Greetings Skyview Families,

This issue of our newsletter is looking toward May and the end of the school year. We only have 8 weeks of school left and there are a couple of school reminders that will assist you and your student to finish this school year on a positive note.

State Testing:
We are 30% finished with our PARCC and CMAS testing. So far, it has been a very positive and well-orchestrated process. Our 8th graders have completed their PARCC testing and will do one more day for the CMAS Science on April 19th. Our 7th graders test this week, April 5th, 6th and 7th on the PARCC Math and Language Arts. 6th grade will be testing the same on April 12th, 13th and 14th. Please make sure that your student has had plenty of rest and a good breakfast these days. I have included multiple entries about state testing in previous parent newsletters. Please let us know if you would like access to those articles and we will be happy to pass them forward to you.

Spring Activities:
Track and Softball seasons are here and with them comes the anticipation of warm weather and spring rains (or maybe some late snow storms!). Please send your child to school dressed appropriately for a learning environment (no tops with straps less than 2” wide, and shorts/skirts shorter than extended fingertips). Keep your eyes on our school web page and team newsletters for the dates of Awards events, concerts, dances, the final play of the year, field trip and end of the year activities. The spring tends to be a whirlwind of activity and we will do our very best to keep you informed and updated.

Grades and Student Performance:
By this time in the year, we find that performance habits have been well established and there is a mad rush to try to remediate grades. I encourage you to be well informed about your child’s grades by checking Infinite Campus frequently. Now is NOT the time to back off of watching grades! Keep in mind that we offer Homework Help every Tuesday and Thursday and there will be two more Saturday School dates to support missing work make up. We are considering the opportunity for a summer school of some kind to support grade recovery, especially for our exiting 8th graders who demonstrate that need. If and when this becomes available, we will be sure to inform our parents.

Spring Safety:
Please be ever conscience of our students walking to and from school. As we approach the spring, this number increases and diligence in safety are called for. Often, students will try to “jay walk” to approach a waiting ride home that is not parked near a crosswalk. Please talk to your student about how dangerous this can be and encourage them to cross the street at an official marked crosswalk. As always, we ask you to be patient with our student drop off lanes and pay attention to the exit directional arrows at the exit to our parking lot. Finally, keep in mind that there is NO PARKING in the bus lot before school any time or after school until 3:15pm daily. If you are looking for parking for Softball games, please do not park in this lot until after 3:15pm. We have added a street side entrance to the softball field so that parents can park along the street on Poudre Way and Cabana Circle.

Thank you all for supporting your middle level child. As always, if there is anything you need from us, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher, counselor or grade level administrator.

Respectfully,
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Events

4/5  SAC Meeting—6:00 PM

4/7  8th Grade SkyZone Field Trip (A’s & B’s) - 11:00 AM

4/12 Softball vs. Falcon @ SMS
      PTSA Meeting—5:00 PM

4/14 Softball vs. BLRA @ PLC
      Track @ TCA (3:00 PM)

4/15 7/8th Honor Choir Field Trip (1:15 PM)

4/18 Team 7B Skate City Field Trip (8:30 AM)

4/19 Softball @ CCCT (Harrison Middle School)

4/21 Softball vs. Carson @ SMS
      Track @ Falcon

4/26 Softball @ CMJH

4/28 Softball vs. TCA @ SMS

4/29 Track @ VRHS
      Spring Play—7:00 PM

4/30 Spring Play—2:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Skyview Eagles Theatre

presents ~

LAGOONED!

A Comedy in Two Acts
by Tim Kelly

SHOW DATES & TIMES:

FRIDAY, APRIL 29
at 7:00 PM
(doors open at 6:30)

&

SATURDAY, APRIL 30
at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM
(doors open at 1:30 and 6:30, respectively)

TICKET PRICES:

$2.00 for Students & Senior Citizens
$3.00 All Others

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Just sit right back, and you’ll hear a tale, a tale of a fateful trip,
that started in this tropic port, aboard this tiny ship…”
Oops – wrong show!

This fun (and hazard) filled tale is actually a rather
Shakespearean-style story within a story within a story within a...
well, let’s just say there’s so much going on
that it’s no wonder these shipwrecked characters –
including a bumbling captain and first mate, a movie star, a wealthy matron,
a level-headed cruise director, and a needle-happy nurse –
can’t figure out how to get off their deserted island;
they don’t have time!

Between misunderstandings and cases of mistaken identity,
accounting for all of the ship’s passengers, avoiding cannibals,
interacting with the natives, staying away from a volcano
(and a gorilla!), discovering a jewel thief, eluding pirates,
and trying to figure out the message
of a mysterious target-shaped symbol
(left behind by the Navy),
these unlucky travelers may be
making this island their home
for a lot longer than they expected
– if it doesn’t blow up first!
What: Incoming 6th Grade Orientation at Skyview Middle School

When: Wednesday, May 4th from 5:30—6:30 PM

**Presentation starts at 5:30 PM in the large gym**

Skyview Middle School Welcomes You!

- Learn about SMS
- Tour of Building
- Meet 6th Grade Core and Enrichment Teachers, 6th Grade Counselor and Administration
- Informational Video Presentation

Skyview Middle School
School Accountability Committee (SAC) Meeting
April 5, 2016
6:00pm

Everyone is welcome to attend!
Skyview's Fuel Up to Play 60 Team has some exciting news to share!!

One of our students, Lucas Holm, has been selected as a 2016-2017 Fuel Up to Play 60 State Ambassador!

This is an extremely exciting opportunity, and we are very proud of Lucas! As a State Ambassador, he will be trained in leadership, communication and program elements at the 2016 Student Ambassador Summit and go on to represent and drive the program in our school, community and state!

Congratulations, Lucas!!

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Yearbooks are still on sale!!
Only $35.00

Please pick up an order form in the office.

Previous yearbooks are on clearance!! Come to the office to buy one at this great sale price!

- 2013-2014: $5.00 each
- 2014-2015: $10.00 each

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PTSA MEETING
Tuesday, April 12th—5:00 pm
Happy Spring!

**REMINDER:** Don’t forget to pick up a blank bookmark from the library for the design-your-own bookmark contest! It can be a drawing of the cover of your favorite book, or some special manga, or any type of genre you like! ALL bookmarks that are turned into the contest will be laminated and a ribbon put on. Also, the top 5 designs will win a paperback book of their choice. The five winning bookmarks will also be duplicated and shared with the rest of the student body. All bookmarks should have your name on the back and turned into the library by **April 12th**! Good Luck!

**~ BOOK SPOTLIGHT~**

**The Ranger’s Apprentice** by John Flanagan

They have always scared him in the past—the Rangers, with their dark cloaks and shadowy ways. The villagers believe the Rangers practice magic that makes them invisible to ordinary people. And now 15-year-old Will, always small for his age, has been chosen as a Ranger’s apprentice. What he doesn’t yet realize is that the Rangers are the protectors of the kingdom. Highly trained in the skills of battle and surveillance, they fight the battles before the battles reach the people. And as Will is about to learn, there is a large battle brewing. The exiled Morgarath, Lord of the Mountains of Rain and Night, is gathering his forces for an attack on the kingdom. This time, he will not be denied. . . .

Perfect for fans of J.R.R. Tolkien’s Lord of the Rings, T.H. White’s The Sword in the Stone, Christopher Paolini’s Eragon series, and George R. R. Martin’s Game of Thrones / A Song of Ice and Fire series.

**Opportunity to Give!** Parents and students: we are trying to raise money for some chromebooks to keep in the library for kids and teachers to check out. I have set up a Donor’s Choose page (donorschoose.org) called “Super Skyview Eagles” if you are interested in donating to this. It can be any amount so please consider helping out! [http://www.donorschoose.org/project/super-skyview-eagles/1871126/](http://www.donorschoose.org/project/super-skyview-eagles/1871126/)
Now begins the final push to our CHSAA Choir Competition and onto 4th quarter! The Honor Choir is going to face many challenges that will test their skills as top-notch performers! I’m going to spend a lot of time on our sight-reading skills. I also have all rehearsal vocal parts on my website. Please make sure that your students are practicing weekly. Practicing will not only hone their vocal skills but will put in place a disciplined regiment. Remember, practicing is not always singing, but breathing exercises, rhythm counting, and warm-ups! Practice logs will be worth 120 points this semester. Students who DO NOT turn in their practice logs will receive a failing grade and will NOT be allowed to turn it in late!

I cannot stress enough how important it is for ALL honor choir students to turn in their logs. I keep hard copies in my room as well as on my website that can be downloaded.

Please visit my website for helping your student prepare for competition the day before the event!
FIELD TRIPS

FRIDAY, April 15th CHSAA Large Ensemble Competition
Mitchell High School - 1205 Potter Drive
Bus leaves SMS 1:15 pm

GIRLS will be required to wear concert gowns and black shoes. BOYS will be required to wear a white (oxford) long sleeve shirt, black slacks, black shoes. If you have not turned in your registration fee of $10, it is due no later than April 10th!!!!

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All students need to arrive at school with their uniforms on. They may bring their backpacks or a string bag for their personal belongings and a change of clothes. The field trip is an excused absence. Students will; however, be required to complete any missing assignments. Teachers and staff are aware of their absence.

Choir Butter Braid Fundraiser

WHAT: Butter Braid pastries!! I am very excited to announce the upcoming fundraising event! For those of you that are familiar with Butter Braid® pastries – you’ll be glad to know that they’re back! For those of you that are not familiar with Butter Braid® pastries – you’ll wonder how you ever lived without them. Each pastry is a hand-braided treat filled with your choice of 6 delicious flavors: Cherry, Apple, Blueberry Cream Cheese, Cinnamon, Strawberry Cream Cheese, and Caramel Rolls. Butter Braid pastries have 0g of trans fat and are made with 100% real butter and only the finest ingredients, your taste buds will surely thank you!

Each Butter Braid pastry sells for $12.00 and we Raise $5.00!

WHY: We are raising money for our transportation to CHSAA & Regional Choir Competitions

DUE DATE: Turn in orders and money 4/8/2016

DELIVERY: will be on 4/13/2016 pickup is available at 1:30 PM.

WHY? It will help provide the funds we need to make attend Regional Choir Competition in Denver. Thank you for doing your part to make this fundraiser a success!

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Skyview Middle School