

SKYWORDS

Newsletter for the families of Skyview Community Elementary School

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Calendar

- 10/30 Fundraiser Pick-Up: 3:45-7 pm
- 11/5 Picture Re-take Day
- 11/12 Wendy's Night: 5-7 pm
- 11/14 PTO Family Fun Night: 6:30 pm
- 11/18 PTO Meeting: 7:00 pm
- 11/26 No School: Staff Development Day
- 11/27 No School: Thanksgiving Break
- 11/28 No School: Thanksgiving Break
- 12/1 Holiday Concert-Grades 3/4 at Tartan: 6:30 pm
- 12/2 Holiday Concert-Grade 1: 6 pm
Holiday Concert-Grade 2: 7 pm
- 12/4 Holiday Concert-Kindergarten: 6 pm
Holiday Concert-Grade 5: 7 pm

Math Word of the Week

The word of the week for October 27-31 is

HALF

6-day calendar for the week of October 27:

- Monday-Day 1
- Tuesday-Day 2
- Wednesday-Day 3
- Thursday-Day 4
- Friday-Day 5



Fundraiser pick-up is Thursday, October 30 from 3:45-7 pm in the gym. Please remember to pick up your items. There is no room at school for their storage!

Milk Caps—Please send in only Kemps and Land O'Lakes plastic milk caps and the certificates cut out of the cardboard cartons. Milk bags and caps from other companies are not submitted. Thank you!

Autumn Updates from the Health Office

Now that cooler weather is coming, please remember to keep lip ice and a small tube or bottle of hand lotion in your child's back pack. This saves many trips to the Health Office to treat dry lips and hands.

If your child has a mild cough, you may send along a few cough drops or hard candies (like life savers or small lemon drops) to help with the cough. Please enclose a note giving permission to use the drops or candy. Also encourage lots of fluids at home and at school.

We've seen two isolated cases of head lice this year. ****Remember, if your child has head lice, please treat at home and inform the Health Office. The child needs to be checked at school before returning to class.** Head lice are non-discriminatory – they can happen to anyone.

Continue to emphasize good hand washing to prevent the spread of colds, flu, etc.

Wishing everyone a safe, healthy year at Skyview!

~Beth Jagger, R.N. and Carol Dunlay, R.N.

Skyview Spirit Wear

All spirit wear has been delivered. Please remember to write your child's name on the tag. So far, there aren't any pieces in the lost and found, but it will happen!



Thank you to all who helped sort, cut and count Box Tops during the last two weeks!



Wendy's Night Winner

Congratulations to Hunter Pogatchnik in Mrs. McClaine's 5th grade class, who was the winner of this month's Wendy's Night Drawing. Hunter won a \$20 Target gift card! Thank you to Skyview nurse, Beth Jagger for hosting this month! Wendy's Night is held the 2nd Wed. of the month at the Woodbury Wendy's in Tamarack Village. Skyview receives 10% of the proceeds from the sales between 5-7 pm. The next Wendy's Night will be held Nov. 12.

After School Enrichment Class Registrations

Please note that ALL registrations and payments MUST be sent to the Elementary Enrichment 622 Education Center address that is given on any enrichment registration form. In the past, registration forms and payments have been accepted in the elementary office. As a way to protect both staff and parents in the transfer of money, we can no longer accept these items at school. Please make sure to register early through the mail for these classes. To make things easier for you, an on-line registration procedure will be available in the months to come. Once that is available, it will be listed on the registration form as another option for registration. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

Halloween Policy

While we know that for many children Halloween is a very exciting time of year, it is the feeling of the staff that it is educationally wise to limit the costumes and parties during school time, making Halloween more of a family choice activity.



Students in grade K-3 may bring costumes to school. Students always have the option not to "dress up" if they so choose. Because of safety reasons and our desire to maintain a proper learning environment, we request that students not come to school dressed in their costumes.

If your child will be wearing a costume, please select it carefully. We discourage costumes that will frighten or that are purposely horrifying or graphic. Props which are unsafe, including look-alike weapons such as toy guns, knives, swords, etc. will not be allowed at school. Large props such as hockey sticks, bats, etc. are also not to be brought on the busses. Please remember that children tend to act like their dress-up character.

Fourth and fifth grade students are asked not to wear any costumes. Please check your child's classroom newsletter for any additional information regarding classroom parties or special activities.

Teach Your Children to Protect Themselves

1. Teach your child his/her name, address, phone number (including area code). Teach them how to **use the phone**, including how to make a long-distance collect call to YOU. Teach your child how to dial 911 when there's an emergency.
2. Young children should *never* be left unattended in a car, or anywhere else without supervision. Children who are old enough to be left alone still need to have an adult resource to check in with (by phone, if necessary) and to talk to if they have questions or need help in an emergency (after calling 911).
3. Teach children to *never GO anywhere with anyone or GET INTO A CAR with anyone* without your approval. Teach them to say, "I have to ask first!" and run right away to an adult to tell what happened.
4. Teach children about the **lures** that could be used on them: "I've lost my puppy. Can you help me find him?" or "Hurry! Come with Me! Your mom's been hurt!", etc.
5. Teach your children **it's OK to say "no"** to grown-ups, especially where their bodies are concerned. They don't have to hug or kiss anyone they don't want to.
6. Tell your children that if they're feeling threatened, they should **RUN** to where there are people, **YELL** for help and **TELL** an adult what happened.