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Principal's Message:

Dear Patrons,

Each year Skyline High School and the school Community Council appropriate funds to help students succeed in school. These funds come from the State of Utah Land Trust Funds. The following is a report on how the funds were spent at Skyline during school year 2013-2014 to improve student learning.

Our goals were to increase math and science scores by 5%, provide additional time and support for students not passing their classes at mid-term, reduce the attrition rate of Skyline's IB Program by 10%, and purchase a math program to provide support for students falling behind in math.

To help students increase math scores, two extra class periods were purchased in math to allow for double blocking of the math curriculum for Secondary Math II students. Math concepts were chunked or broken into smaller amounts of learning at a time. In addition, this allowed these students to have math every day to reduce the learning loss when math is taught every other day. Along with additional periods purchased, paraprofessional aides were hired to track students' academic and citizenship progress towards graduation and provide organizational support and communication between home and school.

The Skyline Community Council looked at two different math computer programs and analyzed their ability to provide support and reinforcement to math students. In the end it was determined that these programs did not meet our needs and were not purchased, and that was one of the reasons a relatively large balance was carried forward to this year.

The After School Achievement Program (ASAP) was used at mid-term of each quarter to help students with "D" or "F" grades to improve their marks to passing levels.

There were 737 students that took advantage of this opportunity last year. Of those students, 530 students improved their final quarter grades by at least one grade level. Our goal was reduce "D" and "F" grades by 75%, and we reached 72% for the year of those students participating in the program. The goal of this effort was to help increase student academic grades in math and science.

Finally, money was appropriated to assist with subscription costs for the IB Program, give additional support and nurturing to IB students to help them navigate the rigors of the program, and to reduce the attrition rate of students in the program.

To meet last year's goals and objectives, the school spent \$65,000.00. The school Community Council approved approximately \$16,000.00 for the double-blocked math classes and \$39,000.00 for the After School Achievement Program (including teacher stipends for after-school tutoring) plus an IB coach. Finally, approximately \$10,000.00 went toward IB subscription costs.

Doug Bingham
Principal

Calendar Notes

- Nov. 3 2nd Term Begins
- Nov. 7 College Day for Seniors
ASVAB Test for Juniors
PLAN Test for Sophomores
- Nov. 13 Community Council Meeting, 6:45 a.m., Conference Room
- Nov. 20--22 & 24 School Musical, "Hello Dolly"
- Nov. 26-27-28 Thanksgiving Recess
- Dec. 13 Winter Formal Dance
- Dec. 22 No school, winter recess begins.
School reconvenes Mon., Jan. 5



Open Enrollment for 2015-2016 School Year

Granite School District provides school choice enrollment in all schools where space is available. Parents are responsible for transportation when exercising school choice. There are two enrollment periods: The Early Enrollment Period and the Late Enrollment Period. The Early Enrollment Period is the recommended time to enroll for the next school year.

Skyline will begin accepting applications for the 2015/2016 school year beginning on Monday, Dec. 1st, 2014, and will be accepted until the end of the school day on Friday, February 20th, 2015.

Applications are available at the school parents are requesting. Requests do not require a release from the home school or district. A one-time, non-refundable \$5.00 processing fee payable to the requested school is charged at the time the application is submitted.

If your student is accepted for Open Enrollment, annual reapplication is not required – as long as the student remains in the same school, and space is available. When a student moves from elementary school to junior high, or from junior high to high school, there is no automatic feeder system – students on permits in the 6th and 9th grades, who wish to attend a school outside of their home school boundary the next year, must reapply on the Open Enrollment Application to request the preferred school.

College & Career Readiness Planning



In an effort to ensure all of our students are aware of the plethora of postsecondary options, counselors in Granite School District have been using the career information system, Utah Futures, to help parents and students navigate the college and career path. This comprehensive website (www.utahfutures.org) is designed to evolve with students as they begin career explorations in junior high; explore options related to one, two or four years of college; and eventually help them to identify and pursue a career tied to their strengths and interests.

The following is only a brief list of tools that can be found on the Utah Futures site:

- Scholarship and financial aid information
- College admission information for nearly every college in the country
- Career information: salary, working conditions, prerequisites, job outlook, etc.

We look forward to meeting with you during our College and Career Planning Meetings (CCRP) to further plan for your student's college and career success!

Counselor Calendar

- 📅 November 1 – University of Utah Honors College application deadline
- 📅 November 3 – Schedule your sophomore CCRP (College & Career Readiness Planning) meeting. Call 385-646-5421 between 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. to make an appointment with your counselor.
- 📅 November 7 – ACT registration deadline for December test
- 📅 November 8 – SAT Test, bring picture ID and admission ticket!
- 📅 November 10 – Sophomore College & Career Planning meetings begin.
- 📅 December 1 – Scholarship and application priority deadline for MANY colleges. Check your specific college for details.
- 📅 December 13 – ACT Test, bring picture ID and admission ticket!

Read Across America!

Have you taken the challenge yet? This year Skyline's Media Center is challenging you to read across America. We have divided the US into five geographic zones and we have road trip cards (pick these up in the library) that – you can get punched for reading a book from each different zone (or you can read multiple books from one zone).



Once you get 5 punches on your card, you can turn it in to be entered into a drawing for a fabulous prize (think iPad or Kindle here). Every card you complete is another chance to win! For the next few weeks our road trip is taking us to the **Mountain Zone** (Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming). Come ask anyone in the library if you want details.

No Shave November

This month is designated as No Shave November or “Mo-vement” in recognition of prostate cancer awareness. In support of that, the Skyline Media Center is finding books that we “Moustache” you to read. Take a look in the library for the books that teachers and faculty recommend as their favorites and would love for you to check out. You can also give us your book recommendations and we will pull those selections for other people to look at. Stop by with your friends to take a selfie with your own favorite book (and moustache).

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great books

Go Digital!

Did you know that you can checkout iPads in the Skyline library? There are 25 iPads available for checkout to students for two weeks at a time. All you need is an approval form filled out by you and your parents. You can get one of these from any library staff member.

Also, there are digital versions of books (eBooks & audio books) available for Skyline students to check out on the Granite School District **Overdrive** system. You can access these digital versions on any device at any time, wherever you are. These books automatically return themselves so there are never any late fees. There are hundreds of titles available (and more titles are being added all the time)!

If you check out a book on Overdrive and show someone in the library, you will get a prize and the opportunity to be entered into a drawing for an iTunes gift card. Ask the library staff for details.

Community of Caring

Community of Caring is sponsoring an Instagram account called **heroesofskyline**. Please follow us on Instagram, and if you know of any students worthy of a post, please email picture and information to heroesofskyline@gmail.com. There are so many caring students at Skyline worthy of notice!

Join the Community of Caring Club! Applications are outside R. 112 or in the Main Office. Monthly activities and cool shirts!

Upcoming Activities: All students are invited to these activities, but they must sign up for them prior to activity in R. 112 on "B" days.

-  Nov.3 Teen Forum with Dave & Connor O'Leary (Amazing Race Winners!), 3rd period
-  Nov. 3 Food Bank @ 2:15 p.m.
-  Nov. 7 Service Scholar lunch mtg - Seniors only
-  Nov.18 500 Sandwiches, R. 112, @ 2:15, serving at St. Vincent De Paul Weigand Center
-  Nov. 19 Road Home Playroom, 5:15 p.m.
-  Nov. 21 Teen Forum, 2nd period, Volunteers of America



Skyline's Science Fair Club will meet on Nov. 10 & Nov. 24 at 2:20 p.m. in Room 138 (Mrs. Jones). Anyone interested in participating in science fair is welcome to come!

ACT Test Review Classes *for the December 13th test*

- Classes will run Dec. 1-5 and Dec. 8-12. Both English and Math classes will be offered.
- Classes are \$30 per subject. Please pay registration fees in advance at the bookstore. Make checks payable to Skyline High School.
- Math will be taught at 6:30 a.m. in R.110 (Mr. Norris).
- English will be taught right after school in R.124 (Mr. Brown).

Career Center

Eighty-five percent of Skyline graduates enroll in a college within three years after graduating. Way to go students, teachers, parents and community members for your efforts! During the month of November, we have a number of activities planned to help all students get ready to attend college.

- **November 3:** We will begin our College and Career Readiness presentations to all sophomore students. Our main focus in these presentations will be career exploration and career choice.
- **November 7:** Skyline will host College Day for Seniors, the ASVAB aptitude test for Juniors, and the PLAN test for Sophomores. We invite any interested parents to attend the college-day portion of events.
- **November 17-21:** We will have College Application week! This is a state-wide effort to help senior students overcome some of the barriers that may prevent them from attending college. Specifically, we will provide financial aid information, counseling, and will help senior students apply for college. More information about this event will be mailed to the homes of all seniors.
- **December 1:** This is the Priority Application Deadline for BYU, SUU, and UofU. It is not required to apply by this date, but it can improve a prospective student's chances of being accepted and receiving a scholarship.

Each of these events is also published on the Career Center website:

www.skylinecareercenter.weebly.com
385-646-5423

As always, we welcome your comments and questions.

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*for your
calendar:*

**November
20-21-22-24
7:00 p.m.**

Debate

Congratulations to Skyline's debate students who competed and represented us well in October:

Dixie Invitational, 10/24-25

Chris Defreitas (1st Varsity SPAR, 1st Varsity Impromptu); **Max Cline** (1st Varsity Extemp, 3rd Varsity DI, 4th Varsity Congress); **Connie Zhou & Lydia Duan** (1st in Varsity Policy); **Lydia Rollo** (2nd Novice Lincoln Douglas, 2nd Novice Impromptu); **Kallin Glauser** (1st Novice SPAR, 3rd Novice Impromptu); **Marta Hubbard** (3rd Novice Extemp, 4th Novice Congress); **Zo Kronberg** (Novice Congress). Also bringing points to the team: **Angela Pollack, Maria DeMarco, Mikayla Wheeler, Jadan Caradine, Winnie Chen.**

Maeser Maximus Congress, 10/22

Zo Kronberg (3rd in her house)

Pirate Pete's Cove, 10/10-11

1st Overall Tournament Sweepstakes! 1st Speech Sweeps! **Izzy Broussard** (1st OIMP, 5th OSPAR); **Max Cline** (1st OCongress, 3rd ONX, 4th OSPAR); **Puneet Singh** (1st NIMP); **Chris deFreitas** (2nd OIMP, 3rd OSPAR, 5th OPF); **Nik Sassen** (5th OPF); **Mohith Reppale** (2nd NOO); **Maria Demarco** (2nd NPF, 4th NOO); **Marta Hubbard** (2nd NNX, 3rd NCongress); **Will Wheeler** (2nd NPF, 3rd NNX); **Kallin Glauser** (3rd NIMP); **Connie Zhou** (4th OFX); **Zo Kronberg** (4th NCongress); **Oscar Chen & Aaron Tang** (4th NCX).

Young Lawyers, 10/3-4

Hanah Moirn & Madalyn Durrant (quarter finalists), **Everest Fang** (winning record)

Granite Debate District Novice, 10/1

Marta Hubbard (1st Congressional Debate); **Maria Demarco & Will Wheeler** (1st Public Forum); **Aaron Tans & Oscar Chan** (2nd Policy Debate); **Mohith Reppale & Alexi Garcia** (1st in Public Forum); **Puneet Singh** (1st Lincoln Douglas)

Be Prepared for College!

Skyline is having its **IB open house on Tuesday, January 6 and Wednesday, February 4, 2015** at 6:30 PM in the Skyline High School Choral Room (202). Find out what a great opportunity we have here! The IB program is open to all students in the Granite School District. Sophomores, it's not too late to take advantage of this great opportunity (it's the only IB program in the Granite District).



Worldwide, students taking IB classes and/or completing the IB program in high school get through college faster, earn more college credit, and get better grades in college than their regular track and even AP track counterparts. In part, this is due to IB's emphasis on cross-curricula study, analysis over regurgitation, and out-of-class work as leaders and volunteers.

Students completing the IB program are getting into great colleges and doing very well. This fall, Skyline IB students matriculated at the University of California at Berkeley, Harvard, Amherst, the University of Washington (St. Louis) and William and Mary – to name a few. Students from previous classes are doing well at Yale, Brown and Duke (among others).

Skyline IB students are earning fantastic scholarships. For example, Skyline's 2014 IB diploma graduates were awarded, *on average*, an 80% scholarship at the University of Utah last year, and several from previous classes earned 125% scholarships. Great schools across the country like what they're getting from IB.

For additional information, check out the Skyline HS IB website at www.skylineib.graniteschools.org.

Need Extra Math Help?

There are several excellent ways for struggling math students to access extra help!

-  See their teacher before or after school.
-  See Mr. Rodman in R. 102 at lunch on B days.
-  Work with peer tutors from National Honor Society on Tuesday and Thursday after school in R. 105, or on Wednesdays after school in R. 134.
-  Access their textbook online at www.pearsonsuccessnet.com and review video tutorials.
-  Other online tutorials include:
 - www.khanacademy.org
 - www.mathopenref.com
 - www.meta-calculator.com
 - www.algebralab.org
 - www.mathxforschool.com (class assignments)
 - www.shodor.org/interactivate (learner's link)
 - www.wolframalpha.com



Girls' Basketball Tryouts

Skyline girls' basketball tryouts are **November 10th** 3:00pm-5:30pm in the Main Gym and **November 11th** 3:00pm-5:30pm in the Aux Gym. All girls trying out must register beforehand on www.registermyathlete.com to initiate and answer the UHSAA eligibility questions and to access the required paperwork. Please bring these hard copy, signed forms to tryouts:



- UHSAA Physical Exam Forms (4 pages, updated July 2014). All athletes are required to have a physical exam each school year.
- Granite School District Forms -- all the necessary GSD forms are included on one PDF. Please READ, PRINT, and SIGN all these GSD physical documents:
 - Title page with information and signatures
 - Acknowledgment of Risk
 - Consent for Emergency Care
 - Anti-Bullying, Hazing, Harassment
 - Consent for Emergency Care
 - Anti-Bullying, Hazing, Harassment

Boys' Basketball Tryouts

Pre-Tryout Parents' Meeting Nov. 4, 7:00-8:00 p.m.,
Media Center
Sophomore/JV/Varsity Tryouts **Nov. 10**, 6:00-9:00 p.m.,
Nov. 11, 3:00-6:00 p.m.,
Main Gym



For more information, please contact Head Coach Derek Bunting at dbunting@graniteschools.org.

Wrestling

As fall kicks into full gear, Skyline's wrestling team is preparing to start its most exciting season ever! Practices start November 10th. We are very excited for the wrestlers we have returning and would like to invite anyone interested in joining the wrestling team to contact Coach Syd Lott at slott@graniteschools.org.



Does your student owe fees?

go to
www.payskyline.com

Username: student #

Password: student's first initial and last name

- Registration fees and class fees are now overdue.
- Questions? Click the "Contact Us" button on the Webstore. It will email mdean-jackman@graniteschools.org, Skyline's bookkeeper.

Golf Team

Congratulations to **Blake Tomlinson** who finished in a tie for 5th place at the 4A Men's Golf Championship Tournament at Riverbend Golf Course! **Jackson Shaver** and **Jonny Wright** qualified to compete at the state tournament as well. **Carter Bennett** was one of 10 golfers in the state named to the 4A Academic All-State team. **Blake Tomlinson** also finished 5th individually in Region 7, while **Jackson Shaver** finished 10th and **Jonny Wright** finished in 14th place.

Overall, the team had an outstanding season in a very competitive Region 7. With two weeks to go in the regular season, Skyline was tied for 1st place with four other teams, but ended up in 5th place at the season's end. We would like to acknowledge seniors **Mitch Clayton**, **Andrew Jensen**, **Jackson Shaver**, and **Carter Bennett** for outstanding contributions over the past three years.



Other members of the team included **Austin Jensen**, **Cole Popp**, **Matt Burbank**, **Michael Smith**, **Britton Walker** and **John Pulli**.

REFLECTIONS CONTEST

*THE WORLD WOULD BE
A BETTER PLACE IF...*

- Go to www.utahpta.org/reflections for forms and rules. Please fill out all forms completely.
- All submissions are **due November 7 before school** in the Main Office.
- Treat for all who enter! \$15 art supply gift certificates for winners.

Literature Dance Choreography
Visual Arts Music Composition
Photography Film Production
3-D Artwork

**For an up-to-the-minute Skyline
activity calendar, go to:**

<http://schools.graniteschools.org/skylinehigh>

Attendance Reporting 385-646-5433

- Skyline does not accept written excuse notes from parents. Students who leave without a street pass will not be excused. 
- You must call all absences in on the day of the absence on the attendance phone line by 2:00 p.m. Please have student number available.
- No absence will be retroactively excused after three days. Medical excuse notes from a doctor must be submitted within three days. Fax: 385-646-5422.
- PARENTS SHOULD CHECK THE PARENT PORTAL OFTEN FOR ANY ERRORS. STUDENTS SHOULD TALK DIRECTLY TO THEIR TEACHER IF THEY FEEL THEY WERE INCORRECTLY MARKED ABSENT.
- If student is going to be more than 10 minutes late, call before they arrive. They must check in to be excused.
- Your call will forward to voice mail if the Attendance Secretary is on another line.
- Go to <https://portal.graniteschools.org/> to set up updates via e-mail.

Skyline High Community Council Minutes of 10/9/14 Meeting

In Attendance:

Emily Allison, Doug Bingham, Diane Bunker, Ian Collison, Lisa Mietchen, Kim Paulding, Joe Pereira, Karianne Prince

Visitor:

Chris Krueger

Excused:

Jami Hutchins, Matt Wells

Minutes:

1. Doug Bingham welcomed all to the first meeting of the 2014-2015 Skyline Community Council.
 - Council members were reminded to attend Community Council training.
 - A schedule of Council meeting dates was distributed, and it will also be posted on the Skyline web page.

- Council members' names, email addresses and phone numbers will also be posted on the web page.
 - Ian Collison was elected as Council Chair and Kim Paulding as Vice Chair, both by unanimous vote.
2. Council reviewed 2013-2014 Trustland expenditures, including double-blocked math, paraprofessional trackers, and ASAP (After School Achievement Plan). Mr. Bingham will submit the final report as required by law.
 - Skyline's proposed 2014-2015 Trustland plan is very similar to last year's plan.
 - One new expenditure included in the 2014-2015 plan is funding for Chromebook carts. Each cart would include a group of 40 Chromebooks, and would be available for teachers to use in classrooms. Council approved further research into Chromebook capabilities and practicality for testing purposes.
 3. Chris Krueger, Skyline's IB Coordinator, presented information supporting the move of 9th graders into Skyline.
 - New sophomores don't seem to be ready for the rigor of Skyline's honors classes. Having 9th grade honors classes taught here would allow us to make sure students were adequately prepared for the honors track/AP/IB in 10th – 12th grades.
 - Both Salt Lake City School District and Canyons School District have a 9th – 12th grade configuration for high school. We are losing a lot of students to those districts.
 - Including 9th grade at Skyline would help keep our enrollment numbers up. Both of our feeder junior highs have noticed decreased enrollment numbers in the last few years.
 - Council voted to approve further investigation and discussion of moving 9th grade students into Skyline High School.
 4. Next Community Council meeting scheduled for November 13, 6:45 a.m., in Skyline's Conference Room.