



EAGLE'S EYE



SKYCREST ELEMENTARY NEWS

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Mission

Educate and prepare students for college, career and life.

A Message from Administration

Hello Skycrest Families,

This year is just flying by and your child continues to grow and learn each and every day. We celebrated our 100th day of school on Jan. 28th - we have less than 80 days until the last day of school. It is amazing the depth of knowledge and the high expectations your child is learning on a daily basis. What an inspiring experience to walk in and out of classrooms throughout the day and listen to your child have academic conversations with peers and teachers at such high levels. Students have shown growth with MAP testing and unit assessments. It is important to continue to encourage learning at home with reading books nightly and completing lessons in iStation, Dreambox and MyOn.

Students had a blast celebrating Literacy Week during the week of January 27th. They had a mystery reader, an author, Literacy Night and Book Character Day to celebrate the importance of reading. Our Book Fair was also a wonderful success - thank you to all of the families who supported these events.

As we move into March, students will continue to work hard learning and preparing for FSA testing. Please see the FSA Testing dates to make sure your child is not scheduled for any days off during these dates. It is important for your child to test with his/her class to avoid any makeup days. ACCESS testing for our K - 5th Grade ELL students begins January 27th - a letter was sent home.

February is the month of Valentines and LOVE, and I want to share how much we, at Skycrest, LOVE being part of your child's life. Thank you for allowing us to be part of his/her educational journey, a journey we work hard to make one of excellence and care.

Best Regards,
Mrs. Pier
Assistant Principal

Dates to Remember

02/07 Mid-reports come home
02/14 Valentine's Day
02/17 **No School for Students**
02/20 International Café, 8:45AM,
Media Center
02/25 Middle School Info Night, 6:00PM

School Guidelines

Remember Skycrest Students to always:

- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be Safe
- Be an Active Learner

Skycrest Parent English Class

When: Wednesdays from 9:00 to 10:30am
Where: Skycrest Elem. (check in at front office)
Instructors: Jan Demers and Chia Ross

Children are welcome.

Pre-K Corner

Mrs. Krieger's class is looking for donations of girl and/or boy dress-up clothes/costumes and small "Treasure Box" items (Happy Meal toys or other small toys) for 3-4 year olds. So, if you are cleaning out your kids toy boxes, remember us! We can always use quality educational developmentally appropriate larger toys for our center time also! You can send them in with your student to bring to Mrs. Krieger or drop them off at the front office if you don't want your little one to know! THANKS SO MUCH! ☺



Save the Date

Multicultural Festival on Friday, March 27th from 5:30-7:00PM. Come enjoy cultures from different countries. Share a favorite dish from a different country. There will be food, music and games!

Mark Your Calendar Grades 3-5

FSA Dates coming up:

Grade 3 FSA ELA Reading 4/1 and 4/2
FSA Math 5/7 and 5/8

Grade 4 FSA Writing 4/1
FSA ELA Reading 5/5 and 5/6
FSA Math 5/12 and 5/13

Grade 5 FSA Writing 4/1
FSA ELA Reading 4/1 and 4/2
FSA Math 5/12 and 5/14
Science 5/19 and 5/20

Information about Bullying vs. Conflict

It is important for all of us—teachers, administrators, counselors, youth workers, parents, and kids—to properly distinguish between conflict, rude, mean, and bullying behavior so that all know what to pay attention to and how best to intervene. Source:

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/passive-aggressive-diaries/201704/what-is-the-difference-between-conflict-and-bullying>

Here is a chart to distinguish between Bullying and Conflict:

CONFLICT	RUDE	MEAN	BULLYING
Occasional	Occasional	Once or Twice	Is REPEATED
Not planned; in the heat of the moment	Spontaneous; unintentional	Intentional	Is planned and done on purpose
All parties are upset	Can cause hurt feelings; upset	Can hurt others deeply	The target of the bullying is upset
All parties want to work things out	Based in thoughtlessness, poor manners or narcissism	Based in anger; impulsive cruelty	The bully is trying to gain control over the target
All parties will accept responsibility	Rude person accepts responsibility	Behavior often regretted;	The bully blames the target
An effort is made by all parties to solve the problem			The target wants to stop the bully's behavior; the bully does not
Can be resolved through mediation	Social skill building could be of benefit	Needs to be addressed/ should NOT be ignored	CANNOT be resolved through mediation

Source: Jennifer Astles, DASA Newsletter, January 2014, TST 80CES

Early Releases

Early student release must occur before 2:00 p.m. with prior notice to the teacher and front office.

Students will be dismissed at 2:55 p.m. to their designated pick-up areas.

Between 2:00 p.m. and 2:55 p.m. teachers are still instructing students. It disrupts end of the day procedures for the teachers and front office.



www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern



Heart Grams For Sale

Student Council will be selling pre-orders for Heart Grams. These grams come with a message and an eraser and can be purchased for friends, family and teachers. Grams can be purchased for 25 cents for one or 5 for a dollar. All funds go toward purchasing books for Skycrest's Little Library Bin. All orders are due by Feb. 12th.

Recognition of Awards

Congratulations to the following 5th Grade students for earning the PRIDE Awards for Skycrest. These are based on high performing academics in the areas of math, science, social studies, and writing. They will be recognized at a district event on April 1st.

Math - Christian M
Science - Caden Z
Social Studies - Amy D
Writing - Anahy H

These four students have earned the Maria Edmonds Hispanic Achievement Award for exhibiting high academic scores:

Braylin G
Gloria Sofia M
Josiah G
Brayan R

Donations

As your children grow, and outgrow their Skycrest School Uniforms, please consider donating those that are gently worn and still in good shape back to our school.

There are other students and families at Skycrest that can make good use of these uniforms for the remainder of this school year. Both boys and girls styles, in all the Skycrest colors, are welcomed and needed.

Please send your clean, no longer fitting uniforms to school with your child to be "re-homed" or drop them off at the office during school hours.

If you have questions or need further information, please feel free to call our school at (727) 469-5987.

Thank you so much for your help.

