

SKYWORDS

A newsletter for the families of Skyview Community Elementary School

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Calendar

- 11/11 Wendy's Night: 5-7 pm
- 11/13 PTO Family Fun Night: 6:30 pm
- 11/17 PTO Meeting: 7 pm
- 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 9-13

CONGRUENT

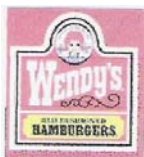


6-day calendar for the week of November 9-13

- Monday-Day 6
- Tuesday-Day 1
- Wednesday-Day 2
- Thursday-Day 3
- Friday-Day 4

Wendy's Night

The next Wendy's Night will be Wednesday, November 11th from 5-7 pm at the Wendy's in Tamarack Village in Woodbury.



Skyview Prairie Burn

The site at Skyview Community School has a planned prairie, which was planted by students and staff in 2001. The prairie is located about 200 yards directly north of the school building and encompasses about 2 acres. Prairies require occasional burning to keep the native ecosystem healthy. Burning encourages native plant growth and controls non-native invasive species. The prairie at Skyview has been burned once.



Today, we conducted another burn. Our Skyview classes were invited to view the burn. Crowd control volunteers kept students and the public a safe distance from the fire. The burn was supervised by a trained wild-land firefighter in accordance with county and state requirements. All necessary permits were filed.

If you would like more information about prairies, check out these websites: The Prairie Enthusiasts (<http://www.theprairieenthusiasts.org/>) and/or Prairie Restorations (<http://www.prairieresto.com/>).

PTO Family Fun Night

Mark your calendar for **Friday, November 13 from 6:30-8:30 pm.** for another great Barn Dance hosted by the PTO! Please see the flyer that was sent home in last week's Friday Folder for more information. **The cost is \$2 per person. Hope to see you there!**



Thank you!

We would like to extend a huge 'THANK YOU' to all families that helped support last week's **Teacher Appreciation Dinner** at Skyview during evening conferences. A special thank you to Dana Larson who organized the meal, set up and served the meal as well as cleaned up. There were 57 families that offered their time, made fantastic desserts and generously donated money that was used to cater a delicious meal.

International Education Week Parade

The fifth Annual International Education Week Parade will take place on Friday, November 20th at 10:00 a.m. The entire Skyview community is invited to celebrate International



Education Week and the growing diversity within our community. Whether your family recently immigrated or has been here for many generations, we invite you to participate by wearing your traditional ethnic clothing. Families are welcome to join the audience. If you are interested in participating, please return the form that was in last week's Friday Folder by Friday, November 13th.

District Hmong Parent Meeting

There is a district-wide **Hmong Parent Meeting on Thursday, November 12th from 6:30 – 8:30 pm.** The meeting will be at the district center in the boardroom. The district center is located at 2520 East 12th Ave., North St. Paul.

Please contact Isabella Som, Hmong Cultural Liaison at 651-702-8523 with any questions.

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.

MN FluLine

A new phone-based service is now available for Minnesotans who think they may have the flu. People with possible flu symptoms can call the Minnesota FluLine (MN FluLine) at 1-866-259-4655 for information and treatment options. Professionals will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. People with limited English skills will be connected with an interpreter. There is no charge for the call.

Middle School Changes to be implemented in 2010-11 School Year

The School Board approved changes to the middle school schedule, which will be implemented during the 2010-2011 school year, at its October 20 board meeting.

The new schedule is a change from the current 7-period day to an 8-period day.

Under the new schedule, students will have a choice between three world language options, provided enough students register for each, and world language will be offered every other day at all three grade levels.

Students in all three grades will also have the option of taking either band or choir every other day. In addition physical education/health, social studies and science will be offered every day in grades sixth, seventh and eighth. The new schedule also includes a computer literacy class in grade six.

The new schedule provides more instruction time for reading and math and provides more flexibility to incorporate interventions for students who need help achieving proficiency in those subjects.

More information will be coming to 5th grade students and parents before students register for 6th grade.