



SKYRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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From the Principal – *Aaron J. Smith*

Dear Sky Hawk Families,

In addition to all the usual excitement of life here at Skyridge in December, it's always a heartening experience to watch our students reach out to our community during the holiday season. Our generous Skyhawks are bringing in bags full of food for our "Stuff the Bus" food drive and there are multiple local families who will benefit from being adopted by some of our classrooms.

I was also thoroughly impressed with our 8th grade empathy assembly coordinated by our ASB leaders on November 29. Besides the outstanding content, what impressed me the most was the fact that this was a grass-roots campaign generated from a sincere desire to make our school a better place for everyone. This, in combination with how maturely our 8th grade students handled themselves as audience members, led to a very memorable and powerful experience. Although we can never be satisfied until harassment, intimidation, and bullying are a thing of the past, I can tell you that the students at Skyridge are making us proud and hopeful that our schools can be a safe and civil place for every student – every day.

In closing, I hope that you have ample time to enjoy your families over the holidays. It is an honor and a pleasure to work with your children each and every day. Thank you for all that you do to support our students, staff, and outstanding public schools in Camas. Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,



Stuff da' BUS!



THANK YOU for all your support and contributions!

At Skyridge, **4,153** non-perishable food items for families in need was collected for our district-wide "Stuff the Bus" community service project. The Food Drive Program makes a difference for many within our Camas/Washougal community.

Additionally, Skyridge students donated **315** jars of peanut butter to orphaned children living in the garbage dump area of Vicente Guerrero, Mexico. This is our fifth year of gathering this much needed source of protein for the children!



SKYRIDGE SPIRIT WEEK — December 12-16

Monday: Mismatch Day

Tuesday: Sports Day

Wednesday: Polka Dot

Thursday: Favorite Color Day and **ASB Dance** (2:45-4:15 pm)

Friday: Color Wars

6th Grade – Maroon; 7th Grade – Blue; 8th Grade – White

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Daily calendar review is available on our website:
www.camas.wednet.edu/sky/

DEC 12 – ASB Spirit “Mismatch” Day

- Skyridge Band Concert, 7:00 pm, CHS Theatre

DEC 13 – ASB Spirit “Sports” Day

DEC 14 – ASB Spirit “Polka Dot” Day

- Skyridge Choir Concert, 7:00 pm, CHS Theatre
- SNN Club, 2:45-3:30 pm, LMC

DEC 15 – ASB Spirit “Favorite Color” Day

- ASB Dance, 2:45-4:15 pm, Dining Room/Gyms
- Frog Night, Condon/Becker 7th grade, 5-6:30 pm

DEC 16 – ASB Spirit “Color War” Day

- 6th Grade Holiday Celebration, 7:30 – 8:15 am
- Stuff the Bus “Dodge Ball” Celebration Assembly, 1:30 pm, Tom Wallenborn Gym

DEC 19–JAN 2 – NO SCHOOL, Winter Break

JAN 6 – National Geo Bee Finals Assembly, 1:30 pm, Tom Wallenborn Gym

Report Cards are Coming!

Watch your mail box for your student(s) report card. They should be arriving on or about December 16. You can access details *now* on Skyward.

Skyridge has 454 students on the Honor Roll – a Whopping 56%! Statistics are:

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6th Grade: 45

7th Grade: 49

8th Grade: 34

3.7 – 3.99

6th Grade: 70

7th Grade: 91

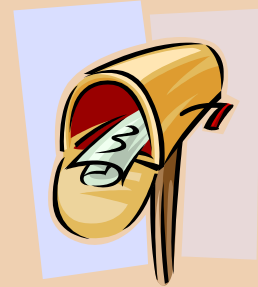
8th Grade: 55

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6th Grade: 34

7th Grade: 34

8th Grade: 42



**GREAT JOB
SKYHAWKS!**

Great Green News!

Skyridge is now officially a Level Two Green School. Only nine schools in the State of Washington have achieved this level.



We recently passed in the “Transportation and Outdoor Air Quality” category. Tackling “Energy Efficiency” is our next goal.

ATTENDANCE REMINDERS . . .

If your student arrives late to school or leaves due to an appointment, a parent/guardian must sign them in and out at our Attendance Office. If no parent contact occurs when a student arrives late, it is automatically unexcused. Upon returning from a medical appointment, a doctor’s note is required.

In the event that you need to plan for a pre-arranged absence for your student, parents need to notify the Attendance Office by written notice/or telephone at **833-5806**, 3-5 days before the absence is to occur.

Skyridge Traffic Flow: To help relieve traffic issues, please support the following practices:

- Use the student drop off/pick up loop when bringing your child to school. DO NOT use staff or visitor parking lots unless you are parking and entering the building.
- Pull forward as far as possible when you enter the student drop off area. Your student will be able to enter the building from any of the doorways.
- Allow adequate time. Classes begin at 8:00 am. Students can access their classroom hallways and lockers any time after 7:45 am
- Be courteous to others, use safe driving practices and be cautious of pedestrians.
- Do not enter or drop off students on the bus entry road or the rear of our building.

Skyridge & Liberty Middle Schools Athletic Update

By Bob Foster, Athletic Coordinator

Our second season is well underway and we've had some great matches so far. Currently, Skyridge and Liberty are tied for the league lead in volleyball. On November 14 Liberty beat Skyridge in a close match. They will meet again on December 8 at Liberty. Our coaches have built some very competitive teams this year. Traci Mantz, Heather Siewert, Dave Blair and Jeanette Romano at Skyridge along with Aaron Huether, Shannon Cotton, Gary Moeller and Shelby Martinsen at Liberty.

Our wrestlers at both schools have been working hard and attended the Clark County Invitational on December 3. Skyridge took 10th place and had one county champion, Aaron Sawyer, as well as several high placers; Parker Neff 6th – at 75 lbs., Will Schultz 6th at 100 lbs., Jacob Nester 5th at 113 lbs., Levi Middling 3rd at 132 lbs., Alex Simms 5th at 152 lbs., and Noble Lenderman – 4th at 220 lbs. Skyridge hosted Liberty for their big inter-school match on November 22. In a hard fought back and forth battle, Liberty outlasted Skyridge for the win. They will both send wrestlers to the League Championships on December 9 and 10 at Union High School. I want to commend our coaches at both schools for a job well done. Hank Midles, Steve Loewen and Bronk Williams bring nearly 70 years of experience to Liberty. Tom Sawyer, Aaron Smith and Brendon Hunting at Skyridge are building a solid foundation for years to come. They have nearly doubled their team in size from last year.

Basketball is rapidly approaching and will start on January 3. This year we will only field 8th grade "A" teams for boys and girls. Tryouts will be the first week of practice. In order to try out, each athlete needs a parent permission form, physical and a concussion form. See Heidi or Kay in the office at each school. We would also like to introduce our new coaches for this year. Aaron Huether and Jamie Moore will coach the boys and girls at Liberty. Heather Siewert will coach the girls at Skyridge. Traci Mantz and Clair White will co-coach the boys at Skyridge.

Track will start in April after Spring Break. The requirements are the same. It is open to 6-7-8th grade boys and girls. Last year we had 230 athletes at Liberty and 190 at Skyridge compete. We are prepared for and looking forward to huge numbers again this year.

If you have any questions about the athletic programs we offer at Skyridge and Liberty please call me at 833-5800 or 833-5850.

THANK YOU

to all who contributed to the staff breakfast which was recently enjoyed by our staff!

Your generosity and thoughtfulness was truly appreciated!

SKY PTO NEWS

SPIRIT WEAR:

Spirit wear order forms are available in the school office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Our Staff Appreciation committee is searching for helpers. You are invited to get involved and meet other parents while showing appreciation to the Skyridge staff.

For further information, please contact Janet Weinberg at janetw4949@yahoo.com.



Middle School's "Cook It Up Healthy Challenge!"

Theme: *Heart-Healthy Breakfast*

Selection criteria: Heart Healthy, Easy to follow, Originality, Likely Appeal

Event
Date
FEB. 1st!

RECIPE NAME:

INGREDIENTS:

INSTRUCTIONS:

Finalists chosen will be asked to come prepare their creation on Wed., Feb. 1st at Liberty MS.

Use the back of the paper for extra room. Don't forget to include instructions such as time and temperature to bake, if necessary.
Recipe does not need to be adjusted for serving size. Recipe does not need to be original, as long as the source is cited.

Student Name: _____

Student School: _____ Grade: _____

Prizes will be awarded at the event on February 1st!

QUESTIONS? Contact: sarah.winans@camas.wednet.edu

Return to your health/fitness teacher by Friday, January 6th!



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