Principal’s Message April 2013
Guest Administrator: Scott Bonynge

As an Assistant Principal/Athletic Director at Skyview Middle School, I strive for our athletes to be the best they can be both on and off the field of play. In order to achieve this goal, I stress sportsmanship, teamwork, and grades. As a person who has always enjoyed playing and watching sports, nothing is more frustrating to me than watching a player, coach, or spectator making a spectacle of themselves. I expect my coaches and players to remember they are representing Skyview Middle School wherever they may be in the public eye. Being able to work as a team is a valuable lesson for all students to learn in today’s society. The coaches at Skyview do a wonderful job teaching and modeling sportsmanship and teamwork skills to all of our student athletes, I am proud to be represented by these coaches as they work daily to provide a quality learning experience for our students.

It is a building belief that our students attend Skyview to get an education first, and playing sports is a privilege for our student body. In order to show that commitment to the students’ educational efforts and sports participation, weekly grade reports are issued during each sport season. This gives the student the buy-in needed to be successful both on and off the field. Below is a summary of how each of our teams has done this school year.

Cross Country

Skyview had a very successful Cross Country season. About 50 runners participated on the team this past fall. Ashley Polk led the girls’ team throughout the year by placing consistently in the top five every meet. Nate Johnson was strong for the boys’ team by always placing in the top 15 runners. Cross Country is one of three sports at Skyview that sixth graders can participate in, this year there was a record number of sixth grade participants. Zach Polk and Jessica Luedtke led the sixth graders and show great promise for the next two years! This year, Skyview hosted our 2nd annual Skyview Middle School Invitational at Vista Ridge High School. This allowed coaching staffs, administrators, and runners within the POWER Zone to collaborate and create a course for over ten schools around the Pikes Peak Region.

Football

This year was an exciting year for Skyview and our football teams. First of all, leading our teams was a brand new coaching staff consisting of teachers within our building. This opportunity gave our athletes the chance to get to know our coaches on different levels, and allowed our coaches to do the same for their players. The seventh grade team ended the season with a 2-4 record, but showed tremendous growth throughout the season. Our eighth grade team ended the season at 4-3 with a third place finish in the league. Both the seventh and eighth grade teams were able to experience a night game under the lights on Vista Ridge High School’s new AstroTurf field. The experience was exciting for all players and coaches, especially since we were able to leave the field with a victory and a playoff spot for the championship.

Volleyball

Both seventh and eighth grade volleyball teams ended in a 6-4 record. This record placed both teams in third place in the Tri-County League. The girls worked hard everyday and improved on a continuous basis. The teams used their teamwork skills and pulled out some amazing upsets throughout the season.

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Principal’s Message (cont.)

Softball

Skyview had an exciting year in softball. The team ended the regular season with an impressive 6-1 record, making them tied for first place going into the Tri-County League Championship. Unfortunately, Skyview did not get the victory needed, but the players are looking forward to next season. The wait for next season will be a longer wait than normal, because the League has changed the softball season to a spring sport. This means, softball practices will begin in early April instead of the usual mid-August time.

Boys’ Basketball

The eighth grade boys’ basketball team had another impressive season! Led by team captains; Joel Walker and Elias Sutton, the team ended with a 9-3 record, placing them 2nd in the Tri-County League, losing to Fountain Middle School by six points in the championship game. This is a talented group of young men, and we look forward to seeing the future of this team in the POWER Zone!

Girls’ Basketball

This year our eighth grade girls ended with a 2-8 record, however, several of the losses they experienced were by fewer than six points. The ladies showed vast improvement everyday at practice and throughout the season. The team worked extremely hard and never gave up as a team. The seventh grade team worked equally as hard and finished the season with a 7-3 record, tying them for second place in the league. Both seventh and eighth grade teams had a great bunch of players that strived to get better and learn on a daily basis…win or lose.

Wrestling

It was a great season for our wrestlers! In dual meets the Skyview wrestling team ended the season at 5-3-2. At the Florence Invitational on March 9th, the team placed third overall and many wrestlers placed in the top four. Clay Cashman finished in fourth place, Brennan Verdi, Dylan Mildbrandt, Nate Johnson, and Jason Tarasyuk finished in third place, Dominic Sanchez received second place, and Tony Llamido, Ronnie Salazar, Anthony Salazar, Marcos Singanonh, and Mau Gagau finished in first place for the tournament. March 16th marked the end of our wrestling season. As a team Skyview finished with 4th place. Congratulations to Christian LeBlanc for placing 4th in the league; Jason Tarasyuk and Mau Gagau for placing third; Henry Ehrman, James Tarasyuk, and Dominic Sanchez for placing second; and Nate Johnson, Anthony Salazar, and Marcos Singanonh for placing first place in the Tri-County League Championship!

Track and Field

The objective of Track and Field at Skyview Middle School is teach student-athletes proper form and technique for specific events, so they have a common understanding of these events when they get into high school. The events student-athletes have an opportunity to participate in are: sprints, relays, distance, hurdles, long jump, triple jump, high jump, shot put, and discuss. Track and Field at Skyview is a spring sport that begins in early April and ends mid-May with a League Championship. The team participates in the Tri-County League, which is made of D49 schools and schools throughout Colorado Springs and Southern Colorado. This year on April 26, 2013, Skyview will be hosting a track meet with six other schools from the league. The meet will be held at Vista Ridge High School.
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April 4, 2013

Dear Parents and Families:

I am reaching out with some important news about how our district is raising the bar to help all students receive a world-class education. Across the state we are implementing new academic standards, called the Colorado Academic Standards, that will help your child have the knowledge and skills needed to be successful in college, career and life. The standards will not only improve what your child learns, but how he or she learns by teaching critical-thinking, problem solving and effective communication skills. These standards will best prepare your child to achieve in K-12 and beyond.

Why Do We Need New Standards?
The world has changed. Employers expect more today than they did in the past from their employees. Employers are expecting to hire employees who have the skills to help their companies compete in the global marketplace and keep up with rapidly changing technology. Today’s employers need their staff to be able to acquire new skills quickly, work with less supervision and identify sophisticated problems and make crucial decisions.

We can’t successfully prepare students for college and careers unless we set the right expectations and goals. The Colorado Academic Standards are clear statements of what students are expected to learn at each grade level to graduate prepared for a fast-moving, ever-changing and increasingly globally-connected world.

How Were These Standards Developed?
The development process was research-based and fully inclusive of Colorado’s diverse communities. Participation from business leaders, teachers, parents, higher education representatives and others helped ensure that a wealth of experience informed the creation of our new standards. The Colorado Academic Standards exemplify the mantra “all students, all standards”; the development process created new standards for each of our ten content areas: Colorado Arts – Music, Visual Arts, Theatre, Dance; Comprehensive Health and Physical Education; Mathematics; Reading, Writing and Communicating; Science; Social Studies and World Languages. Our standards for mathematics and reading, writing and communicating incorporate the Common Core State Standards while maintaining the unique aspects of the Colorado Academic Standards, including 21st century skills and prepared graduate competencies.

How Does this Impact You and How Can You Play a Role?
As Colorado is continually improving its education system to advance student learning, our district is also focused on doing what is best for kids and giving them the knowledge and experiences they need to be prepared for college and careers in the 21st century. By having focused, coherent and rigorous standards our students successfully meet the necessary goals and remain competitive.

The new standards will also allow parents, students and teachers to be on the same page and set high expectations together for student learning. As a parent, this is a great opportunity for you to support your child’s learning at home and in school. At home, you can play an important role in setting high expectations and supporting your child’s achievements in learning. At school, you can create a strong working relationship with your child’s teacher by having ongoing conversations about your child’s progress.

We will be implementing the Colorado Academic Standards in 2013-14 and are working hard to make sure our students transition successfully. Your support is critical. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Catherine Tinucci, Principal
Skyview Middle School
citinucci@d49.org
719-495-5561
Skyview Eagles Theatre presents ~

Murder at The Goon Show
...a comical “whodunit” with some unexpected twists!

SHOW DATES & TIMES:

Friday April 19
7:00 PM
(doors open at 6:30)
Saturday April 20
2:00 PM
(doors open at 1:30)
&
7:00 PM
(doors open at 6:30)

TICKETS:

$2.00 Students & Senior Citizens
$3.00 All Others
(Children under 5 admitted free as long as space is available)

Tickets may be purchased during student lunches and from various cast and crew members; patrons may also pay at the door on show dates. For further information, contact Kat Brundage at kbrundage@d49.org OR 495-1149 x4265. Inquiries may also be made at the front office.
What: 5th Grade Orientation at Skyview Middle School

Who: 5th Grade Students Attending Skyview Middle School

When: Wednesday, May 1st from 5:00—7:30 PM

Skyview Middle School Welcomes You!

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

A star in the making!

We have an upcoming movie star in our school!

Lexi Bader, 7th Grader at Skyview, is going to be on a movie set! She will be out of town April 17th to April 26th to film a Disney original movie, "Dear Dumb Diary" in Utah. There will be a tutor on the set for her to keep up on school work. Lexi tried out over Spring Break to have a primary dancing role and she was one of 6 who was selected. Over 500 tried out. She does not have a speaking role, but dancing is what she wants to do. Mom said her dance instructor wants to get her an agent.

Way to go, Lexi!
**You're Invited!**

**What:** PTSA Informational Meeting for Parents, Staff, and Students of Skyview Middle School

**When:** April 25th  
7:00-7:45 AM

**Where:** Skyview Library

*Bagels & light refreshments will be served!*

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**Special note to 8th Grade Parents**

If you have an 8th grader and would like their cumulative records from *elementary school*, please come into the office to pick those up. The only records transferred to the high school are the students’ middle school files. Please see Mrs. Miller before the end of the year.

Thank you!

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**Yearbooks are still available — Buy yours today!**

**Only $35!**

Pay by cash or check in the Skyview office
101 Fun Things for Teens to Do This Spring

From Denise Witmer, former About.com Guide

Here is a list of fun things for your teen to do this spring. Print it out and give it to your teen the first time they tell you they are bored. Or be proactive and give it to them before they complain about nothing to do. Many of these things can be done either with friends or alone.

1. Drink a berry smoothie.
2. Make a friendship bracelet and send it to your friend.
3. Start or update a checking account.
4. Help plan a spring dance or prom.
5. Plan a slumber party with an egg or scavenger hunt.
6. Invent a new snack mix.
7. Hike a rail trail and check out the plants budding out of the ground.
8. Ride a trail on a ATV.
9. Make a Snake Knot Bracelet.
10. Make a flower hair clip.
11. Plant a flower garden on your window sill.
12. Make a music video.
13. Take a picture looking at a new budding flower with your cell phone and send it to a friend.
14. Write a note to a friend that is far away. Use spring tri-fold stationary.
15. Leave a motivational quote on a friend’s social networking page.
16. Write a thank you note to someone who has helped you.
17. Make a spring journal.
18. Sketch a budding flower.
19. Sketch a rainbow.
20. Swap a favorite book with a friend and read it.
21. Create a reading wish list in your journal.
22. Make a blue jean craft for school.
23. Watch the sunrise.
24. Watch the sunset.
25. Plant a vegetable garden.
26. Attend a school baseball game.
27. Attend a high school softball game.
28. Attend a school track meet.
29. Attend a spring soccer game.
30. Learn a new make-up trick.
31. Write a haiku about the newness of nature in spring.
32. Offer free babysitting for one night to someone who could use the break.
33. Take pictures of your garden seeds and take a picture every day of the same spot until the plant is fully grown.
34. Plan an event with your school club.
35. Picnic at a local park.
36. Have an overnight or all day Saturday movie marathon.
37. Check out camping opportunities.
38. Bike five miles.
39. Sketch a tree with its budding leaves.
40. Give someone a daffodil .
41. Volunteer in a community effort for your local food pantry.
42. Camp in your backyard.
43. Visit the local library and ask what is coming in that you may be interested in.
44. Write a poem about a rainy day.
45. Write a song about a rainy day.
46. Write a play about a rainy day.
47. Start your novel.
48. Make a website.
49. Give your social networking page a spring look.
50. Friend a famous author or musician on your social networking page.
51. Write in your journal, "Ten Reasons I Love Spring".
52. Get your community's events list for the spring and attend an event.
53. Get a new hairdo.
54. Watch last year's cool spring flick on DVD.
55. Go to this year's cool spring flick in the theater.
56. Make a movie t-shirt.
57. Make a flower shaped collage of the newest fashions.
58. Make pearl drop earrings.
59. Take your dog/pet for a mile-long walk.
60. Spring clean.
61. Create a sidewalk mural with chalk, use a spring theme.
62. Have a spring color scavenger hunt.
63. Make Peanut Butter Marshmallow Dip – and share it.
64. Write in your journal: "10 Things I'd Like to See".
65. Got a sibling in college? Send them a goofy picture.
66. Read something that moves you emotionally.
67. Read something inspirational.
68. Take a poll of your friends: What is your favorite flavor of jelly bean?
69. Do a crossword puzzle.
70. Put together a jigsaw puzzle.
71. Learn one thing about your favorite actor/actress that you didn't already know.
72. Make Easy Fruit Juice Ice Pops.
73. Make a CD of your favorite inspirational, get-up and go songs.
74. Make a new after school snack.
75. Start a new healthy habit.
76. Visit a historical site.
77. Help your family clean out the garage or attic.
78. Organize a yard sale.
79. Organize your favorite links.
80. Add a folder for places you want to travel to your favorite links.
81. Add a folder for sites on a new hobby or interest to your favorite links.
82. Think of three ways you can make your life better. Employ at least one of them.
83. Create a family newsletter to send to your whole family.
84. Create a cartoon character.
85. Hug your parent, a friend and yourself.
86. Play a new card game.
88. Play with Magnetic Poetry.
89. Experiment and decide what way is the best way to eat hard boiled eggs - journal it.
90. Organize your warm weather clothes.
91. Make a sun catcher.
92. Paint or decorate eggs.
93. Make spring place cards or napkin rings for your family’s table.
94. Spring clean your bedroom.
95. Give your email signature a spring look.
96. Paint your nails in a spring color - toenails too!
97. Make Chocolate lip gloss.
98. Take a bath in Spring Awakenings Bath Salts.
99. Create a book of me scrapbook.
100. Learn how to make a spring family recipe favorite.
101. Write out your spring sports or club schedule on the family calendar.
WHAT
Build your own race car and drive it in competition!

WHO
Boys and girls ages 7 through 17 are eligible.

WHY
To compete and win! Trophies for all contestants. Winners go to Akron, Ohio to compete in the All American Soap Box Derby—expenses paid!

WHEN
Practice & Rally Race is Sunday, June 2, 2013—8:30 am to finish.
Local Race Day is Sunday, June 9, 2013—7:30 am to finish.

WHERE
East of Downtown Colorado Springs on Costilla St. between Wahsatch and El Paso

RULES
• Racer must register on approved forms for both the Rally and Local Races
• Proof of age required
• Racer must build own car with help and advice from adults as needed
• Must build car using kit purchased from All-American Soap Box Derby
• Cars may be “Masters,” “Super Stock,” “Stock” Divisions and use only Z-Glas wheels
• Cars must pass inspection before competing

REGISTRATION
Deadline May 18, 2013. Obtain registration forms, rules, at www.ppsbd.com

SPONSORS
Racers are encouraged to obtain a sponsor to help defray the cost of the kit. Sponsors may advertise on the car. A limited number of sponsorships will be available.

HELP
Clinics at Pikes Peak Acura to assist in the construction of the race car will be held on April 27, May 11, and May 25.

INFORMATION
Call 719-488-8808 or go to www.ppsbd.com

Do It Now!

Sponsored by Colorado Springs Area Sertoma and Kiwanis Clubs
Now begins the final push – 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 50 points this semester. 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

April 15th CHSAA Large Ensemble Competition - Mitchell High School
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 turned in your registration fee of $7, it is due no later than March 20th!!!!

May 8th Sky Sox National Anthem Performance (School Math Day)
Students will be required to wear school appropriate clothes. The cost is $7 and is due no later than April 17th NO EXCEPTIONS!

May 11th REGIONALS Festival in the Park - Ralston Valley High School/Elitch Gardens, Denver
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. Students will need to bring a change of clothes to wear at the park. If you have not turned in your registration fee of $58, it is due no later than April 22nd!!!!

Please visit my website for detailed information for each festival and performance at:

I have been utilizing our school’s iPads to teach a piano and composition class within the constructs of choral music! I’m extremely excited about teaching this class. Please visit my website at: www.smschoirnews.wikispaces.com for further information. I also have a link on my website for APPs for iPods, iPhones, and iPads. These apps are all FREE!!!! They are very useful and will aid your student when they are at home or on the go.

UPDATE: The students have been working hard as they learn to play the piano through the iPads! Some have stated an interest in continuing on learning even after the class is over. I have several names of piano teachers if you are looking for one.

At our Spring Concert you will be able to see firsthand what these fine musicians can do! Mark your calendar and save the date!