



Skykomish Rockets News

September 2016

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Superintendent's Message

Dear Skykomish Community,

Fall is in the air! We are up and running. The fast pace of the race to begin the school year is tapering off and students, staff, and even parents are breathing a sigh of relief—school is now in full swing. Now, most folks are breathing in the fresh fall air and are enjoying the last rays of sunshine and the bright colors of the fall leaves. Soon, we will appreciate the warmth of a warm fire and a hot cup of cocoa, or a hot cup of apple cider. Although fall marks the official end to the summer, it's energizing for us as educators, because fall marks new opportunities to shape, to grow, and to encourage our young children.

This year we celebrate a growth in our school's enrollment. We currently have 68 students in grades PK-12 enrolled for the 2016-2017 school year. Our open house on September 15th was a great success and our senior class set-up, prepared, served, and cleaned-up the meal, and held a bake sale with homemade apple pies. Our seniors provided homemade lasagna, garlic bread, tossed salad, strawberry fruit salad, and homemade chocolate chip cookies.

On September 21 we welcomed motivational speaker/rap artist, LaMar Hudson, back to our school for an upbeat, powerful presentation. He engaged both students and staff with his music and stories. For years, LaMar has been spreading his positive

messages to youth about making healthy, drug free choices.

In cooperation with King County Library System's (KCLS) Season of Stories and Songs, on September 26, we welcomed pastry chef Laurie Pfalzer of Pastry Craft to spend time with our middle school and high school students to learn how to make a variety of chocolates. Chef Laurie taught our students how to make chocolate truffles in cocoa powder, dark chocolate peppermint bark, and white chocolate popcorn.

On September 28, I welcomed community members to "Coffee and Conversations with the Superintendent", which gave me an opportunity to spend time with individuals one-on-one and to learn more about our Skykomish community, our District, what needs to be sustained, and what needs improvement. If you missed this opportunity, please join me on Monday, October 24, 2016 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at the Skykomish Community Center where I will be holding another "Coffee and Conversations with the Superintendent." Additionally, please be on the lookout for our Skykomish School District Satisfaction Survey, which we will administer this fall to obtain community perceptions and awareness.

Thank you for personally welcoming me into your community. My family and I have been blessed by the warmth, friendliness, and

hospitality of so many people. I can honestly say that we have never experienced such warmth from any other community we have entered. It is my sincere pleasure to serve as your school's superintendent.

Our Vision:

- * Everyone succeeds
- * No exceptions
- * No excuses

Our Mission:

Skykomish School works together with students, parents and the community to provide what they need to succeed, empower and inspire as contributing members of society. We will provide them with the tools and education they need to realize their full potential as life-long learners. We will create a safe, academic, and rigorous learning environment with high expectations that is tailored to our students, their skills and interests.

Have a fantastic fall!

Thomas Jay
Superintendent

Skyward

Parents can contact Ms. DeLana Slone in the office to get their username and password to log into Skyward at 360-677-2623x100 or dslone@skykomish.wednet.edu. Parents will have access to attendance, missing homework, and calendar items. Please check to make sure we have your correct address/phone number (s) on file.

Any high school student who is enrolled in an online course, such as Apex, can show

parents grades from the online site. Both companies provide current grade and grades on individual assignments. Parents can also see if their son/daughter is keeping up with their assignments.

- Special Note: Select Family/Student Access in Login Area

Link: <https://www2.nwrdc.wa-k12.net/scripts/cgiip.exe/WService=wskykoms71/seplog01.w>

Pop Culture Club

Pop Culture Club was a new club started last year at the request of the students. The students often refer to it as "Nerd Club". This club allows students to share activities, shows, and comics that interest them. We explore how their interests are part of the current culture and students introduce each other to their favorite nerdy things. Those nerdy things might be: Harry Potter, Marvel, Pokemon, Star Wars, or Star Trek – the list goes on. Last year, we started looking at languages from Lord of the Rings and Star Trek. The students' interests drive this club. We will have some game and movie nights and would like to plan a trip to Emerald City Comicon in April. This club is open to middle and high school students and meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. We may also have some after school events on other days. Students must keep up with their academic studies in order to participate. I am excited to be the advisor for this amazing club.
~Mrs. McCullough
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Welcome Lynne Kelly

There is a new nurse in town! Lynne Kelly, RN has joined the staff of Skykomish School and is already busy preparing for the many health-related tasks that come with autumn, such as vision and hearing screening and reporting immunizations. Lynne has lived just outside of Index for over 30 years and is very excited to serve our community, which she considers an extension of her own. After many years of commuting to Seattle hospitals, the new commute is a real perk to her. Lynne has long been a frequent visitor to Skykomish due to her favorite activities which include horseback riding on the Rapid River trails, skiing, biking, hiking and kayaking. (She has also been spotted at the Whistlin' Post whenever Rib and Erin are playing!) While she is only at the school three hours a week, her door is always open for questions and concerns from both students and parents. Lynne is looking forward to participating in some health classes this year, starting with hand-washing in pre-kindergarten as flu season is soon upon us. Look for our new nurse at school events and introduce yourself - she'd love to meet you!

IT HAS BEGUN

With school starting, that means volleyball Season begins again. This year's team is lean and mean. We barely hit the minimum requirements for team size as six players signed up. That means everyone matters and that everyone plays (all the time...no substitutes). Our captains, Kyrah and Jillian lead our crew this year. Rio and Kira return this season with a little more experience under their belts. New additions Hannah and

Shyanne become Lady Rockets for the first time.

It has taken the Lady Rockets a few games to gain experience, build momentum, and to get excited about the game. However, each game equals more experience and another opportunity to fix mistakes. The attitude for the volleyball team is positive as our girls look forward to the games that are still to come. There's a lot more bumping, setting, spiking, tipping and blocking in these girls' futures.

GO ROCKETS!!

Non-discrimination Statement:
Skykomish School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employee(s) has been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

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Title IX Coordinator
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Skykomish, WA 98288
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October Events

10/7 – Picture Retakes
10/10 – No School Columbus Day
10/12 – Home VB Game 6:00
 Special Board Meeting 4:30
10/14 – Home VB Game 5:00
10/13 – First Aid Class 5-12th Grade
 PTSO Meeting 3:15 Com. Ctr.
10/19 – PSAT
 Away VB Game 4:00
10/21 – PreK-5th Field Trip Remlinger Farms
 Home VB Game 6:00
10/22 – ACT
10/24 – Away VB Game 4:00
 Coffee & Conversation with Mr. Jay
 7:00 – 9:00 pm at Community Ctr.
10/26 – Away VB Game 5:00
 School Board Meeting 6:30
10/27 – Dental Day
 KCLS Butterfly Program PreK-5th

Student Support

Parents, if you feel your child may have an educational disability or, you would like to work with a school team to address any school related challenges, please email or call Karen McEachern, Special Education Director/Teacher, at 360-677-2623 x 232 to make an appointment.

School Facebook Page

If you have not done so already, please “like” our new Skykomish School Facebook page. It is a great way to keep up on the school’s current events, game cancellations, and the many accomplishments going on at the school.

<https://www.facebook.com/skykomishschool/district/>

Veteran’s Day Assembly

Tuesday, November 8th, at 9:00 a.m. we will be having our Veteran’s Day assembly. Please mark your calendars and join us. If you are a veteran and would like to share your story, please contact DeLana Slone, Office Manager, at 360-677-2623 x 100. Coffee and treats will be provided. Everyone welcome!

Student of the Month

Congratulations are in order for our Students of the Month for September. The elementary award went to Tia Grider, middle school award went to Jaylee Feigenbaum and the high school student awarded was Jillian Aman. Keep up the good work!

ASB Elections

This week the ASB held student officer elections this week. The new officers for the 2016-2017 year are:

President – Kyrrah Woodford
Vice President – Jillian Aman
Secretary – Hannah Jay
Treasurer – Rebekah Jay