

# Sky News



#### A note from our Principal:

Greetings, Skyline families,

Welcome to the month of May! It is hard to believe how quickly the year is going. Thank you for sending your child to school every possible non-sick day, as each day is packed with learning.

May 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> is Certificated Staff Appreciation Week! Please join me in celebrating the hard work and dedication of our Skyline teachers. They truly pour their hearts into creating a welcoming atmosphere and designing meaningful learning opportunities for students every day.

We are welcoming volunteers into our building. Please reach out to the office if you are interested in coming once or twice, or more often. We are always looking for parents to read with students, help in classrooms, or be the referees for playground games (soccer, kickball, etc). Please consider spending some time in our school!

State testing has begun for our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. These state SBA assessments are administered in your child's classroom using their school computers. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will begin soon. Please encourage your student to try their best and show what they have learned! All students will also be taking the iReady diagnostic assessments between now and the end of the year.

Our last day of school is tentatively June 22<sup>nd</sup>. That date will change if OSPI grants any waiver days for the days we missed due to flooding. We will send out a notification as soon as we have official confirmation of the last day. Thanks for your continued support and partnership!

Obadiah DeWeber- Skyline Principal

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8	9	10	Early Release	12	13	14
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22	23	24	Early Release	26	27	28
29	<sup>5</sup> No School	31				

#### A Message From Our School Nurse:

Hello Skyline Families,

Just a friendly reminder to make sure that you're taking extra time for hand hygiene this Spring! Colds, Flu and COVID-19 are still circulating in our communities and one of the best ways to protect yourself from getting sick is by making sure you're washing your hands. Here is a helpful tool for determining when to wash your hands:



Have a safe and healthy last couple months of school!

Nurse Chelsea

## A Message from our Dean of Students:





As we head into our last full month of the school year, it is important that kids stay engaged and focused on learning. One way we are supporting this at school is by making "Perseverance" our character trait for the month of May. We are defining perseverance as: Doing something despite difficulty, for as long as it takes.

We know that May can be hard for kids. There are still a lot of expectations, but as the weather gets warmer, summer begins to call. Here are some ideas to help your child persevere:

- -Keep "school talk" positive. For example, ask your child about 3 favorite things they did each day.
- -Create a countdown to summer (could be a link chain, a calendar cross off, a marble jar, etc.). This can help kids have a visual reminder that although summer break is close, they are still in school and need to focus on learning.
- -If attendance is a struggle for your child, challenge him/her to get to school every day on time for all of May.
- -Help your child set goals he/she wants to achieve before the end of the school year. Do check-ins with your child every few days on how they are doing to achieve their goals and what they can do to achieve them.

Our kids have truly been rock stars this year! I am incredibly proud of them and how they have faced adversity and continual changes. They have risen to the challenge time and time again and have shown us how amazing they are. I look forward to watching them continue to wow us for the remainder of the year!

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### Free Family Tech Talk Night

From our Skyline PTO

Technology is changing fast, and many of us are struggling to stay one step ahead of our kids. Please join us on Wednesday, *May 4 at 7:00pm* for an expert presentation and Q&A about how to teach them to be smart, safe, and respectful digital citizens. We'll also cover privacy and security issues, how to encourage responsible Internet use, and even more. The event Zoom link will be sent out via Parent Square or found on the <a href="https://www.skylinepto.org">www.skylinepto.org</a>. Hope to see you there!



Hello Skyline families! I hope that you have been able to get outside and enjoy some sunshine and the beautiful spring flowers. As we move into the final stretch of the school year, our Skyline character trait focus will be perseverance. This is a good time of year to remind our students (and ourselves) that we can do hard things. We build resilience in our kids by encouraging them not to give up when things get difficult. As adults we can model trying new things, experiencing failure and trying again. This will help our kids understand that it is okay to make mistakes and that this is how we learn.

In early June, I will be visiting 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes to talk about transitioning to middle school. We will watch a video made by Vista students talking about what to expect and FAQs. In addition, the Vista and Horizon counselors will visit Skyline to talk about 6<sup>th</sup> grade and answer students' questions. As always, please reach out with any questions or concerns!

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