

SKYWORDS

A newsletter for the families of Skyview Community Elementary School

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September 18, 2009

Calendar

9/14-10/2 MAP Testing (Grades 2-5)
9/22 PTO Meeting at 7:00
10/5 School Picture Day
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 at 7:00
10/21-23 Audubon Environmental Camp,
5th Grade
10/21 Kindness Retreat, 4th Grade
10/23 No School-Conferences: 8 am-4 pm
10/27 Evening Conferences: 4-8 pm
10/28 Fundraiser Orders Due
10/29 Evening Conferences: 4-8 pm
10/30 Picture Re-take Day

Math Word of the Week

for September 21-25

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6-day calendar for the week
of September 21-25:

Monday-Day 4
Tuesday-Day 5
Wednesday-Day 6
Thursday-Day 1
Friday-Day 2

- All **Happenings Books**, payments and orders were due back at school today. If you did not return these items, please do so on Monday.
- **Spirit Wear** order forms and payment were also due today. Please send them in ASAP.
- Please return your white **Emergency Card** and purple **volunteer form** ASAP.

Measures of Academic Progress

(MAP) Testing Dates

Grades 2-5

1st Testing Window—Sept 14-Oct 2

Parents are asked to make every effort to have their child in school during these testing dates.

Office Notes

Please note that if you are driving your child to school, students may arrive at 9:10 a.m. There is no supervision provided for students prior to that time. A bell rings at 9:10 for them to proceed to their classroom. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Also, when dropping students off and picking them up, please remember that the circular drive is a drive-thru **ONLY**. Please do not leave your cars unattended in this area. When entering the building, you must park your car in the parking lot.

If you are picking your child up at 3:45, you **MUST** come in to the building to get him/her. They will not be released to someone waiting for them outside the building.

Phy Ed Class



Please make sure your child is prepared for their phy ed class with appropriate tennis shoes and clothing. It's best to send your child to school in tennis shoes every day to make sure they are prepared on their phy ed days and for recess.

Hmong Parent Meeting

There is a district-wide **Hmong Parent Meeting on Thursday, September 24th from 6:30 – 8:30 pm.** The meeting will be at the district center in the boardroom. The district center is located at 2520 East 12th Ave., North St. Paul.

Please contact Isabella Som, Hmong Cultural Liaison at 651-702-8523 with any questions.

PTO Meeting

The first PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) meeting of the school year will be held **Tuesday, September 22nd at 7:00 p.m.** Please mark your calendar and plan on joining us to see what the PTO is all about! Everyone is welcome! *If you have any questions or would like more information about the PTO please contact skyviewpto@yahoo.com.*

Promoting Positive Parenting Workshop: Techniques for Reducing Stress in Children and Teens

Children are under more stress today than when we grew up. We can't always control what stresses children, but we can teach them to cope in healthy ways.

- Hear of the latest research related to children and stress
- Learn how to identify the stress-response in children and teach children how to identify it in themselves
- Discover appropriate and creative child friendly stress busters
- Hear about innovative programs that teach children around the world ways to identify and work with their stress so that attention, grades and self esteem increase as well as their ability to handle life's ups and downs

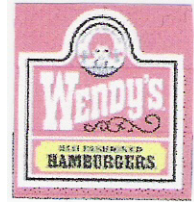
**Presented by Lora Matz, MS, LICSW
Thursday, October 1, 2009**

6:30-8:30 PM

**Mahtomedi District Education Center:
1520 Mahtomedi Avenue; 651-407-2037
Free, but registration is required**

Wendy's Night

Congratulations to **Lizzy Sparks, a 4th grader from Mrs. Brown's room**, who won a \$20 Target gift card at our first Wendy's Night of the year! On the 2nd Wednesday of the month, the Wendy's in Tamarack Village in Woodbury donates 10% of their proceeds to Skyview Elementary. We hope that you will join us for these fun community nights. ***We are currently looking for hosts for this monthly event, held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 5-7pm. This is a great project for scouts, friends, or a neighborhood to do together! If you are interested, please call Cheryl Wortman at 651-264-0860 for more information!***



Pennies for Peace

From Feb-June 2009, our school district participated in this fundraiser to raise money to help build a school in Afghanistan or Pakistan. This effort is based on the book "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson. The goal for Skyview Elementary was \$1,000. Students brought in money through the last day of school and we're happy to report that the Skyview Elem. grand total was \$1,853! Thank you to all of our students and families who participated in this opportunity to help other children!



Volunteer Opportunities

At the Open House or on the first day of school, you received a purple form with volunteer opportunities listed. Any time that you can give to help make Skyview Community School an even greater place to learn is very much appreciated. **Please return the completed form to your child's teacher as soon as possible.**

Thank you in advance for making a difference in the life of a child!

School Hours: 9:15 am—3:45 pm
Office Hours: 8:15 am—4:15 pm