



Skykomish Rockets News

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Superintendent Message

Skykomish School was recently visited by two officials from the Puget Sound Educational Service District (PESD). The PESD oversees and supports many of the functions and activities of the School District. I would like to share with you a few excerpts from a letter that I received, shortly after the visit, from Jill Johnson one of the PESD Directors. I think you will enjoy reading her letter. Jill writes,

“Dear Mr. Schmidt,

I want to extend my thanks for the wonderful time I spent in your school district. I have been looking forward to this trip to Skykomish for three years! I am so grateful I finally got to make the trek up north!

I was genuinely impressed on this tour. Your staff members were so welcoming and engaging. The students were a delight. The lunch was delicious. The opportunity to visit with the staff during lunch was greatly appreciated. I thoroughly enjoyed Ariel’s senior presentation. Her presentation was professional, engaging, spontaneous, and entertaining. I enjoyed my conversation with her immensely. I truly felt I stepped back in time once I walked into the building. The wooden steps, the chalk boards, the amazing gym floor, the photographs on the walls...truly a step back in time. Then there were the white boards, the laptops, the engaged students, and professional staff members and it was a magnificent mix of old and new.

I had a truly memorable time in your school. It will be one of the highlights of my service as a PESD Board Member! I want to thank you for making me feel so welcome. I extend my gratitude for all the effort you put into making this day so special for me.

Please extend my thanks and appreciation to all your staff and students who contributed to making this day so meaningful and memorable. What an amazing school district housed in an historical building in a picturesque setting! What a place to grow and learn!

With gratitude and joy,
Jill A. S. Johnson

Over the last two years I have had multiple opportunities to hear similar comments from many who have visited our school. They have observed what I observe on a daily basis, a unique and wonderful school that is continually expanding the boundless potential of each of our incredible students through the efforts of caring and dedicated members of our staff.

As I move into retirement in July and look back on the various schools that I have worked in throughout my career, I will always have a soft spot in my heart for all of the wonderful students, staff, parents and community members that make Skykomish School the amazing center of learning that it is.

Sincerely,

Martin Schmidt

Upcoming Events

May:

- 2nd – Awards Assembly 2:30
- 4th – P.T.S.O. Meeting 4:15
- 14th - PROM
- 17th - Sports Banquet 6:00
- 18th - Parent's Day Tea 1:45
- 19th – Suicide Prevention Assembly (grs 6-12)
- 20th – Fieldtrip (Pre-1st grade)
- 25th - Senior Presentations 5:00
- 25th - School Board Meeting 6:30
- 30th – No School – Memorial Day

June:

- 1st – Awards Assembly 2:30
- 1st – P.T.S.O. Meeting 4:15
- 7th - Field Day – All school
- 10th – Graduation 7:00
- 13th – Lake Chelan Field trip – All school
- 14th – Last Day of School. Awards Assembly 10:30, Early Release 11:30
- 29th – School Board Meeting 6:30

June 7th

Field Day is a fun filled day with activities for all of our students at Skykomish School. There will be opportunities for students to show off



their skills in many different activities. Students need to bring an extra change of clothes to school "Just In Case".

Lake Chelan Field Trip

Kindergarten through 12 grade students and the staff will be enjoying the day at Lake Chelan Slide Water on June 13th. Keep your fingers cross that we have lots of sunshine.

Sports Banquet

Please join us on May 17th at 6:00 pm in the Skykomish School gym for our annual Sport's Banquet. The sport's banquet is our year-end ceremony to celebrate the efforts and achievements of our student athletes. This year we had a girls' Volleyball and Basketball team and we sent players to Sultan to play Football and Soccer. This year we will be celebrating Ariel Aman, Anya McCullough, Kira Aman, Jillian Aman, Kyrah Woodford, Rio Schwartz, Audrey Devereaux, Cheyanne Foster, Anthony Grider and Will Stearns. We will also be celebrating those who made these opportunities possible for our students.

Parents Day Tea

Mark your calendars. Wednesday, May 18th at 1:45 pm the annual Skykomish School Parent's Day Tea. There will be singing, music, a play and treats. We hope you can make it, we would love to see you here.

Graduation

The Class of 2016 would like to invite you to their graduation:

Friday, June 10th

6:30pm

School Gymnasium

Cocoa and Jake

By Marcus, Bella, Royal, and Savanah

Once upon a time, there was a healthy ostrich named Cocoa. The ostrich explored the world by flying around. One day, Cocoa met a lion named Jake. Cocoa and Jake became friends. Cocoa was a large ostrich and Jake was a tiny

lion. Cocoa invited Jake to climb on his back for a ride. They flew together and they went all the way to Alaska. They flew over a volcano and went so close to it, they could see inside. They landed on the volcano and found an ancient temple. Cocoa and Jake decided to look in the temple. When they went in the temple, they walked through a hallway and saw a door. They opened the door and found a nice place there. They decided this would be their new home. They lived happily ever after.

READY, SET, READ

In March, there were five students that were able to meet their goal of reading 20 minutes 20 times. Those students that completed their reading and turned in their forms were: Kyle, Austin, Mason, Scarlett and Raquel. Keep up the good work! I know more of you are doing your reading. Don't forget forms are due the last day of the month. Also, May is the last month of our reading challenge. You must have completed at least two months of the reading challenge to get your name in the hat for the bike drawings.

The middle school students are continuing to add to their AR points score. Students' AR points are awarded by reading an A/R book, then taking and passing online quizzes testing their comprehension of their book. The points scoreboard as of 4/22/16 are as follows: Kira 32.4, Jaylee 42.6, Ben 13.1, Michael .8, Sebastiaan 3.0, Ethan 6.2, Asia 45.5 and last, but not least, Georgia at 158.7 points. Keep up the good work!

WE DAY SEATTLE

On April 20th, ten middle school and high school students went to Key Arena in Seattle to celebrate We Day with over 15,000 students and staff from around the state. These students earned their tickets by serving their local and global communities, trying to make a difference in this world. The music was

fantastic, the speakers were inspiring and the students had a great time. Ask one of them to teach you the "We Day Dance".

To top off our day in the city, Mr. Bubar called in a favor from a friend whose father owns Dick's Drive-in. He generously donated \$50 in Dick's bucks to our group. On our way home, the kids filled their bellies with burgers, fries and shakes. I am looking forward to seeing what amazing things the students accomplish after getting pumped up from such amazing, motivating stories that were shared throughout the day.

Summer Classes at Sno-Isle

The Sno-Isle skill center is once again offering a summer session for students' in grades 8-11 to try an introduction to various programs. Sno-Isle is still in the process of organizing the summer session, but, currently classes are scheduled to meet June 23rd through July 13th. Applications will not be available until sometime in May, but, you can go to their website and register to have them send you an email when the date is finalized. Their website is <http://snoisletech.com>. Most of their regular classes will have a summer session at the Everett Campus. The Monroe campus is tentatively planning on offering Robotics/Programming and 2D/3D Design/Animation. If we have enough interested students the school can provide transportation. If you are interested in participating contact Mr. Dempsey at 360-677-2623 X 201.

High School Course Catalog 2016-17

The new course catalog has been distributed to next year's high school students. Students also have a list of the courses they have taken and courses they need to take. Grades 11-12 are eligible to take Running Start classes online through Everett Community College. "Creative

Coding through Games and Apps” is a new addition to the CTE program. This course provides a fun and engaging format to learn various computer programming concepts that will establish a foundation for understanding the principles of computer science. Students will begin signing up for classes in the near future. If you have any questions contact Mr. Dempsey at 360-677-2623 X 201.

SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES!!!

Below are three summer camp opportunities that are available to our high school students. My daughter has been to two of them, and they were both life changing for her. All three have scholarships available on a first come, first served basis. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or need assistance with applications and/or scholarships. DeLana Slone 425-760-4154.

The first opportunity is the **Power of Hope Camp** (powerofhope.org). It is for both boys and girls ages 14-18. Their camp mission is to unleash the positive potential of youth through arts-centered intergenerational and multicultural learning programs that value self-awareness, leadership, community and social change. The online application process is available now, but there are only six spaces left for this camp. The camp is located on Whidbey Island and runs from Friday, July 29th through Friday, August 5th.

Y-WE WRITE summer camp (youngwomenempowered.org) is a writing camp for girls age 14-19. This camp is a creative writing and leadership camp also on Whidbey Island that will be held August 15 through August 21st. The girls will participate in fun and unique arts workshops, stimulating group discussions, outdoor activities, and off-the-hook evening arts events. Deadline for applications is May 30th. No writing or performance experience is necessary.

The **Art Institute of Seattle** also holds a camp (summerstudio.com) for the junior class students. Camp will be held from June 20th to June 24th. Deadline for registration is June 17th. Here is a list of the workshops available for camp: Baking & Pastry, Culinary Arts, Graphic/Web Design, Industrial Design, Interior Design, Fashion Design, Fashion Marketing, Animation & Game Art, Audio Production, Digital Filmmaking and Digital Photography.

Bullying, Harassment, Intimidation

The Skykomish School District is committed to a safe and civil educational environment for all students, employees, parents/legal guardians, volunteers and patrons that is free from bullying, harassment, or intimidation.

“Bullying Harassment, or Intimidation” means any intentionally written message or image - including those that are electronically transmitted - verbal, or physical act, including but not limited to one shown to be motivated by race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, mental or physical disability, or other distinguishing characteristics, when an act:

- * Physically harms a student or damages the student’s property.
- * Has the effect of substantially interfering with a student’s education.
- * Is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating or threatening educational environment.
- * Has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school.

The superintendent is the District Compliance Officer and the primary district contact to receive all formal and informal complaints and ensure policy implementation. Any student or parent wishing to lodge a complaint, formal or informal, should see the Secretary for the appropriate district form or download it from the District Website.