has been so very fortunate to have her love, her passion, and her dedication for so many years. Jill leaves a part of her heart wherever she goes and we're the fortunate ones to know she has certainly left her heart with all of us at Skyline. Jill's role as our school counselor is undoubtedly such an impactful role. She has supported so many of our students, so many of our families and jumped over backwards to make a difference for our entire community. If you need something, Jill is there. If you need support, you can count on Jill. Whatever it may be...Jill's been there through it all. Jill models the character, passion and love you expect from the counselors and staff within a school. Thank you Jill for everything you have shared with our students, staff, families, and our Lake Stevens community in your incredible years as our counselor and educator extraordinaire...once an Explorer always an Explorer...We love you and celebrate your retirement with you!

New Adventures in New Places:

★ Lianne Strand

- Lianne may be leaving us, but we know she isn't going far next year. Lianne will make a move to Sunnycrest Elementary to teach at her home school and work with some colleagues that she also calls some of her closest friends. Having Lianne with us has been amazing, and we wish her all the best in her new adventures at Sunnycrest!

★ Jessamyn Summers

- Jessamyn also isn't heading too far away...Jessamyn will join the Mt. Pilchuck Elementary Team as she also moves to her home school and to be just that much closer to home. We have appreciated Jessamyn's genuine smile and passion for working with our students and staff and know that she will be a great asset to her new team and community! Best wishes!

★ Kathy Hart

- While Kathy is getting a little further away, we know Everett isn't all that far! We're excited for Kathy as she enters into a new adventure in the Everett School District. Kathy has shared her patience, expertise and wisdom in both our general education and special education programs at Skyline in her career, and we thank her for the commitment to kids that she has continued to share. Kathy, we wish you all the best in your new experiences!

Updates:

★ Bill Kusler

- If you know Bill Kusler, you probably think of him and then quickly think Kindergarten Teacher. What you might not know is that Bill has an adventurous spirit! In the upcoming school year, Bill will put his passion for the arts and physical fitness into action as he moves from the Kindergarten classroom to taking on our overflow PE/Music position adding to the dynamic team of Mrs. Brotnov and Mr. Hodge. We have absolutely loved and appreciated all of Mr. Kusler's work and learning in his "second" home, his kindergarten classroom, and now we are super excited to have him totally rock the world of PE and Music in our overflow position next year at Skyline! Congratulations on an exciting change Mr. Kusler!

What's happening in the library for June???

- Our BOGO book fair is going on this week! Feel free to have your kiddos shop at any recess this week, we are open 9-3 (until 2 on Friday) May 28-May 31!

- PLEASE RETURN YOUR LIBRARY BOOKS! The library is closing for this school year. We will be doing inventory to our collection to get ready for next school year, thanks for your help in returning them promptly!





Important Information!

We're almost at the finish line but not before a lot of exciting events are happening this month:

Skyline Book Fair- May 28th- May 31st

PAWS Coin Drive- May 28th -June 7th

May 31st- Skyline Spirit Day! Wacky Hair/Hat Day!

May 31st- Final Full-day Friday, 3:00 PM release

June 2nd- Inlatable Extravaganza, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM

June 5th- 4th grade Field Trip to MOHAI

June 6th- PTA School Store

June 7th- Early release at 1:35 PM

June 14th- ATTENDANCE in the gym!

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June 17th- 2nd grade Field Trip to

Pacific Science Center

June 18th- Birch Bay Field Trip for

Conflict managers/ Safety Patrol

June 19th- 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony, 1:40 PM

June 20th- Field Day!

June 21st- Skyline Spirit Day! Beach Day!

Last day of school! 12:30 PM release