



# *Skykomish Rockets News*

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## Superintendent Message

Dear Skykomish Families,

It's is my sincere honor to serve you as the district's next Superintendent. I am a firm believer in the servant leadership model and in servitude to others. First and foremost I am an instructional leader and I believe in improving instructional practice for the welfare of each student. I also believe in setting high academic standards, maintaining academic rigor, and challenging each student to be the very best version of themselves. I am excited and enthusiastic to serve the Skykomish Community in this new leadership capacity.

Skykomish School District has a longstanding history of providing students with a rich educational background and offers small class sizes and individualized education unmatched by almost any other school district in the State of Washington. I am happy to be a part of this longstanding history and tradition. My father had two cousins who attended Skykomish, one of whom graduated in 1948 from Skykomish High School—Clyde Colvin. Clyde was later killed in action in 1951 in the Korean War. My great, great grandfather John F. Jay helped maintain the Cascade tunnel and stood watch at the West end of the tunnel while my great, great grandmother Nina M. Jay worked at the local restaurant and inn in Skykomish. I love being a part of the rich history of our school!

As a longtime educator I have served students since 2001 where I began teaching high school English, communications, creative writing, research writing, and drama in the Crescent School District in Joyce, WA. After serving the students and community of Joyce for five years I moved to the neighboring

school district of Port Angeles where I taught high school English, Honors English, speech and debate, journalism, and served as the school's Technology Coordinator. Since 2013 I have served the students and the community of Visitation in South Tacoma as the school's building principal developing their STEM program. I completed my undergraduate degree at Washington State University, my graduate degree at Our Lady of the Lake University, and my administrative certification at Seattle University.

I am more than thrilled to serve you as Skykomish's next Superintendent and I look forward to meeting you on our first day of school on August 31, 2016. School starts at 8:00AM and dismisses at 2:45PM. Friday, September 2 is an early release day and students will be released at 1:30PM. Monday, September 5, 2016 is Labor Day and school will not be in session.

Go Rockets!

Sincerely,

Thomas Jay

Superintendent

## Time for School

We hope everyone had a great summer. Please note that school starts August 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 am and gets out at 2:45 pm. On Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays school will be released at 2:45. On Friday's school will be released at 1:30 except for Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> and April 21<sup>st</sup>, school will be released at 11:30. All early release days, school will be released at 11:30.

## School Pictures

School pictures will be taken Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 8am. Information packets will be sent home with your child.

## Staff

Amanda Alexander	6/7/8 Grade
Dan Bubar	Health/PE
Becky Daly	Aide/Transportation
Christina Daniels	Business Manager
Marcia Dempsey	CTE Teacher
Richard Dempsey	Dean of Students
Lanette Diaz	4/5 Grade
Tony Grider	Art/History
Terra Griffin	Cook
Thomas Jay	Superintendent
Allison Luker	Pre-K Teacher
Tegan Shelton	English
Karen McEachern	Special Education
Kim McCullough	Math/Science
Stacy McGrath	D/A Counselor
Chad Musser	Maintenance/Transportation
Michelle Olin	Transportation/Aide
Patricia Partner	Speech Aide/Aide
Dallas Robinson	2/3 Grade
Jimmy Sarno	Custodian/Transportation
Oceanna Schwartz	Transportation
DeLana Slone	Office Manager
Ann Walker	K/1

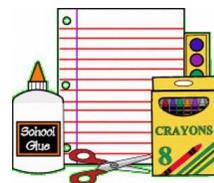
## School Board

John Robinson	School Board Chair person
Dan Woodford	School Board Vice-Chair
Bill Atkinson	School Board Director
Ginnie Eburn	School Board Director
Allison Luker	School Board Director

## School Email

To email any staff or school board member at the Skykomish School, use their first initial last name @skykomish.wednet.edu  
This is the preferred way to contact teachers.

## School Supplies 2016/2017



The Skykomish School will be purchasing school supplies for students this year with Title I grant funds. Parents will need to provide the following items:  
Non-marking tennis shoes for P.E.  
Shorts – (Finger length – no short shorts)  
T-Shirt (no tank tops)

## Annual District Report Card

The District Annual Report Card is a report of district data that may be of interest to you. The Report Card is released each year by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. There is a link to the Annual Report Card on the home page of the District Website. Skykomish website can be accessed at [www.skykomish.wednet.edu](http://www.skykomish.wednet.edu)

## Bus Schedules

### **Bus # 5 – Ms. Becky Daly and Ms. Oceanna Schwartz**

7:07 Index School  
7:15 North Baring  
7:17 Baring Store  
7:20 Baring Fire Station  
7:23 Riverwood  
7:33 Arrive at school

### **Bus # 2 – Mr. Jim Sarno**

7:17 Miller River  
7:25 Timberlane  
7:28 East Skykomish  
7:33 West Skykomish  
7:35 Arrive at school

All bus stops and times are subject to change depending on bus stops needed by the district. Students should be at their bus stop five (5) minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.

## **School Lunch Program**

This year all of our students will receive free breakfast and lunch. Parents/Guardians will not need to fill out the application for free or reduced lunch, but will still need to fill out a Family Income Survey and return it to the school by September 23rd.

## **Skykomish Pre-Kindergarten Program**

Dear Families,

The Skykomish Prekindergarten Program is gearing up for an exciting year full of learning, exploring and play. Some of our students will be returning students and some will be new students, we are excited for the opportunity to get to know our youngest learners and set them off for a lifelong journey for learning. I know that for many of you, this is your “little one’s” first experience away from home and I realize that this is a big adjustment for you and your child. I want to reassure you that we

will do everything possible to help you and your child feel comfortable with school.

Our main areas of concentration include Social Emotional Development, Physical Development, Cognitive Development and Language Development. In the early weeks we will begin to establish classroom routine and rules, assess the needs of each individual child and allow them the opportunity to feel engaged and comfortable in their surroundings. From then on, each week will have a different theme such as literacy or mathematics and activities will be based around those aspects of early learning. We encourage active and hands on learning, as well as learning through play and adult guided conversations. When the weather permits we spend majority of our days outside, exploring our environment.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year with your family. Your child will have lots of learning opportunities as well as opportunities to establish relationships with their peers as well as their teachers. We plan to begin to meet with parents September 12th-16th, to give them a one on one opportunity to ask questions, get to know each other and set personal goals for each child. The first day of class is September 19th. If you have additional questions about the program, please contact me directly or if you would like to enroll your child in Skykomish Pre-K, please contact the school office.

Respectfully,

Allison Luker

Lead Teacher Skykomish Pre-K Program

Email: [aluker@skykomish.wednet.edu](mailto:aluker@skykomish.wednet.edu)

Phone: 360-677-2623 x 233

**Now enrolling all new students Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.**

Current Office hours: M-F 8:00 – 3:00

Phone: 360-677-2623

## Annual Pesticide Notification

The State of Washington requires that all schools notify interested parents/guardians and staff at least 48 hours prior to pesticide applications.

Families interested in being notified of pesticide applications may make their request in writing through the administration office or the maintenance department of our school.

Notifications will include the pesticide's product name, intended date and time of application, location of application, pest(s) to be controlled, and contact information for responsible school personnel.

The Skykomish School District applies the concepts of integrated pest management and the least toxic methods of pest control practicable. All pesticides used are organic.

Pesticides may be applied to the playfield, lawns, flowerbeds, playground equipment, and all areas in and around school properties.

Parents may obtain application records by written request to the Superintendent's Office, P.O. Box 325, Skykomish, WA 98288.

### 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:

Dan Bubar	Karen McEachern	
105 6 <sup>th</sup> Street North	105 6 <sup>th</sup> Street North	105 6 <sup>th</sup> Street North
Skykomish, WA 98288	Skykomish, WA 98288	Skykomish, WA 98288
360 677-2623 x 223	360 677-2623 x 232	360 677-2623 x 101
Title IX Coordinator	Section 504 ADA Coordinator	Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator