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Skyline School

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Principal Lisa Denham's Message

Dear Families,

 Our Annual Fund Drive was a success! We are so touched by the incredible generosity of our families. Thank you so much for all of your support. As you are aware, these funds go directly to our school to fund the teacher's salaries and materials/equipment for our Science, Physical Education, Art and Technology enrichment programs. I would also like to thank Michelle Moraga and Jane Coffin, Co-Presidents for Skyline's Solana Beach Foundation for Learning, for all their time and effort. They were instrumental in designing and sending out all communication throughout the Fund Drive. Our children are so fortunate to be able to participate in our outstanding academic and enrichment programs.

Lisa Denham

Safety During Morning Drop-Off

I have recently had staff and parent complaints that parents are driving at an unsafe speed in our upper parking lot in the morning while they are dropping off their children. As you are aware, there is a lot of traffic, both vehicle and pedestrian, in the morning; and while I understand that there is a rush to get your children to school on time and get to work, we do not want to have anyone hurt because of excessive speeds. Please plan to leave earlier from home to allow your family enough time to safely get to school. I would also like to remind parents that there is only one drop-off lane in the morning next to the curb. We **ONLY** use the second lane in the afternoon when we have staff outside to help students safely get into their cars. Please make sure you pull up as far as possible in front of the office next to the curb when you drop off your children.



Thank you for helping to ensure the safety of all of our children.

Young Scientist Club



Our Young Scientist Club began with a bang on January 20th with a paper airplane contest. If your child has a passion for science, and is interested in participating in interactive science labs and activities, we encourage him/her to come to the club on Friday mornings from 8:00 to 8:45 a.m. in either our Science Lab or the Activity Center. We have some fun activities scheduled over the next month. On February 3rd, Ms. Piranio will be conducting balloon car races. The Reuben H. Fleet Science Center will do a presentation on insects at Skyline on February 17th. Students will be able to participate in fish dissections on March 2nd, and Ms. Piranio will be introducing slime and polymers in the science lab on March 9th. If you have a budding young scientist, please have them join us on Friday mornings.

What's Happening in PE?

We are already halfway through the school year; and as we approach the spring season, there will be a lot going on in Physical Education. We just finished our soccer, football and basketball sports units, and have many more to come. The students have also been working hard on conditioning to improve their physical fitness. Some of the sports theme units that will be coming up are: team handball, kickball, baseball, hockey, track/field, and many other fun games in between units such as dodgeball, capture the flag, sharks and minnows, steal the bacon, relay races and other fun physical fitness challenges. We are also working on getting special equipment so I can teach a unit on the fastest growing sport in California, which happens to be my favorite, lacrosse. The 5th graders will be working extra hard in PE to prepare for the California



state physical fitness testing that will be coming up in a few months. Let's enjoy being active and keeping up with our fitness goals outside as the weather starts getting better in the upcoming months!

~ Coach Mike

News From the Art Room



It has been very exciting in the art room! We are in a couple of art shows, and have created drawings, paintings, and sculptures. It has been a pleasure working with Skyline students who have shown me their creativity and imagination in every project that we have done so far! In October 2011, Skyline students' artwork was put up at Cricket Business Park. This is in collaboration with the San Diego Art Institute in Balboa Park. Twenty-five students participated in the show where their work has been on display. It has been available for viewing from October to the end of January, and awards are being handed out on January 27th at the Art Institute's opening reception. This month, January 2012, is also Youth Art Month for San Diego County. There is another art show put on by the San Diego County Art Education Association, the San Diego County Office of Education, and Sargent's Fine Art. As I am the current president of the SDCAEA, Skyline has several opportunities to participate in art shows throughout the year! We have thirteen students participating in this art show, and it will be displayed at the San Diego Art Institute until the awards ceremony on February 18 from noon to 2pm.

The fun projects that are being made in the classroom are connecting with what students are learning in their classrooms. We have turned study observation drawings into printmaking and abstract drawings into clay tiles. The sixth graders have been working on human statues after learning about proportions and drawing from wooden models. They are creating plaster statues based on Egyptian, Greek or Roman images. The fifth graders have been learning about different artists, and each project has been based on that artist's style. They have learned about Rousseau, Warhol, Modigliani, Van Gogh, and a large group of abstract artists. The fourth graders have spent some time focusing on drawing and creating animals. They are creating paper-maché animals at the moment, and will begin their Mission drawings soon. The Global Education students have also been very busy.

Everyone created a clay animal and the 5/6th grade students built animal boxes. The kindergarten through 4th grade students worked on artwork for their calendars, and are now working with paint. Finally, we are gathering things together for our Skyline art show in May, and hope to make a mural for the garden!

~ Elizabeth Morton

Ability Awareness Week

Skyline School held its third annual Ability Awareness Celebration during the week of Monday, January 23rd through Friday, January 27th. Our aim was to continue to educate our students and empower students with disabilities. Skyline's wheel teachers focused on ability awareness in their classrooms. Ms. Damaso, Guidance Counselor, and her planning team organized daily presentations for each grade level during their first wheel class. Students had the opportunity to listen to individuals from the *Challenged Athletes Foundation* and *Life Rolls On: They Will Surf Again* speak about an Adaptive Surfing Program, and heard presentations on service animals and sign language. The culmination of our Ability Awareness Celebration will be an assembly on Wednesday, February 1st, with guest speaker, Peggy O'Neil. Peggy is a little person, and she will talk to the students about her disability and how she has not let it hinder her life or get in the way of her goals and dreams. As always, the goal of our Ability Awareness celebration is to have our students come away with the idea that people who are different are still people first. We are incredibly fortunate to have this week, and look forward to yearlong activities and presentations on Skycast to address Ability Awareness.

Important Dates

February 1	Ability Awareness Assembly
February 3, 8:00 a.m.	Young Scientist Club
February 3	PTA Walk-A-Thon
February 9, 6:30 p.m.	PTA Meeting
February 10, 8:00 a.m.	Dad's Club Pancake Breakfast
February 10, 9:00 am	6 th Gr. Parent Coffee in Media Center