



SKYRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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From the Principal – *Aaron J. Smith*

Dear Sky Hawk Families,

Happy New Year! We are off to a great start in 2012 here at Skyridge and have many things to look forward to this year. In the immediate future, I want to encourage you to attend our PTO internet safety and general meeting this coming Thursday, January 19, at 7:00 p.m. in our gym. This event will include a presentation by a local FBI agent, Samantha Baltzersen, practical tips and lessons learned from current Skyridge parents, and a question and answer forum. It is sure to be an informative evening about an important issue that is a significant part of our students' everyday lives.

From my perspective, many middle school parents are uncertain about the degree of monitoring that they should employ when it comes to their child's internet access. Although the internet, smart phones, and tablet devices are great educational tools, it has become increasingly clear that they often present choices about appropriate behavior that our students are not always developmentally prepared to make. Compounding this issue is the fact that most of us did not grow up with technology of this sort (my parents used to have a rotary phone and a shared party line) and are not fully aware of the issues and resources available to us when helping our children navigate the vast resources at their fingertips. I didn't even send an e-mail or access the internet until I was almost done with my Bachelor's Degree at WSU! How quickly times change.

In summation, we know our students need adult guidance and supervision when it comes to technology safety and that we must take a proactive versus reactive approach. If you are unable to attend our event on Thursday evening, we will post a link to suggested resources on our website sometime the following week. Otherwise, we hope to see you there!

Sincerely,



ANNOUNCING: SKYRIDGE VARIETY SHOW

WHEN: Friday, February 10

WHERE: Skyridge Gym

Are you interested in auditioning?
Sign-up NOW in our Student Center. Auditions will be held on
January 19 & 20, 3-5 PM in our choir room.

NO SCHOOL DAYS

Monday, Jan 16 — Observance of Martin Luther King Jr.
Monday, Jan 30 — Secondary Grading Day

LATE START DAY: Wednesday, Jan 25

Classes begin at 10:15 am

Buses run 2 hrs. 15 min later than normal schedule

Skyridge PTO Annual General Meeting

Topic: Internet Safety

Thursday, January 19

7 PM

Skyridge Gym

Information regarding the following
topics will be shared:

- Cyber Bullying
- Online Predators
- How to Protect

Order Your 2011-2012
Skyridge Yearbook

\$25 ~ cash or check

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

JAN 16 – NO SCHOOL

JAN 19 – Skyridge PTO General Meeting;
7 PM, Tom Wallenborn Gym

JAN 19-20 – Auditions for Variety Show;
3-5 PM, Choir Room

JAN 25 – LATE START; Classes begin at 10:15 am,
buses run 2 hrs.15 min. later than normal schedule

JAN 26 – Science Olympiad; 2:45-3:45, Room 204

JAN 27 – WiIL Hornyak storyteller; 7th grade

JAN 27 – END OF GRADING PERIOD; Progress Report

JAN 30 – NO SCHOOL

FEB 3 – ASB Spirit Day and Assembly; 1:45 PM

FEB 6 – Knowledge Bowl Begins

FEB 9 – Variety Show Dress Rehearsal

FEB 10 – Variety Show; Tom Wallenborn Gym

PROGRESS REPORTS

January 27 marks the end of our current grading period.
Please check your student's grades on Skyward Family

Parents of Incoming Freshman Students — CLASS of 2016

CHS Parent Information Meeting
Monday, February 27
9:00 am - or - 7:00 pm
CHS Theatre

Forecasting information and details regarding 9th grade classes will be provided. Come and learn about the CHS curriculum. Freshman advanced placement opportunities will be explained.

Camas Public Library

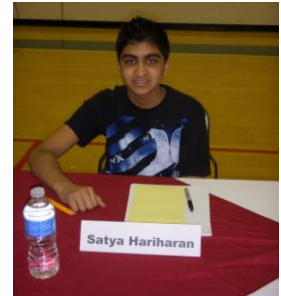
<http://www.ci.camas.wa.us/library>

625 NE 4th Avenue, Camas WA 98607

360 834-4692
Monday – Thursday 10 AM – 9 PM
Friday – Saturday 10 AM – 6 PM
Sunday Closed

National Geographic Bee Building Champion

Satya Hariharan is our building champion for the third consecutive year. He now moves on in hopes of advancing to the state competition.



State champions receive an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., to participate in the National Bee and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship.

Great effort was demonstrated by all of our contenders which also included **Jarid Schoenlein, Josh Akers, James Kosek, Noah Thompson, Joey Weiman, Chemay Shola, Austin Stevens, Marissa Walser, and Ryker Bullis**.

Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary Patriot's Pen Essay Competition Winner



Valentina Garrett, of our 6th grade, is an essay contest winner in the VFW sponsored youth essay national annual competition! Valentina submitted her essay last November on the theme "Are You Proud of our Country?" and was awarded her prize by special guests of the local VFW Post during a recent Skyridge assembly.

Attention Parents: You may apply for school meal benefits at any time. Applications are available in the school office or from the District website: www.camas.wednet.edu/parent-forms Students who qualify for free or reduced lunches also get breakfast for free.

Athletic Activities

Please check the Skyridge website for game schedules, times, and locations as well as practice times.

Knowledge Bowl will begin practice on February 6, 2012. All participants need to have their paperwork turned in by Friday, February 3, 2012. Knowledge Bowl requires an ASB card, but you are not required to pay a participation fee.

Team Highlights of Season 2:

- Skyridge had one champion at the Clark County Invitational and three Champions at the Greater St. Helens League Tournament.
- Skyridge 7th grade B volleyball team was a perfect 10-0 on the season.
- **Skyridge 7th grade volleyball led by Jeanette Romano went undefeated and won the league championship.**
- **Skyridge 8th grade volley team blew through the competition and won the Greater St. Helens Middle School League Championship!**

Jack, Will, and Rob Boys & Girls Club News

Basketball League

JWR basketball season is beginning January 30th. We are registering youth at this time. The league is for 1st --6th graders. It is a 10 dollar fee-that includes a shirt for your team. You also have to sign up and be a member if you are not already. Membership fee is 5 dollars.

JWR Closed on MLK Day

JWR will be closed January 16th for MLK day.

Building Rentals

JWR is available for rentals. We ask for a 100 dollar deposit that is refundable, and we charge 35 dollars per hour. This fee allows you to rent our lobby area, games room, and gym. This is a great idea for a get together, meetings, and birthday parties! If interested please contact Kristy Haines at 360 817-9966.q

Safe Sitter's Training Class

Ages: 11-15

Prepares the student for nurturing & protecting children. Learn about babysitting as a business, child care essentials, safety for the sitter, injury management, preventing problem behavior, care of choking infant and child. Bring a sack lunch to class.

Date: Monday, January 30th

Time: 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Location: Zellerbach Admin Center, Conference Room "F"

Fee: \$60

Class Code: 2026-12

Contact Camas Community Education for registration information (360) 833-5544 or email

karen.rudolf@camas.wednet.edu.

THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL PTO

Our staff greatly appreciated your thoughtfulness!



Children's Dental Health Day



Free Dental Care

Saturday,

February 4, 2012

7:30-4:00

Clark College Dental Hygiene Clinic
1933 Fort Vancouver Way

Free care for Clark and Skamania County children up to age 19 with dental problems. Serving families who have limited income and no dental insurance.

Services Provided:

- X-rays
- Sealants
- Fluoride treatment
- Fillings
- Extractions

**Call for an
appointment:
360-397-8000
Ext. 7371 or
360-397-8020**

This program is not affiliated with any school district in Clark or Skamania Counties.

Clark County Dental Society has partnered with Clark College, Clark County Public Health, Free Clinic of Southwest Washington, Greater Southwest Washington Dental Hygiene Association, Ronald McDonald House Charities and Washington Oral Health Foundation to provide Children's Dental Health Day.

Young Champions Heart Screening Clinics – February 25, 2012 – By appointment only! Please register by on-line.



PeaceHealth
Southwest Medical Center

Heart & Vascular Center

In partnership with Peace Health Southwest Medical Center Heart and Vascular Center we have established the "Young Champions Heart Screening Clinics". The Young Champions Heart Screening Clinics are made possible through charitable donations from the Quinn Driscoll Foundation, Peace Health Southwest Medical Center Heart and Vascular Center, local cardiologists from Cascade Heart, PS, and The Vancouver Clinic-Cardiology, nurses from Peace Health Southwest Medical Center, Washington State University College of Nursing and Clark College Nursing Program, medical technicians, medical device representatives and countless community volunteers.

Who is eligible?

Any Clark County middle or high school athlete, band member or cheerleader from 13 – 18 years old is eligible for a Young Champions Heart Screening Clinic. Although designed for the student athlete, this screening event also accommodates all children in the age group who may be at risk (family history).

For those living outside the Clark County Washington area, please send a request for screening to scott@quinndriscollfoundation.org.

Young Champions Heart Screening Clinics are an important service to the community providing access to cardiac screenings for our most valuable assets, our children. The Quinn Driscoll Foundation is dedicated to promote cardiac health in all ages, starting with our youth and raising awareness for the entire family.

This screening does not take the place of the pre-performance examination requirement for all student athletes who wish to participate in a school sport.

What is included in the screening?

- Review of child's personal and family health history
- Detailed questionnaire
- Blood pressure
- [ECG/EKG \(electrocardiogram\)](#)
- Abbreviated [echocardiogram](#)

How do I sign up my child?

Registration is required. To schedule a student heart screening, call 360.514.1707. [On-line registration](#) will be open in the weeks prior to the next scheduled clinic.

How much does it cost?

The Quinn Driscoll Foundation asks for a donation of \$25 per child to off-set costs of conducting a Young Champions Heart Screen. No child will be turned away for a family's ability to provide a donation in-kind.

Upcoming Calendar of Events:

Young Champions Heart Screening Clinic - February 25th, 2012

Where: Peace Health Southwest Medical Center
Heart and Vascular Center
First floor of the Firstenburg Tower