



Greetings Skyline Families,

We're using our 2020 vision here at Skyline and the future is looking BRIGHT! Happy New Year Skyline Families! Happy 2020! We are ready to be back at school, excited to get back into our school routines and jump into so much learning! I hope that you all enjoyed a wonderful winter break full of good times with family, friends, and those you care most about. Winter Break is always a nice time to reconnect with those who we may not see as often as we'd like, enjoy time together cozied up by a warm fire or under a warm blanket or at least sipping warm cocoa. Wherever your plans took you or your adventures happened, I hope you all enjoyed this time together and are hopeful as you look forward to the new year ahead.

As we approach a new year and see many people setting goals and writing down new years' resolutions, I wanted to share with you the work and learning goals that we are focused on here at Skyline as we move forward. With over 640 students at Skyline currently, it is very important that we work, learn, understand and demonstrate our Explorer Expectations inside and outside of our school. As we jump back into learning and growing here at school, your Explorer may mention to you a focus on our Explorer Expectations, Social Emotional Learning, the Zones of Regulation and our school-wide and classroom conversations regarding behavior and learning expectations. In order to ensure that all students have the opportunity to reach his or her potential, we know that providing boundaries, clear expectations and teaching around behavior is a vital component to this work.

As a school, we'll be starting the new year strong with teaching and modeling of our School Wide Expectations and what they look like and sound like all around our school. If you ask your Explorer to share with you our Skyline Explorer Pledge, I bet they'll be able to recite it in a heartbeat. We say this pledge together every morning to get each and every day off to the best start possible. This pledge also reconnects each of us with our school-wide expectations and what it means to be an Explorer.

Here's Our Skyline Explorer Pledge:

At Skyline, we are proactive, engaged, and better together. We work, learn and aspire to become leaders who will impact the future! We are EXPLORERS!

We also know that being able to say the Pledge is just one part of the bigger picture. Even more important is knowing what that pledge really means in action. During the next few months at school, we'll focus on our school-wide expectations as

well as working with all of our kids on connecting our expectations and pledge to four main areas/topics within our school: Growth Mindset/Being a Skyline Scholar, Hallways, Bathrooms, and the Lunchroom. Each classroom will also continue to focus in on what it means to be an Explorer within his or her classroom. Just before winter break, I was sharing via our morning announcements quotes and statements about believing in ourselves, sharing what it means to be a Skyline Scholar/Learner and reinforcing our belief that every single student is capable of more than we ever thought possible. We ask for your partnership in these conversations with our students. We would love it if you would partner with us in reinforcing what it means to be a scholar, the purpose of school, why it's important to focus and try hard, why giving up never works, how to react to little problems, how to work through and solve problems that take our focus away from school and so much more. Growing up is hard but with all of us working together on behalf of our students we make growing up just that much easier. Thank you for your support each and every day.

Working together as a school community around our Explorer Expectations is a huge part of building a positive school culture and place to learn and grow. We will be on the lookout for Exceptional Explorers as the school year continues and look forward to recognizing our kids for the amazing things they do! When your student comes home with an Exceptional Explorer ticket be sure to ask them how he/she earned it. If you continue to recognize your kids with specific language about how that connects to school and learning, we'll definitely be talking the same language!

If you're interested in knowing more about our social emotional materials or the Zones of Regulation be sure to ask your child's classroom teacher or find out more from him/her during our conferences the last week in February. These materials provide great language pieces and conversations you could have at home with your student!

Skyline Families, as we venture into 2020 we look forward to creating incredible experiences, enjoying new learning opportunities and making many memories together. Thank you for sharing your children with us each and every day. We are the fortunate ones! Cheers to you all for an incredible 2020!

January Smiles,

Tori Thomas
Skyline Elementary Principal





**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Day Assembly**

Thursday, January 16th

Skyline Elementary

Skyline Families,

We will be having our MLK Day assembly and would like to have students wear clothing colors that coordinate with their grade level on that day.

Kindergarten: RED

1st Grade: RAINBOW (like a crayon box)

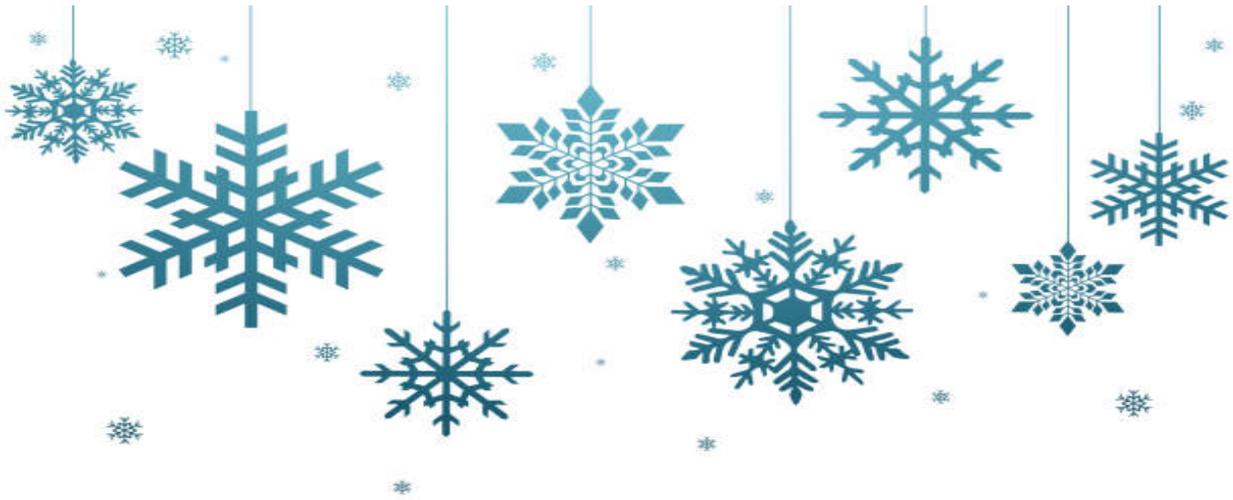
2nd Grade: ORANGE

3rd Grade: YELLOW

4th Grade: GREEN

5th Grade: BLUE

Go Explorers!!



January Events

- 1/9 Reflections Celebration 6:30-7:30 PM
- 1/9 PTA School Store
- 1/16 Martin Luther King JR Assembly 9:15 AM
- 1/16 PTA Popcorn Sale
- 1/17 PTA Tumble Night 7:00-8:00 PM
- 1/20 No School- Martin Luther King Jr Day
- 1/22 PTA Ixtapa Night 5:00-7:00 PM
- 1/23 PTA General Meeting #3 3:15 PM
- 1/23 PTA School Store
- 1/27 No School- Teacher Learning Day
- 1/30 PTA Popcorn Day
- 1/31 Skyline Spirit Day- Disney Day