

SKYVIEW ELEMENTARY



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Eagles read at least 30 minutes EVERY night! October 1, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians of our Skyview Eagle Students,

October is Autumn and Autumn brings change in our Florida weather. Enjoy your family with lots of Autumn fun. You may want to begin with the following autumn poem:

The Autumn Flag

by Lenore Hetrick

Autumn always carries a flag,
Brilliant are its hues!
There are no greens or dainty tints,
There are no sky-bright blues.

But there is scarlet like a sunset,
There is golden yellow!
There are oranges deep as flame,
And purples that are mellow.

In the corner there's an emblem,
But not a star or stripe.
In the corner a golden pumpkin
Round a fully ripe.

How fitting that the autumn flag
The pumpkin's virtues sing!
For surely in the court of autumn
Pumpkin is the king!



Did you know that Skyview earned Silver for Healthy Schools nationwide? Yes, we earned Silver as we endeavor to provide a healthy breakfast and lunch for your child. Please Eagle Team with us packing a healthy lunch for your child when your child brings lunch from home or is eating at home virtually. No soda, large bags of chips or candy are allowed for a healthy lunch. A child may bring a serving of chips for lunch in a baggy. We appreciate happy birthday celebrations. Many of you enjoy bringing cupcakes for the class on your child's birthday. To join our Healthy Initiative for our Eagle students, instead of cupcakes, other healthy options are healthy bars, oranges, apples, small bags of popcorn and other individually wrapped or bagged healthy choices.

Did you know Skyview earned Gold for our Positive Behavior Intervention System for the second year in a row? Yes, at Skyview we utilize Restorative Practices to restore students when students are having issues. We have positive behavior steps for students to follow when needing redirection. The questions we ask students when needing to resolve an issue and be restored to return successfully to class are:

- What happened?
- What were you thinking of at the time?
- What have you thought about since?
- Who has been affected by what you have done? In what way?
- What do you think you need to do to make things right?

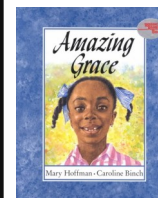
Please join our Eagle Team practicing Restorative Questions at home when your child needs to be redirected and restored.

Eagles on our journey of parenting and teaching for the education of your child...

Love wins, Suzanne Hester

Character Word

Capable



“Practice what I am learning so I can do it myself!”

Your children will read Amazing Grace in their classrooms this month. Grace is encouraged by her family and proves she is capable of what she sets her mind to do. What will you help to encourage your child to accomplish...because they *ARE* capable?

Eagle Family Outreach:

Fri, Oct 23 - End of 1st Marking Period

Mon, Oct 26 - **NO SCHOOL** for students...Parent Teacher Title 1 Student-led Conference day - schedule a time with your child's teacher for a phone or virtual chat.

M-F, Oct 26-30 - **Red Ribbon Week = Be happy. Be brave. Be drug free.** *see back for more info*

- Monday** - No School—photo contest
- Tuesday** - Red Ribbon Awareness sticker—from Mrs. Balaj
- Wednesday** - wear red
- Thursday** - wear favorite team gear
- Friday** - school spirit shirt/colors

Thank you to Wal-Mart and Publix for their generous school supply donations to our school!

Wonderful Community Partners :)

Family Outreach:

Label student items: Families due to Covid safety protocols, we cannot have a Lost & Found. Labeling your child's jackets, lunch boxes, and water bottles are the only way to have it returned. Items left behind without names, will be discarded. Thank you for helping with this.

Candy notice - Students are not allowed to bring candy to school. We are a Safe and Healthy school :)



ESE Parent Webinars

FDLRS has designed free monthly webinars for all parents/families with children with disabilities or those with unique learning needs. The 90-minute webinars are held from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM EST on one Friday each month and all sessions are recorded for access after the webinar as well. Registration for all webinars is located at: <http://www.fdlrs.org/free-parent-webinars-friday-fdlrs>. Please register at least 2 weeks prior to the event. You may register for one or all of the webinars at your earliest convenience. The upcoming webinars are:

October 16th – Accommodations November 20th – Basic Behavior Principles December 18th – Social Skills: Replacement Behaviors

Federal Impact Aid Count:

Federal funds are awarded to our school district for military connected students. Any parent who is a member of the uniform services (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force or Coast Guard) and is on active duty on count date September 28, 2020, regardless of location. Also, two weeks of training programs as a reserve or National Guard component may be counted ONLY IF THE PARENT WAS ON ACTIVE DUTY ON THE COUNT DATE OF September 28, 2020. Please contact Lucy Diaz-DMT for a Federal Impact Aid Count Form. All forms must be completed and returned to the DMT by *October 20, 2020*.

Our outstanding teachers are dedicated to highest student level achievement. They must be certified by the state of Florida. Sometimes it becomes necessary to assign a teacher a course/subject for which he/she is not currently certified. Teachers assigned out of field are carefully chosen, given additional district support, and are expected to work towards appropriate certification in a timely manner. Skyview's out of field teachers are Sonia Orbe, Vianney Ortiz, Mary Saldin, Annette Cordero and Paula Knauss.

Eagles Earning Excellence:



SPOTLIGHT ON EQUITY Graphic by Mujka

We want to hear from you! How did your family celebrate UN's International Literacy Day in September? Share with us the kinds of books that were added to your collection. Email Mrs. Morris at morrist@pcsb.org to share photos or stories of your family trying out some of the suggested books in our September newsletter links. I would especially love to share any ways that these books encouraged your family to promote equity in your home, neighborhood or school community. Thank you for promoting literacy while promoting fairness and justice, you never know where reading can take you!

"Books gave me a rocket ship, not only around the world, but through the universe. I got to visit places through books that I never thought I would ever see." US Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor.

HAPPY HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH!

October 26 - 30th is Red Ribbon Week. Join our Skyview Eagles in celebrating **Red Ribbon Week!** The Red Ribbon Campaign is the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation, reaching millions of children during Red Ribbon Week. This year's theme is **Be Happy. Be Brave. Be Drug Free.**

Monday: "Red Ribbon Photo Contest"

No school for students: celebrate by at home by entering the Red Ribbon Photo Contest for a chance to win an iPad and \$1,000 for your school: www.redribbon.org/contest

Tuesday: "I Pledge to be Drug Free!"

Wear a Red Ribbon Awareness sticker! Mrs. Balaj will be handing them out throughout the day! 😊

Wednesday: "Wear Red Day"

Wear red to celebrate Red Ribbon Week!

Thursday: "Be on a Drug Free Team Day"

Wear your favorite team gear!

Friday: "Our Eagles are proud to be drug free!"

