

# Skyline Elementary Newsletter



November 2024

## A note from our Principal

Greetings, Skyline families!

The rainy season has arrived! We will have indoor recess when necessary, but we want to get students outside as much as possible for fresh air and exercise. Please make sure that you send your child with a coat that is appropriate for the weather (Please write their name inside the jacket in Sharpie, so we can return it to them if they leave it laying around the school).

Here at school, the year is well underway. Conferences are happening the week of Nov. 5-8, so we can share information about your child's progress thus far. Please sign up via Parent Square, or call the office to schedule a conference if you have not yet done so.

On November 8th, in honor of Veterans Day, we will be inviting Skyhawk family members who are veterans to join us for our annual Veterans Day Assembly at 10:00 in the Skyline Gym. This is an opportunity for our students to learn more about why it is important to honor those who serve in a branch of the military, and to thank you for your service to our country.

We appreciate your support, and partnership with us in your child's education. Thank you!

- Obadiah DeWeber, Skyline Principal



## A message from our Dean

At Skyline, we believe when we all work together, we build a positive school environment. We have seen how this improves morale, increases student accountability, encourages empathy for others, and builds self-confidence.

This year our focus at Skyline will be on our four main rules: Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Kind. When we all follow these ideals, we all belong and make others feel like they belong. Be watching for any blue "You Belong" character cards that may come home. Each one of these represents a time when a staff member was able to see and acknowledge your child exhibiting one or more of these traits.

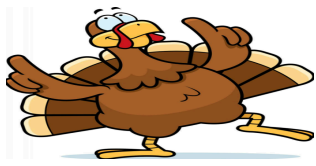
Keep working hard, Skyhawks, and let's let everyone KNOW that they belong!

*As we approach the holiday season, we want to remind families about an amazing local resource. The Holiday Giving Store is stocked with a variety of gifts and provides low income families with an opportunity to shop for their families. Gifts are free for families who qualify. Visit [ferndalecs.org](https://ferndalecs.org) for an application or for information about how to make a donation.*

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## Important Dates

November 1 Picture Retake Day  
November 4-8 Early Release / School Conferences  
November 11 No School / Veterans Day  
November 21 PTO Meeting @ 6:30pm  
November 27 Early Release @ 1:00pm  
November 28-29 No School / Thanksgiving



### PTO News

What a fun fall we've had here at Skyline! We want to extend a HUGE thank you to all of our volunteers that have helped with Fall Festival, Science on Wheels, Movie Night, Picture Day, and the Vision & Hearing Screening. Your help and support makes it possible to provide fun and enriching opportunities for our Skyhawks. We can always use more volunteers; if you want to be the first to hear about our volunteer opportunities, join the sign up list at [www.skylinepto.org](http://www.skylinepto.org).

Save the date for our upcoming events:

Tuesday, Nov. 5: Feed the Teachers (sign up at [www.skylinepto.org](http://www.skylinepto.org))

Thursday, Nov. 21 at 6:30pm: PTO Meeting

Friday, Dec. 6 at 6:30pm: Winter Kids Market (stay tuned for more details!)



### Winter Information:



Winter is around the corner

It's always a good idea to have a change of clothes in your child's backpack. We do our best to stay dry, but if kiddos are wet or muddy after recess, this makes it easy and comfy for them to change and be warm.

We appreciate it!

### Counselors' Corner

Greetings from the counseling office!

This time of year, we often take time to reflect on the things in our life for which we feel grateful. It feels good to express and receive gratitude, yet during the busyness of our day-to-day lives, we often forget to pause and be thankful for what we have in the moment. Research in the field of positive psychology suggests that regularly practicing gratitude can help us feel happier, have better social relationships as well as improve overall health and wellbeing, which is pretty amazing! As adults, we can help our children develop a sense gratitude through our words and actions. We can develop family traditions that regularly practice appreciation for others and for the world around us. There are also lots of great children's books which can help us have meaningful conversations about what it means to feel grateful.

I am thankful for being part of the Skyline community and getting to work with amazing students, families and staff every day. I wish you and your family a wonderful November!

### Information from our School Nurse

Hello Skyhawk families!

As we work together to ensure a healthy environment for all students and staff, we want to remind everyone of the importance of regular handwashing. Practicing good hand hygiene is one of the simplest yet most effective ways to prevent the spread of germs and keep our school community healthy.

Here are a few key reasons why handwashing is essential:

**Reduces Illnesses:** Handwashing with soap can reduce the spread of colds, flu, and other contagious illnesses. This means fewer absences and more time for learning!

**Protects Others:** When students and staff wash their hands frequently, it helps prevent the spread of germs to others, including those with weakened immune systems who may be more vulnerable.

**Teaches Good Habits:** Encouraging students to wash their hands regularly, especially before meals and after using the restroom, promotes lifelong habits of health and hygiene.

We encourage you to remind your children about proper handwashing techniques at home: using soap and water, scrubbing for at least 20 seconds, and drying with a clean towel or air dryer. Together, we can make a big difference in the health and well-being of our community.

Thank you for your partnership and support in this important effort!