Dear Sky Hawk Families,

It’s that time of year again! On Wednesday, March 25, our students began taking the Washington State Measurements of Student Progress (MSP)! While we recognize that the MSP is only one snapshot of student achievement, it is an important measurement for our school and district to measure progress over time and to plan how to best meet the needs of all of our students. It’s also a chance for our students to show what they know! Below are a few suggestions during this busy testing period:

- Get a good night’s sleep to be rested and ready.
- Eat a healthy breakfast to fuel up.
- Arrive to school on time to reduce stress.
- Pack a snack. Even if your child doesn’t normally have a snack during the school day, they are allowed to have one during MSP breaks. Pack a light nutritious snack and send them with a water bottle. Staying hydrated promotes clear thinking!
- Discuss the test openly and in a positive way.
- Tell your child that the test will have some difficult questions on it. All of the questions are not supposed to be easy, and all anyone can do is try their best. That’s all we expect!
- If your child is a nervous test-taker, remind them to take deep breaths before and during the test and to drink their water!

This year, all of our students at Skyridge will be taking the reading MSP online. If you would like to learn more about the MSP or to view a demo and tutorial on the state’s online testing system, please visit www.WAtesting.com. We will be going “old school” with all of our other tests; paper and pencil style. 😊

Of course, there are plenty of other activities going on around here at Skyridge worth mentioning. Here are a few quick highlights:

- We have 212 students braving the elements on our track team!
- On Monday, April 30, our students began their self-selected exploratory flex classes.
- Our student musical, “Oklahoma,” will take the stage on May 17.
- Our Science Olympiad travelled to state and earned 13th place with most students earning a medal in at least one of their events!

Thank you for all that you do to support our students and staff! If you have any questions regarding this or any other aspect of your child’s education here at Skyridge Middle School, don’t hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

From the Principal – Aaron J. Smith

PROGRESS REPORTS – Our current grading period ends on May 4. Please check your student’s grades on Skyward Family Access.

SKYRIDGE ATTENDANCE 24 HOUR PHONE LINE: 833-5806

Call directly to report any information regarding absences, bus passes, and student emergency messages. The voice mail box is checked frequently for messages.

If you bring items to the office for your student during school hours, they will be held at our Attendance Office for student pickup. Daily “drop offs” have been abundant and we do not have available staffing to deliver forgotten items.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Measurements of Student Progress (MSP) State Assessment Student testing will occur throughout May.

MAY 3 – Track Meet; Home with Wy’East; 3:45 pm
MAY 4 – End of Grading Period; Progress Reports
MAY 5 – Camas Athletic Boosters “Cinco de Casino,” Westlie Ford; 6-10 pm
MAY 9 – SNN Club; LMC; 2:45-3:30 pm
MAY 14 – Twilight Track Meet; Liberty @ Doc Harris; 6:00 pm
MAY 16 – SNN Club; LMC; 2:45-3:30 pm
MAY 17 – Track Meet; Home with Cascade; 3:45 pm
MAY 17, 18 & 19 – Skyridge Drama Production; Oklahoma, CHS Theatre; 7 pm
MAY 19 – CEF Fun Run; Beginning at 9 AM, 10K – 3.5K – 1K
MAY 22 – Skyridge/Liberty/CHS Jazz Band Concert; CHS Theatre; 7 pm
MAY 23 – SNN Club; LMC; 2:45-3:30 pm
MAY 24 – 6th Grade Field Trip; Timbers Soccer Game; 8:45 am-2 pm
MAY 25 & 28 – NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day
MAY 29 – Incoming 6th Grade Parent Meeting; Tom Wallenborn Gym; 6:30-7:30 pm
MAY 30 – SNN Club; LMC; 2:45-3:30 pm
MAY 31 – District Track Meet; Doc Harris Stadium; 1 pm & 2 pm

Mark Your Calendar for Future Events:

June 5, 6 & 7 – LATE START – Classes begin at 10:15 am, buses run 2 hrs. 15 min. later than normal schedule
June 6 – SNN Club; LMC; 2:45-3:30 pm
June 7 – Current 8th Grade Visitation/Assembly at CHS
– Skyridge/Liberty 8th Grade Dance; CHS Commons; 2:30-4:30 pm
June 8-18 – LMC On Site Book Fair; LMC
June 8 – 6th Grade Field Trip; Wild Waves; 7:45 am-7:30 pm
June 9 – CAMTOWN Youth Festival; Crown Park; 11 am-3 pm
June 12 – Band Concert; CHS Theatre; 7 pm
June 13 – SNN Club; LMC; 2:45-3:30 pm
– Choir Concert; CHS Theatre; 7 pm
June 14 – Yearbook Distribution during lunches; FLEX Signing
June 15 – 7th Grade Field Trip; Columbia Gorge Sternwheeler; 9 am-2 pm
June 18 – 6th Grade Coaster Parent Exhibits; 10:15-11:15 am; Gym
June 19 – 8th Grade Celebration; Gym / Dining Room; 8 – 9:30 am
– 8th Grade to Big Al’s; 10:30 am-2 pm
JUNE 20 – LAST DAY OF CLASSES

8TH GRADE EAST COAST TRIP
STUDENT TRAVEL

Attention parents of 7th grade students: Is your child interested in traveling to the East Coast? The Camas 8th Grade East Coast Trip is June 23 – 30, 2013. If you missed the parent meeting on May 2, you can email jeanette.romano@camas.wednet.edu for more information.

The Book Fair Wagon is on its’ way!

On Site: June 8 – 18
Online: May 23 – June 12

The Skyridge LMC will host a Scholastic Book Fair and funds raised will go right back into the library to provide books and online resources. For example, book fair funds can make it possible for 20 copies of Hunger Games to be purchased! Last year sales totals were close to $2,000 and this year’s goal is $2,500.

Online purchasing is a new option this year! Buying books for the whole family just got easier because now you can order online and have the books sent right to school. The selection is awesome and there is something for everyone.

The online fair starts May 23 and ends June 12 with free shipping to the school for pickup by you or your student. Order early by visiting the link posted on the Skyridge LMC site: http://staff.camas.wednet.edu/blogs/conniepappas/ or go to scholastic.com/schoolbookfairs and find our school. The link will be live beginning on May 23.

Thanks for your support!
MSP TESTING

TESTING WINDOW — Testing will be accomplished throughout May.

BE WELL RESTED — One of the best things students can do is get a good night’s sleep.

SNACKS FOR TESTING BREAKS — Students may bring healthy snacks to eat during the short breaks. If students bring junk food, they will be asked not to eat it.

SACK LUNCHES FOR STUDENTS NEEDING ADDITIONAL TIME — For students who end up working into their lunch time, sack lunches can be ordered and delivered to the student. A designee will confirm delivery of lunch to particular students before their lunch account is charged. Sack lunch will include sandwich, fruit, cheese crackers, and milk. Allowing students to eat in their classrooms will help them stay in a testing mindset until they complete their test according to OSPI’s MSP testing guidelines.

BACKPACKS, CELL PHONES, I-PODS — Students will be asked to put these items in their lockers, or have them moved away from their desks while testing according to testing guidelines.

TEST MATERIALS — Students should come prepared with the following materials for testing:

- No. 2 Pencils
- Protractor
- Calculator
- Silent Reading Book
- Ruler

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Skyridge MSP Schedule 2012

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6th Grade online testing time 7:45-10:15 (Students held over who are not done)
7th Grade online testing time 7:45-9:40 (Students held over who are not done)
8th Grade online testing time 7:45-9:40 (Students held over who are not done)

Paper Pencil Tests
SKYRIDGE SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM
AT STATE COMPETITION

On Saturday, April 14, our Science Olympiad Team competed against the top 20 middle school teams in Washington State. Overall, our team took 13th place with most of our students earning a medal in at least one of their events including:

- Microbe Mission
- Keep the Heat
- Magnetic Levitation (Mag-Lev) Vehicle
- Rockets

*The Camas High School Science Olympiad team earned 1st place for the second year in a row. They posted a 40-point win over the second place team which was Union. They are making plans to compete in the national tournament held in Orlando, Florida, this May.*

Go PAPERMAKERS!

CAMTOWN YOUTH FESTIVAL

This FREE event will be held on Saturday, June 9, 2012, at Crown Park from 11 am to 3 pm and includes the Camtown-Forgey Art Show. The festival is designed and programmed by our Camas student youth, run by community youth, for the kids of our community. It is a partnership between the City of Camas and the Camas School District and supported by numerous organizations, businesses and individuals.

Camtown is a great family event and includes a variety of games, craft activities, entertainment, food, a flea market, and information tables.

Further information can be viewed at [www.ci.camas.wa.us/parks](http://www.ci.camas.wa.us/parks).

CHS Activities and Athletics Open House for 2012-2013 and Health Wellness Fair

CHS is combining their annual Activities and Athletics Open House and Health Wellness Fair this year. This event will happen on Tuesday, May 8, from 6:00-8:00 pm in the CHS gym. At the open house, incoming 9th grade students will get the opportunity to learn about the activities and athletics that are available to them at CHS and talk with advisors and current student participants.

Upcoming freshman – Check out the opportunities!

City of Camas
Camas Public Library

The Summer Reading Program is June 16th – August 11th!

Rewards for reading, free events, summer movies, and more! Stay tuned for a special Summer Reading Program email that explains it all!

2011-2012 SKYRIDGE YEARBOOK
Less than 50 left!

Bring $25 (check or cash) to the Main Office

Skyridge Newsworthy Notes 4
Skyridge Middle School Presents

Oklahoma!

Books and Lyrics by
Oscar Hammerstein II

Music by
Richard Rodgers

Based on Green Grow the Lilacs
A play by Lynn Riggs

May 17, 18, 19 2012
7 p.m.
CHS Theatre, Camas,
WA

Prices:
$7.00 Adults
$5.00 Senior Citizens
$5.00 Youth, ages 5-18
Children under 5 - Free
ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

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

Congrats are in order again this year. You all continue to do a wonderful job supporting our student athletes. Skyridge has 428 athletes competing this year with an overall GPA of 3.49. Some of this year’s highlights are listed below.

- Skyridge Cross Country finished 2nd in the League Championships and had the 7th grade individual champion.
- The 8th grade Football team won the League Championship and finished undefeated. They also won the League Playoff with an exciting win over Pacific at Doc Harris Stadium.
- The Wrestling team had 3 individual League Champions. The Sky Hawks are building a strong program under the leadership of Coach, Tom Sawyer.
- The Sky Hawks 7th grade girls’ Volleyball team went undefeated and won the League Championship.
- This year’s winner of the Athletic Academic Team Award goes to the 7th grade girls track team. They have an incredible GPA of 3.83.
- Over 53% of the student body participated in our sports program.
- In our Activity Department the Knowledge Bowl team finished in a 3 way tie for the League Championship losing in overtime and finishing 3rd.
- Our Science Olympiad team placed 4th in the District meet and earned a trip to the State meet in Spokane.
- Track has started strong with 212 kids. Several are expected to compete for League Championships.

I again want to thank all of you who volunteer your time to help our kids. We would not be able to provide this type of athletic program or activities without your hard work.

Bob Foster
Athletic Coordinator
Skyridge and Liberty Middle School

Students May Sign-up for the 2012-2013 Sport Seasons Beginning May 16, 2012

Season 1:
- Boys Football – 8th grade
- Girls Cross Country – 6th/7th/8th grades

Season 2:
- Wrestling - 6th/7th/8th grades
- Girls Volleyball – 7th/8th grades

Season 3:
- Boys Basketball – 8th grade
- Girls Basketball – 8th grade
- Knowledge Bowl – 6th/7th/8th grades

Season 4:
- Track - 6th/7th/8th grades

Forms are available online at the Skyridge website: http://www.schools.camas.wednet.edu/skyridge/. Click on the athletic tab and various information options become available. Concussion forms and physicals for ALL 2012-2013 sports may be turned in at the Skyridge main office. Permission forms need to be completed each school year and the student’s physical is valid for two years. Both the concussion form and physical MUST be on file prior to a student’s participation in any sport.

Students participating in a sport must also purchase an ASB card once a year and pay a participation fee prior to the beginning of each sport they participate in.

Post game schedules, times and locations will be posted on the athletic tab of our Skyridge website as they become available.
On **Saturday, May 5 at 6:00 pm**, **Casino Games, Silent & Live Auctions**, will be held at **Westlie Ford in Washougal**.

♦ Admission is **$35.00, $45.00 after May 1st.**
   *Jump-start script and appetizers included.*

♣ Entry into the **Poker Tournament is $30.00.**
   *Pre-registration is required for the poker tournament.*

♥ Entry into the **Blackjack Tournament is $10.00.**

♣ **Tickets** are available at
   Uncommon Gift, American Family Insurance, Westlie Ford,
   and online at [www.camasboosters.org](http://www.camasboosters.org).
   *This is a 21 and Over Event.*

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Interested in becoming a sponsor? Contact Wanda Miller at (360) 904-3001

♥ For more information, Like Us On Facebook, or visit us at [www.chs.camas.wednet.edu/boosters](http://www.chs.camas.wednet.edu/boosters).
CHS Senior Boards now forming…

Please join us! Camas High School Senior Boards will be June 5, 6, and 7, 7:45-9:45 AM. If you are interested in serving as a community board member, you may volunteer for one, two or all three days.

To RSVP, contact Maria Klein by Friday, May 18, at maria.klein@camas.wednet.edu or 833-7258 between 7:00 AM and 1:00 PM to sign up! If you have any questions, you may call the high school at 833-5750 and ask for Linda Barnes at ext. 78372 or Suzie Downs at ext. 37128.

Washington State Department of Health

News Release

Contacts: Tim Church, Communications Office 360-236-4077

Whooping cough case count passes 1,000 cases in WA — epidemic continues

Surpasses total for all of 2011 before the end of April

OLYMPIA – Washington’s whooping cough epidemic continues on a record pace that has already surpassed 1,000 reported cases. The total of 1,008 as of April 21 is more than reported in all of 2011 and is the highest number of cases since 1,026 were reported in all of 2005.

Our state is on pace to reach more than 3,000 cases for the year; levels that haven’t been seen in more than six decades.

“We’re very concerned about the risk to infants, especially because of how quickly whooping cough is spreading,” says Secretary of Health, Mary Selecky. “Whooping cough can be life threatening for infants, and they’re too young to get enough doses of vaccine to be protected. That’s why we want everyone else to make sure they’re vaccinated against whooping cough.”

Already this year 71 infants under a year old have been reported to have whooping cough. Eighteen of them have been hospitalized. No babies have died in 2012, but two babies died in 2010 and two in 2011.

Many cases are being reported in school age children. The vaccine that young children get wears off over time, so all children age 11-12 should get a whooping cough booster shot, called Tdap.

The Tdap vaccine is also recommended for pregnant women and women who recently gave birth. Getting vaccinated before giving birth helps prevent the mother from spreading the illness to her newborn. A new Department of Health whooping cough public service announcement featuring a Snohomish mom whose 27 day old baby last year died highlights the need to vaccinate.

“This is what we’re trying to prevent,” says Dr. Maxine Hayes, State Health Officer. “When adults get sick with whooping cough it can be miserable, but when babies get the disease, they often must be hospitalized because it’s difficult for them to feed, sleep, and breathe.”

Selecky and Hayes urge all teens and adults to check their immunization status. Many health care providers use the state’s immunization registry and can check which vaccines have been given. Most health insurance carriers cover the whooping cough vaccine; adults should double check with their health plan. Whooping cough vaccines are available to all Washington children under 19 years old through health care provider offices participating in the state’s Childhood Vaccine Program.

More information on whooping cough disease and who should be vaccinated is available on our website (www.doh.wa.gov). The number of reported cases is updated every Tuesday afternoon.

The Department of Health website (www.doh.wa.gov) is your source for a healthy dose of information. Also, find us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.
CAMAS COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The Spring/Summer 2012 Brochure is available at: www.camascommunityed.org.

Register today and Enrich Your Life with a Community Ed class or summer camp!
GOLF LESSONS
Offered by Camas Community Education
Held at Camas Meadows Golf Course
For Details: Call 360-833-5544 or go to www.camascommunityed.org

Adult Fundamental Golf
This class will cover all of the basic fundamentals of the golf swing. It will be taught by a professional teaching staff at Camas Meadows. Although this class is for beginners, if you have been playing for awhile but can't seem to improve quick enough this class is perfect to start with new, more solid fundamentals. Clubs will be provided but bringing your own is encouraged. Prior experience is not needed.
Wednesdays, June 6-27, 4:00-5:30 PM
Fee: $150.00
Code: #3045-12

Adult Intermediate Golf
Learn skills to take your golf game to the next level. This four week class is designed to advance the 15-25 handicapped players to their next level. Along with individual swing analysis, in this class you will learn how to gain more power, how to hit the longer clubs more accurately, trajectory control and much more. The class will be taught by the professional teaching staff at Camas Meadows. Now that you have learned the game, let us help you take it to the next level. Please bring your own clubs.
Thursdays, June 7-28, 4:00-5:30 PM
Fee: $160.00
Code: #3046-12

Adult Advanced Golf
If your golf game is good but not great and still lacking that edge to become a 10 and below handicap, this is the class for you! Take your game to the next level with both swing and mental coaching from the professional teaching staff at Camas Meadows. Learn some of the things touring pros do or think to take your golf game to heights you have not imagined before. This class works on expanding your bag, shot shaping, all the way to on-course play. Please bring your own clubs and proper golf attire is required.
Tuesdays, June 5-26, 4:00-5:30 PM
Fee: $170.00
Code: #3047-12

Junior Fundamental Golf, Ages: 6-11 & 12-17
This is a great camp for juniors to learn golf fundamentals! In this class you will learn from pre-swing to in-swing fundamentals that will last. The camp will also cover basic golf etiquette and some basic golf rules. The last day will be a course introduction. If you have clubs please bring them. No prior experience is needed.

Ages 6-11
Sundays, June 3-24
2:00-3:30 PM
Fee: $70.00
Code: #3041-12

Ages 12-17
Sundays, June 3-24
4:00-5:30 PM
Fee: $70.00
Code: #3042-12

Junior Intermediate Golf, Ages: 13-17
This four week camp is for juniors who are ready for on-course play. The camp spends two days of instruction and two days on the course, alternating each week. Your swing will be fine tuned and also taught course management by the professional teaching staff of Camas Meadows Golf Club. You must bring your own clubs and proper golf attire is required: collared shirts and slacks or shorts. No denim allowed.
Fridays, June 1-22, 4:00-5:30 PM
Fee: $80.00
Code: #3043-12