



Skykomish Rockets News

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Vision statement:

- The Skykomish School continues to focus its energy and effort to become a student-centric learning center which offers students a welcoming, comfortable, stable, safe, clean, organized environment, and a challenging, meaningful, rewarding, curriculum.
- The Skykomish School continues to strive towards healthy interpersonal relationships among all staff, students, and communities, and encourages active participation and individual responsibility among all.

Superintendent's Message

What a beautiful winter we are having. We had a great first night of Ski School on the 23rd. Several students skied for the first time and I expect we will have more "first-timers" as the season goes on. I really enjoyed being out on the slopes with the kids helping them learn to ski. Mrs. Slone has done a wonderful job of organizing the Ski School for the school. We have her to thank for making Ski School possible for our students. We also are very thankful for how the management of Stevens Pass has made this possible for our students. I also want to thank Mrs. Olin and Mr. Atkinson for helping with the driving and sitting with kids in the lodge. What a great opportunity Ski School is for our students who want to participate.

It is hard to believe that we have completed the first semester of the 14-15 school year. Parents, guardians should receive reports cards in the mail by Feb. 2nd. Looking at your child's report card is a good way for parents to stay abreast of your child's academic progress. I highly recommend that you have a conversation with your child about their grades so that they know that you value their academic efforts. I once heard a speaker say

that we should praise our students seven time more than we talk about areas that are in need of growth. I think that this is great advice when talking to your child about his/her report card grades. If you would like to know how you can help your child with their studies at home, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

As we move into the second semester, our school's focus will continue to be on the academic achievement of our students. Teachers are intent on helping each student attain proficiency on each of the Common Core Standards. The development of strong reading, writing and mathematics skills, in our students, is Skykomish School's highest priority. Due to our school's small size teachers know each student's learning needs and are able to give individual attention to every student every day.

I wish success to every one of our students in this coming semester. Thanks to everyone for making my first seven months at Skykomish School a very fulfilling experience.

Mr. Schmidt

Congratulations to Ashley and Ariel

Recently the league votes were submitted for the Northwest 1B All Conference Volleyball Team. We are proud to announce that Ashley Wahl was selected to the All Conference 1st Team, and Ariel Aman to the All Conference 2nd Team. Congratulations girls!



The Memory of Ethel The Best Chicken Ever

By Kira Aman

Ethel was the best chicken ever. She was my baby girl. I took her for walks, sometimes with Ariel. I will never forget her. She was the happiest chicken in the world.

I remember the day I got her. She was so tiny and covered with soft downy fuzz and dried goo. She could fit in the palm of my hand. She was so cute!

I loved her and her sister Lucy. I took her for walks on my shoulder or arm. She was a great teacher for the little kids. When they saw her they asked questions and wanted to know, "What does a chicken do, and why?" I told them everything I knew about Ethel.

I loved her with all my heart. After Lucy died my family and I went to the feed store and got more chicks for Ethel, so she wouldn't be lonely.

One sunny day, early in the morning, a black and white cat got in the chicken's cage by jumping over the side. The cat tried to attack the chicks. My mom looked out the window and saw Ethel fighting to protect the chicks from the cat. My mom ran outside to help Ethel, but it was too late.

The day she died, I felt very sad, inside and out. I miss her. But, I have many happy memories of my fun times with Ethel.

No Snow

By Anthony Grider

I wake-up, I look outside, but no snow.
The next day, I looked outside,
but yet again, no snow.
Day, after day, after day, but still no snow.
Days go by, then weeks, and still no snow.
Finally, Christmas is here, but still no snow.

SNOW

By Jaylee Feigenbaum

What I like about snow:
Snow is soft,
Snow is white,
I like to play in snow.
I like to put my face in snow.
And those are the reasons I like snow.
I wish it would snow!

Zero the lizard

By: Michael Jackson

Zero is a blue, red, and black flying lizard. I found him on the ground in my backyard. Zero had two wings on his back and two

little flaps on his tail. I noticed his scales weren't regular scales. Then I figured out why Zero looked different.

He was a dragon, not a lizard. Zero climbed up my arm and sat on my shoulder. Then we became best friends. I decided to protect him from bad people. My friend, Zero, and I spent lots of time together. He was good at finding pests around the house. Zero liked to eat the mice he found. But his favorite food was pizza. The end!

Fall

Kathy A Houser

*Cold, soulless
dying, slowing, fading
dark, sad, happy life
rejoicing, restoring, forgiving
joyful, happy
spring*

Distracted Driving

by Cheyanne Foster

Put on your make-up
Take another bite
Turn up the volume
or just take your eyes off the road
Dangerous, stupid, and possibly life changing
Death, injury, or just information exchanging
No one should have to pay for your fault
No matter the excuse
You're the reason for the bad news
So take responsibility
You have the ability
Drive safe and aware
Keep your eyes on the road, because death is
not rare.

Words

By Georgia Stearns

Nothing is a blank book with no letters or drawings. You start to think what you should write in the book. You think for hours. Soon you start to get ideas of what you are going to write about. In your mind you are thinking *words can't describe what I am about to write in this blank book. I could just write down a random story that doesn't make sense but no, I am a writer. I have to make these words inspire people and make sense.* So I am going to make an inspiring story.
You grab a pen and write your title: Words

Skykomish Rockets Basketball Skykomish High School

Nearly every high-schooler is part of High School Basketball in some form. This year's basketball program features 17 players, the largest number in years. Ten of those players play on the boys' team (three of which are from Sultan). The Lady Rockets consist of seven players (three of which are seniors). The boys and girls practice together, scrimmage against each other and support each other during games.

READING CHALLENGE FORMS DUE FRIDAY, JANUARY 30TH.

For the month of December, we had three students read and turn in their reading challenge forms: Kayla, Brendan and Bella. Reminder to the parents, please make sure an

adult signs off on the reading times. They should be reading at least 20 minutes for at least 20 times, initial the forms and turn in the last school day of the month. Keep up the good work!



SKI PROGRAM

This past Friday was the first day of the ski program and the kids had a blast! Ten students went up to the pass and had their first day of lessons and fun in spite of the rainy weather we had last week. A very special thank you goes out to Sam Bray for volunteering his time to teach the kids how to ski and snowboard. Katie Joe Mahr, Dallas Robinson and Mr. Schmidt are also volunteering their time to teach for the first six weeks. Thank you so much!! Bill, Michelle and Martin stepped up to drive when we had transportation issues. Teamwork at its finest. Thanks to all! Hopefully, more students will be able to go this Friday. Bring on the snow!

The Rainbow Pig Launcher

By Ben Grider

Once there was a pig named Bob. Bob loved the mud in his 900-story house. He loved his mud hot tub. He had pink hair and 45,000 buckets of muddy mud.

He was rolling in mud for 2 days. He found a red thing in the mud. It was a rainbow pig launcher. It was a tool that fires pigs with rainbow paint.

BOOM! CRASH! Pigs are everywhere and the city had become a big rainbow. Three other pigs found a launcher. They played rainbow pig tag for a year. They made a mess of the town.

Ender pig

By Hezykyah Woodford

There once was an innocent pig named Eli. He jumped into an ender portal and became an ender pig. As an ender pig, he became strong and weak at the same time. He acquired a weakness to water and gained a teleporting power. Eli became a minion of the ender dragon and did all his bidding happily. Then Steve came along and destroyed the ender dragon and Eli was free and innocent once more.