

SKYWORDS

A newsletter for the families of Skyview Community Elementary School

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November 13, 2009

Calendar

- 11/17 PTO Meeting: 7 pm
- 11/20 International Parade: 10:00 am
- 11/25-11/27 No School-Thanksgiving**
- 11/30 3rd/4th Grade Concert at Tartan:6:30
- 12/1 1st Grade Concert: 6 pm
2nd Grade Concert: 7 pm
- 12/3 Kindergarten Concert: 6 pm
5th Grade Concert: 7 pm
Fundraiser Pick-Up: 3:45-7 pm
- 12/4 No School-Staff Development Day**
- 12/9 Wendy's Night: 5-7 pm
- 12/10 SAIL Invention Fair
- 12/24-1/3 No School-Winter Break**

Math Word of the Week

For November 16-20

ODD



6-day calendar for the week of November 16-20

Monday-Day 5

Tuesday-Day 6

Wednesday-Day 1

Thursday-Day 2

Friday-Day 3

International Parade

The 5th annual International Education Week Parade will be held at 10:00 am on Friday, November 20th. Families are welcome to come and watch the students who will be dressed in their traditional ethnic clothing.

Skyview Prairie Burn

Thank you to Angie Preiner for these pictures of the prairie burn that took place on the Skyview prairie last Friday. For more information about the burn, see the article in last week's *Skywords*.



Chuck Lazarus Jazz Quartet



As part of our PTO sponsored Cultural Arts assemblies for the year, the students heard the Chuck Lazarus Jazz Quartet on Monday, 11/9. Lazarus, a very talented trumpet player has performed with the New York Trumpet Ensemble, The New York Big Brass, The London Brass, and the Montréal Symphony and has been a soloist with the Minnesota Orchestra among many others and has been an opening act for Tony Bennett. The quartet performed for about 30 minutes for the students. For more information, you can go to www.charleslazarus.com

District Latino Family

Gathering

School District 622 invites you to our first Latino Family Gathering.

When: Friday November 20 – 6PM to 8PM

Where: District Education Center – 2520 East 12th Avenue – North Saint Paul, MN 55109

We offer: Dinner, child care and transportation Please call: Leticia Stabrino (651)702-8225 or Gil Surine (651)230-9896 to confirm your presence.

El Distrito Escolar de North Saint Paul – Maplewood – Oakdale le invita a participar del primer “Encuentro de Familias Latinas”.

Fecha: viernes 20 de noviembre de las 6PM a las 8PM

Lugar: District Educacion Center - 2520 East 12th Avenue – North Saint Paul, MN 55109

Ofrecemos: cena, guarderia y transporte Por favor, confirme su asistencia a: Leticia Stabrino (651)702-8225 o Gil Surine (651) 230-9896.

A note from Mrs. Erickson

Ever wonder what our school would be like without a Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)? As the number of parents who participate in our monthly meetings becomes smaller and smaller, I think about this question quite a lot. Over the years, our PTO has raised funds for projects that have touched the lives of every Skyview student. Here are some of the major ones that come to mind: all of our playground equipment, the computers in our house areas, our annual 5th grade environmental trip to Audubon, student literacy books that are used in the classroom or signed out for reading at home each night, cultural arts assemblies, our annual Kindness Retreat for our 4th graders, Birthday Books, classroom easels, money for teachers to buy classroom supplies, and Smart Boards. But, our PTO isn't only about raising money and deciding how to spend it, it is about helping to build a feeling of community within our school. Family Fun Nights - like tonight's Barn Dance, could not happen without parents to organize and run them. Our carnival is a huge event that our students look forward to each spring. It, too, is completely organized and carried out by parents. PTO meetings also offer an opportunity to connect with Skyview teachers, and parents can give suggestions or receive feedback about school questions or concerns. We know that everyone's lives have become busier and busier, and in the next few months, our PTO will be talking about some ways to reinvent ourselves, ways that might better fit in with your hectic schedules. If you have any ideas, please come to a meeting, or email your thoughts, write us a letter, give us a phone call, whatever works for you! We want to hear your ideas and find a way to create a *new and improved Skyview PTO!*

Do you have a gently used mini exercise trampoline?

The K-1 house is looking for donations of mini trampolines to use in their SMARTSpace activities. If you have one you would be willing to donate, please see Donna in the office.