Skyview Community,

We are approaching the end of the year and as I reflect on my leadership and the progress of our school goals, I am reminded that I am a very blessed individual to continue to have the opportunity to be involved with this school, your children and this community. Although it feels like the end of the year, it is actually the beginning of the planning time for the year to come. I am excited to begin thinking about the things that will make us better and better. Here are a couple of reminders as you and your child wind down the year:

- **8th grade parents** – I want you to know that we recognize that this is a time of celebrating a certain milestone in your child’s education. Although we do not host an official “graduation”, we do make a significant effort to celebrate with your child. We do not hold a graduation because of the fact that we do not have middle school credits that students earn, and a significant number of our students have not earned what might be equivalent to credits. Rather, we invite students to participate in a class trip to Elitches, an 8th grade only dance, and an awards night where we celebrate the academic achievements of those who have demonstrated this level of success. The three activities provide an opportunity for our students to say farewell to their friends and middle school life in a fun, supervised manner.

- **Summer Communication:** Please make absolute sure that we have your current email addresses. We will be increasing our communication with families through this avenue and want to be certain that all families are receiving the necessary information. Some of the things you can expect to see through email are:
  - **Electronic report cards.** We have not sent out report cards for about 2 years now. It is the family’s responsibility to log on to Infinite Campus, Parent Portal for final grade information.
  - **Teacher Team Newsletters.** Your complete source for end of year schedules, dates and times of end of year activities, field trips, final exams, and grade cut off dates. All very important as we close out the school year. Please do not delete before you have scanned for critical information!
  - **On-line Registration for the 2014-2015 School year!** This next year, we will be making the entire registration process accessible through the web, Internet and email. You can print your child’s schedule, pay all fees, lunches and bus passes. You will also find class supply lists to help with your before school preparation. You will receive information this summer via email and on our web page giving you directions on how to access all of these items. We want to encourage you to take advantage of this electronic opportunity and minimize (or eliminate) any need to stand in lines to do the same thing. We will have ONE day of traditional schedule pick up for those who absolutely cannot access the same electronically. This date will be put out with all other information.

Looking forward to a productive and exciting May. The time flies by so fast, may you and your family enjoy the downhill slide to summer vacation. As always, if there is anything you are in need of, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully,

Catherine Tinucci, Principal
Skyview Middle School
Events

5/6  Carlos Miguel's Fundraiser for PTSA
     Track Meet @ Falcon  (3:00)
     6th/7th Grade Band & Jazz Band Concert—6:00 PM

5/7  SAC Meeting—6:00 PM

5/8  All-school Spring Choir Concerts during Enrichments
     8th Grade—8:15 AM
     7th Grade—10:15 AM
     6th Grade—1:00 PM
     8th Grade Band/Jazz Bands Concert—6:00 PM

5/9  Staff Development—NO STUDENTS

5/10 Track Meet @ Fountain—9:00 AM

5/13 Honor Choir Concert—6:00 PM
     PTSA Meeting—6:00 PM

5/14 Jazz Night—6:00 PM

5/15 8th Grade Elitches Field Trip
     Night of the Stars for 6th/7th Grade—6:30 PM

5/16 8th Grade Formal Dance—6:00 PM
     Spotlight Skate @ Skate City - 6:00 PM

5/20 8th Grade Awards Night (Invitation Only)

5/23 Last day for students!
     (Dismissal @ 11:55 AM)

5/26 Memorial Day - DISTRICT CLOSED
50 Outrageous & Unusual Summer Teen Activities

50. ask each family member in your house to interview each other
49. invite friends to your house and have a read-a-thon
48. choreograph a dance even if no one else ends up seeing it
47. fill a kiddie pool with jell-o, invite all of your friends, and slosh in it
46. create a holiday and celebrate
45. daydream
44. invent something
43. stop procrastinating
42. forgive everyone and move on
41. refrain from using electronic equipment for a week
40. dump a bucket of water on yourself outside
39. enter a singing competition
38. volunteer at a soup kitchen
37. offer to clean a senior citizen's house, basement, attic or yard
36. given a compliment to everyone that you talk to
35. have a daddy-daughter makeover
34. have a mother-son makeover.
33. learn about investing
32. learn sign language
31. learn to scuba diving
30. make a batch of cookies and give it to someone who may be having a bad day
29. make a list of 20 things you want to do before you're 20, then start doing them
28. don't go anywhere without a camera and take pictures
27. make a humming/buzzing noise and see who reacts
26. make an inspiration board
25. make a pride board
24. make your body move every day with some kind of exercise
23. organize a summer book club
22. put 10% of what you earn into savings
21. read a really good book each week
20. meet with a financial planner and start saving your money
19. say thank you to everyone you meet
18. keep a straight face for an hour
17. put a picture of one of your goals on the ceiling above your bed
16. reverse roles for a day with the people you live with
15. see how many laps you can swim by the end of the summer
14. set up a Roth IRA
13. stay overnight with grandparents
12. stargaze while lying in the grass
11. scream!!!!!!! AHHHH!
10. stop cussing
9. clean your room
8. tell the truth for a week and notice how it feels
7. find the good in each person that you know
6. videotape an interview with the oldest person in your family
5. volunteer at a camp for autistic children
4. write thought provoking questions
3. while looking in the mirror, make funny faces
2. make a scrapbook
1. walk on the boardwalk and listen to the boards creak under your feet
Dear Friends and Family of Skyview Middle School Students,

Recently in Mrs. Bachman’s REACH class, we have been talking about the effect cars have on the air students breathe. For the past couple weeks in REACH, we have tested the air with a carbon dioxide reader called a LabQuest. We tested in the morning before cars come and then when parents wait out front after school. What we learned is that there is more carbon dioxide with all the cars out front!

This is a problem because we, as students, are still young and our lungs are still growing and developing. The gas (exhaust) from the cars can make it harder to breathe for everyone, especially for kids with asthma! We are already at a high altitude. This problem needs a solution!

Some of the other students and I brainstormed, and to help, please turn off your engines and not idle while waiting! Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

7th Grade student Adrielle Baker
and Mrs. Bachman’s 7th Grade REACH class

**CONCERT ATTIRE FOR ALL REMAINING CONCERTS IS BLUE JEANS & WHITE TOP (CONCERT BAND) BLACK TOP (JAZZ BAND) & DRESS SHOES WORN TO SCHOOL ON THESE DAYS**
8th grade Elitches Trip!

On May 15th, the 8th grade students will be taking their yearly end of the year trip to Elitch Gardens in Denver. We will be leaving at 8:00 AM and will return around 5:00 PM that afternoon. Students may not bring food, sack lunches or coolers into the park. Elitch Gardens will not “store” or “hold” food, sack lunches or coolers in or at the park. Students may bring a backpack or purse, but it will be searched upon entry into the park. Water bottles are allowed. Please make sure to watch the weather forecast and dress appropriately for predicted temperatures. **School dress code does apply.** Items to think about bringing include sunscreen, sunglasses, and layered clothing. Please contact Ms. Streib with any questions at 495-1149 ext. 4221 or dstreib@d49.org.

8th Grade “Great Gatsby” Dance

Friday, May 16th from 6 p.m.– 9 p.m.
Cost: $10 per person. Snacks will be provided
Tickets will be sold during lunch starting May 6th
(No tickets sold at the door)
Dress code applies
No guests-you must be a Skyview 8th grade student to attend

**Yearbooks are still available – Buy yours today!**
**Only $35!**
**Pay by cash or check in the Skyview office**
Please notify Skyview as soon as possible if you will be moving over the summer, whether it’s simply an address change or withdrawing your student to attend a different school. This ensures the proper paperwork is completed and the student’s information is updated in Infinite Campus. Thank you!
Library Books

The end of the year is almost here and we will be closing the library May 9th for inventory. All books are due back in the library, Thursday-May 8th.

Please remind students to return all books! Have them check their lockers, backpacks, closets, under beds, etc. Any books that they can’t find—please send the student in to see me. They will need to pay for the books they’ve lost; all fines follow the students every year; so it’s better for them to take care of it now!

A BIG Thank You for all your help—this keeps our library resources from shrinking!!

Carolyn Wigglesworth
Library
495-5575

Lost & Found

If your student has lost a clothing item or lunch bag, please have them check the lost & found bins before the end of the school year, as these items will be donated to charity this summer. Smaller items, like eyeglasses, keys or jewelry, are in the office at Ms. Tammy’s desk.

SUMMER MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Skate for $1.00 per session all summer!

The cost is only $3.00 per card (Skyview earns $1.00). Valid from May 27th through August 17th. Skate rental is $2.00. Buy a card for everyone in the family! If we sell at least 200 cards, Skyview will make $2.00 for every card sold. Please make checks payable to Skate City.

For sale in the office now! Please see Ms. Tammy.
Skate for $1.00 per session All Summer! Buy a SkateCity SUMMER MEMBERSHIP CARD for $3.00 (SCHOOL KEEPS $1.00) Skate All Summer for only $1.00 per session!

SKATING SCHEDULE
SUMMER MEMBERSHIP CARD
Good sessions listed below:
May 27 through August 17, 2014

SUN. 12-2, 2-4, 4-6, 6-8 pm
MON. 12-2, 2-4, 4-6 pm
TUE. 12-2, 2-4, 4-6, 6-8 pm
WED. 12-2, 2-4, 4-6 pm
THU. 12-2, 2-4, 4-6 pm
FRI. 12-2, 2-4, 4-6 pm
SAT. 10-12, 12-2, 2-4, 4-6, 6-9 pm
Regular skate rental $2.00

Regular admission $5.00 Extra session $1.50

- CARDS also good SAT. & SUN. month of SEPT.
- SUMMER CARDS purchased at school $3.00 each
- SUMMER CARDS purchased at rink $10.00 each
- BUY a CARD for everyone in the family
- Schools selling over 200 cards will make $2.00 for every card sold!

THESE $3.00 SUMMER SKATING NON-TRANSFERABLE MEMBERSHIP CARDS WILL BE SOLD AS A FUND RAISING PROJECT BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH: Skyview M/S

Cards are available for purchase during the month of May until the last day of school.
Cards will be sold all day, in the office.

SUMMER FUN for EVERYONE at......

SkateCity

Austin Bluffs
4575 Austin Bluffs Pkwy.
719-591-1016
Dear Families of Falcon District 49,

The Nutrition Department is regulated by the federal government through the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs. Part of that regulation is the directive to operate as a self-funded enterprise fund (Not-For-Profit Business) within the school district. This means that Nutrition Services does not receive any financial support from local tax-payers to operate the meal programs.

To ensure that we end the school year with all the student’s meal accounts current and not requiring funds from the District’s general fund to pay off unpaid meal charges, we enact a “No Charging” policy. This year the No Charging policy will go into effect May 5th. Your student’s lunch account will remain active throughout their time in the Falcon School District and any money left on the account or owed on the account at the end of the school year will be rolled over for to next year.

To check your student’s account balance you can either contact the manager at their school or go to www.payforit.net.

If you have questions on this policy, please feel free to contact me at md-h@d49.org or 495-1106.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to share in your child’s life by serving them a nutritious meal.

Best Regards,
Monica Deines-Henderson, SNS Nutrition Services Director
Fun in Fitness!!

One of the main problems addressed this past school year at Skyview was a lack of technology opportunities for students in Physical Education classrooms. The idea this year was to incorporate the Fitness Gram Assessment Program through technology by having 7th and 8th grade students enter their own data, and assess themselves through pre and post testing of their personal fitness levels. The need for technology in Physical Education is an integral part of physical fitness assessments, and STEM education at Skyview. Seeing students use more technology on a daily basis was evident it needs to be incorporated into Physical Education. Technology in Physical Education can be used as a tool to spark interest in a student’s personal fitness and well-being. Seeing data on personal fitness gives students guidance, personal goals and a means for staying motivated in their exercise regiment.

A Coordinated School Health effort was needed this year, in order to give students appropriate physical fitness assessments, while using technology in a Physical Education classroom. This effort took place to address the physical fitness levels of all students in Physical Education in order to give them visuals on where their stand pertaining to their age and gender.

One School Health Improvement Plan written this past fall had an objective that read, “By May 2014, D49 Skyview Middle School Physical Education Department will continue a full implementation of the Fitness Gram program, show growth in at least one area of fitness gram testing in 75% of students assessed (approximately 135 students per grade level), and provide them feedback to make appropriate lifestyle changes”.

At the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year, Skyview’s Physical Education Department started implementing Fitness Gram into Physical Education. All students at Skyview are required to take at least one quarter of Physical Education over a three-year period, per district wellness policy. Students enrolled in Physical Education take a pre and post fitness assessment called Fitness Gram, which assess height & weight, aerobic caring capacity, flexibility, muscular strength, and muscular endurance. After 7th and 8th grade students completed their pre and post assessments they input their data into the Fitness Gram Program via iPads. They saw first hand their improvement/gains, and received feedback if they needed improvement in certain fitness areas.
All schools in the Power Zone received a three-year grant to use the Fitness Gram program as part of the Fuel Up to Play60 Program; however, only Odyssey Elementary, Stetson Elementary, and Skyview Middle School are currently using the program. Springs Ranch Elementary is also apart of the three-year grant.

Most students who participated Fitness Gram testing in Physical Education benefited from this School Health Improvement Plan. For example, in one PE class 16 out of 18 students improved their aerobic caring capacity levels from pre to post to test. This was measured through a pacer test which students count how many laps they do from baseline to baseline to a cadence in a gym. Increased aerobic caring capacity level, as well as other fitness levels improve students overall health and well-being. Students seeing an increase in their scores promote intrinsic rewards.

Skyview Middle School incorporates healthy practices that drive the school’s Unified Improvement Plan. In the UIP it states, “Coordinated School Health Team collaborates with the school to provide a healthy breakfast program, and other activities that support student and staff general health and well being.”

The Fitness Gram Assessment Program in Physical Education offers an opportunity for students to see personal growth in their fitness levels, while incorporating technology into PE with the use of iPads. The main focus of this school year was to implement and maintain an effective fitness assessment program in PE. This year’s School Health Improvement Plan focused on student growth, in particular fitness assessments. We are proud to say around 250 students each semester took part in the Fitness Gram assessment, and 80% of the students improved in at least one area. Many of these students saw their results first hand, and got immediate feedback after completing their post-test. Making sure students see their results, and improvements only promotes students to be conscious and aware of the personal fitness, while helping promote physical activity for a lifetime.

*Physical Education Department*
*Coordinated School Health Team*
The Skyview Eagles Theatre Troupe stole the show in April with their double feature presentation:

**General Valley Hospital**

&

**Dress Rehearsal for Murder**

They also had fun showing off their acting chops in a selection of short comedic skits! **BRAVO!**