

SKYWORDS

A newsletter for the families of Skyview Community Elementary School

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calendar

- 10/14 Fundraiser Kick-off
- 10/14 Wendy's Night: 5-7 pm
- 10/15 No School—Education Minnesota**
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- 10/20 PTO Meeting: 7:00 pm
- 10/21-23 Audubon Environmental Camp,
5th Grade
- 10/23 No School-Conferences: 8 am-4 pm**
- 10/27 Evening Conferences: 4-8 pm
- 10/28 Kindness Retreat, 4th Grade:
(Date Correction)
- 10/28 Fundraiser Orders Due
- 10/29 Evening Conferences: 4-8 pm
- 10/30 Picture Re-take Day
- 11/13 PTO Family Fun Night: 6:30 pm
- 11/25-11/27 No School-Thanksgiving**

Math Word of the week

for October 12-23

VERTICAL

6-day calendar for the
weeks of October 12-16:

- Monday 10/12-Day 1
- Tuesday 10/13-Day 2
- Wednesday 10/14-Day 3
- Thursday 10/15-**No School**
- Friday 10/16-**No School**

October 19-23:

- Monday 10/19-Day 4
- Tuesday 10/20-Day 5
- Wednesday 10/21-Day 6
- Thursday 10/22-Day 1
- Friday 10/23-**No School**



No School

Thursday, October 16

and

Friday, October 17

due to Education Minnesota Convention

Friday, October 23

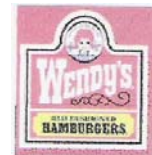
due to conferences

**There will not be an issue of *Skywords*
next week.**

Enjoy your long weekends!

Wendy's Night

Please join us at Wendy's Night
on **Wednesday, October 14th**
from **5:00-7:00 pm** when
Wendy's in Tamarack Village
donates 10% of its proceeds to Skyview.



Hope to see you there!



Elementary Parent Handbook

The Skyview Elementary
2009-2010 Parent Handbook

is in this week's Friday Folder. Enclosed in the handbook, you will find a phone list of all Skyview staff, the school calendar, school expectations and policies, homework guidelines, and many other items. Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the items in this handbook. It can answer many questions and help to prevent potential problems. It would be helpful to keep this reference tool handy for the entire school year.

Young Scholars program comes to District 622

The Office of Educational Equity is excited to announce a new initiative called The Young Scholars Program.

Young Scholars is a program designed to increase the proportion of historically underrepresented students in gifted programs. It was adapted from a model begun by Fairfax County, Virginia, and brought to District 622 with a lot of help from the Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan School District 196, which started the program three years ago.

Young Scholars is an academic program for high potential students from K-5 who are not likely to be identified for gifted programs by using traditional methods. Students identified will participate in a program that nurtures young scholars to prepare them for more challenging and rigorous courses. This program is in addition to the District's current High Potential program.

We are excited to announce that Skyview will be one of the pilot schools for Young Scholars! Richardson and Webster Elementaries will also pilot the program. Young Scholars at Skyview will be administered by High Potential teacher, Katie Allen.

Fall Fundraiser

The kick-off for our fall fundraiser will be on **Wednesday, October 14th**. Please look for the packet in your child's backpack next week and read it over carefully as we'll be giving away prizes during the fundraiser. **All orders and payments are due back to school on Wednesday, October 28th**. All orders must be PREPAID, so be sure to collect the money as you take orders. Pick-up day will be Thursday, December 3rd from 3:45-7 pm.

This fundraiser is the largest source of income for the Skyview Elementary PTO. With the timing of this year's fundraiser, we are hoping that you will take this opportunity to do some of your holiday shopping from these catalogs of gift items! **Thank you for your support of our school!**

Homework Rescue available at Local Libraries

Ramsey County and Washington County Libraries are pleased to announce that "Homework Rescue: Online Tutoring" is now available from 1 p.m. to 11 p.m., seven days a week, in English and in Spanish. There is no fee to use it, and interested library card holders can access it from their home computers or from computer workstations at libraries in the Washington or Ramsey County systems. All you need is a library card and the desire to learn.

"We hope that this live one-to-one homework assistance from certified tutors will indeed be a 'lifesaver' for students in grades 3-12," said Susan Nemitz, Ramsey County Library director.

Tutoring is provided in all core subjects: Science, Math, Social Studies, English, and Reading and Writing Assistance. Tutors work with students through controlled chat, use of interactive whiteboards and shared Web browsing.

"Tutors do not give students the answers," said Marcus Lowry, teen librarian. "They help learners determine solutions."

For more information about Homework Rescue, visit your local library or log on to the Washington County Library website, www.co.washington.mn.us/library or the Ramsey County Library website, www.rcireads.org.

What does the PTO fund?

With funds raised last year, the PTO was able to purchase 7 classroom SMART Boards, provide busing and scholarships for the 5th grade Audubon trip, and contribute significantly to the 4th grade Kindness Retreat. The PTO also completely funded three assemblies exposing our children to the MN Opera, The Metropolitan Ballet and an instrumental trio. The PTO also purchases birthday books for students-remind your child to come choose one on their birthday! Stay tuned to future issues of *Skywords* for more ways the PTO benefits our kids, staff and school!