



Skyline Eagle News

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PTSA Presidents' Message:

➔ **The Skyline High School PTSA has a need for a PTSA President for next year.** All other board positions except Treasurer have been filled. If you are interested in serving the Skyline Community through this one-year post, please contact Kim Paulding 801-574-5985 or Jon Paulding 801-541-2630. Please consider serving Skyline students by getting involved in PTSA next year!

On March 26th, the Utah PTSA hosted an awards ceremony for recipients of this year's Golden Apple Awards. We are very proud to announce that Skyline American Sign Language teacher **Jody Lynn Tolley** was awarded the Golden Apple Award for Outstanding Teacher. Mrs. Tolley is beloved by her students and very deserving of this recognition.

Longtime Eastwood-Churchill-Skyline volunteer **Sandy Straley** was awarded the Utah PTSA Golden Apple Outstanding Volunteer Award. Sandy has given tirelessly of her time on PTSA and other volunteer posts at her children's schools, even long after they have graduated! Congratulations to both Jody and Sandy for these outstanding awards and making the Skyline Community proud.

May 14-15 is the annual PTSA convention held at the BYU campus in Provo. Anyone interested in serving in the Skyline PTSA and wanting to learn more about the many programs PTSA offers should consider attending. The Skyline PTSA covers registration and lunch costs. If you are new to PTSA and want to learn more, or want to represent the Skyline community at the convention, please contact Jon or Kim Paulding at the phone numbers above.

The Skyline PTSA will be hosting a teacher appreciation luncheon on June 4th. Parents wishing to donate funds or help serve should contact Barb Gander. This is a very nice way to thank the dedicated faculty at Skyline for all of their work teaching our children!

Finally, on June 5th the Skyline PTSA will be hosting a senior graduation party at Classic Skating. This is a fun way to celebrate the end of the year in a safe environment. More details will be posted on the Skyline calendar in May.

Graduation

June 5

10:00 a.m.



Huntsman Center

Graduation Party

Come

FIESTA

with us!

10:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.

@ Classic Fun Center
9151 S. 255 West

Skating • Bouncing
Blast Zone • Laser Tag
Tons of Food!

\$20/person until June 4th
\$25 at the door

*Seniors: Watch the mail for
more details.*

Calendar Notes:

- April 9-10 Accreditation Site Visit
- April 18 Prom @ Energy Solutions Arena
- May 7 Cap & Gown Delivery @ Lunch
- May 25 No School – Memorial Day
- May 26 Senior Awards Night
- May 29 Senior Panoramic Picture
- May 29 Senior Dinner Dance
- June 3 Yearbook Stomp, 6:00 p.m.
- June 4 Senior Breakfast & Graduation Practice
- June 5 Last Day of School & Graduation

Sterling Scholars



The regional Sterling Scholar awards ceremony was held March 10 at the Little Theater in the LDS Conference Center.

The results were amazing – Skyline had a winner and two runners-up! Plus, our winner captured the grand prize for the evening, the title of General Sterling Scholar! These students all won scholarship money that they can use at any institution of higher learning, plus the opportunity for other financial assistance at numerous Utah schools. Congratulations to our fabulous Sterling Scholars!

- **Samuel Adams** – Winner in World Languages category, plus selected as the General Sterling Scholar
- **Olivia Dennis** – Runner-up in Mathematics category
- **Liza Zenger** – Runner-up in Family & Consumer Science category

Congratulations!

Our former faculty member and long-time football coach, Roger DuPaix, has been inducted into the **Utah Sports Hall of Fame!** He was honored for outstanding success in athletics, influencing the young people under his tutelage, and leading by example in promoting dedication, hard work, character development and leadership. Under Coach DuPaix, Skyline's football teams won eight state championships! Roger is tied for the all-time record of state titles, and his Skyline teams competed in six other championship games.

The Utah Sports Hall of Fame Foundation (USHOFF) recognizes Utahns who have made substantial contributions to the Utah sports community. Plaques of recognition honoring each Hall of Fame honoree are displayed in special display cases in the northeast corner of the Main Concourse of the Energy Solutions Arena. Watch for Coach DuPaix's name to appear!



Math Team

Congratulations to the following math team members who have qualified to take the American Invitational Math Exam (AIME): **William Li, Everest Fang, Yeonchui Choi, Ian Shen, Liam Machado, Carter Bennett, Olivia Dennis, Dylan Web** and **Joshua Speckman**. These are Skyline's best and brightest mathematicians!

A high score on the AIME will earn a student the opportunity to participate in the US Math Olympiad (USAMO), and Skyline has had several qualifiers for that competition in the past. Go Skyline Math Team!

Community of Caring

Community of Caring board applications for 2015-2016 are now available at the Main Office or CoC Room 112. Applications are due Thursday, April 16 to Mrs. Daily in Room 112.

Women's Soccer



The Skyline women's soccer player/parent meeting is coming up on Tuesday, May 5, 7:00 p.m., in the Media Center. This meeting is for all players and parents who would like to have information regarding soccer tryouts for the 2015 fall season.

Digital Books on OverDrive

Do you want to have your books with you on the go without lugging a ton of weight? 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! Ask the library staff for details and help.



Check Out an iPad!

Did you know that you can check out iPads in the Skyline Library? There are 25 iPads available 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 the form from any library staff member.



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

schools.graniteschools.org/skylinehigh/

2015-2016 Preschool

It's never too early to be a Skyline Eagle! Skyline's Eagles Nest Preschool is now registering for the school year 2015-2016. Registration forms are available in the Main Office or online through Skyline's homepage (click on webstore). Space is limited to 15 preschoolers, so register now!

The Eagles Nest Preschool is held Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-10:25 a.m. Preschoolers must be 3-5 years old before August 31, 2015 and potty trained. Preschool runs September 22, 2015 to April 27, 2016 and costs \$55/month. You must complete the registration form, pay a \$25 registration fee (pay at Skyline's bookstore or online), and turn in a copy of the preschooler's current immunization records to obtain a spot on the list.



To pay and/or download the registration form, go to www.payskyline.com and click on general, then the preschool icon. Questions? Contact Lisa McDermott, ldmcdermott@graniteschools.org. Join the fun!

Drama Team

Congratulations to our drama team! They performed well at the region drama competition and qualified to move on to the state competition. Kudos due to Mr. Joe Rogan, our drama coach.

Qualified for State and Placed at Region:

- **Angie Sarkisyan** – 1st place pantomime
- **Kai Reyes** – 3rd place pantomime
- **Shaela Adams** – 2nd place humorous monologues
- **Meghan McGinnis** – 3rd place humorous monologues

Qualified for State with Straight Superior Ratings:

- **Allison Klippel** – contemporary scenes
- **Hayden Hill** – contemporary scenes
- **Zach Vayo** – contemporary scenes
- **Jonah Deal** – humorous monologues
- **Mary Nikols** – musical Theatre
- **Emma Fox** – musical theatre
- **J.R. Johnsen** – pantomime
- **Jack Temme** – pantomime
- **KJ Mills** – pantomime

Qualified for State with Overall Superior Ratings:

- **Mckenzie Davies** – classical scenes
- **Duncan Allred** – classical scenes
- **Graham Kennedy** – contemporary scenes
- **Clare McFadden** – contemporary scenes
- **Sally Smolka** – contemporary scenes
- **Lydia Hartman** – dramatic monologues
- **Alex Miller** – musical theatre

ASL State Competition

On March 28, a group of Skyline students competed in the ASL (American Sign Language) state tournament. Most schools didn't place in a single area; four schools placed once, four schools placed twice, and all other awards were shared between Copper Hills and Skyline. Copper Hills gave us a darn good run for our money, but in the end, Skyline came out on top! Congratulations to our amazing ASL students and their instructor, Mrs. Jody Lynn Tolley.

Deaf Culture & History Team

- **Moira Newlin, Nick Dal Canto, Michaela Madsen** – 2nd place ASL 1
- **Emma Neubert, Melissa Jardine, Chantelle Kiessner** – 1st place ASL 2

Receptive

- **Matthew Ginter** – 1st place ASL 1
- **Sophie McQuinn** – 2nd place ASL 2
- **Kora Kobe** – 3rd place ASL 2
- **Brenna McCandless** – 1st place ASL 3

Expressive

- **Myria Fellows** – 2nd place ASL 1
- **Natalie Curtis** – 2nd place ASL 2
- **Annie Soulier** – 1st place ASL 3

Number Story

- **Jensen Wood** – 3rd place ASL 1
- **Sarah Dally** – 2nd place ASL 1
- **Josie Walker** – 1st place ASL 1
- **Gillian Garry** – 3rd place ASL 2
- **Sterling Kerr** – 2nd place ASL 2

Handshape Story

- **Matt Smith** – 2nd place ASL 2
- **Jake Bergeson** – 1st place ASL 2

Deaf Art

- **Nicole Grant** – 2nd place ASL 2
- **Emma Heyn** – 1st place ASL 2
- **Britta Chaska** – 1st place ASL 3

ASL Movie

- **Hannah Morin, Carly Shields, Amanda Laver, Brynnly Bosworth & Charlotte Romney** – 1st place – the 3rd year in a row this group has taken 1st place!

Summer Driver's Ed.

Summer Driver's Ed will run **June 8–July 1**, Monday thru Friday. \$140 fee is payable at time of registration. Choose between 8:00 a.m. session or 10:00 a.m. session. Student must be 16 years of age on or before Oct. 30, 2015, and must have a learner's permit before class begins. No fee waivers are accepted for summer school. Registration forms are available in Skyline's Main Office.



Read Across America!

Head East to the Atlantic States...

The Skyline Media Center is still challenging you to Read Across America. We have divided the US into 5 geographical 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! Starting on April 8th, we are exploring the Atlantic zone (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia). What awesome books can you find from this region? See someone in the library for details.

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: 385-646-4725.
- **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.

April Media Center Activities:



Come celebrate spring in the Media Center and participate in some fun activities. April 12-18 is National Library Week. April is National Poetry Month, come participate in some fun poetry activities and show off your creativity. We will be having an Easter egg hunt in the library (using books). Come celebrate with us.

Community Council

Minutes of 3/12/15 Meeting

In Attendance:

Emily Allison, Doug Bingham, Diane Bunker, Ian Collison, Jami Hutchins, Lisa Mietchen, Kim Paulding, Karianne Prince

Excused:

Joe Pereira, Matt Wells

Visitors:

Laura Peterman

Minutes:

1. Doug Bingham welcomed everyone and Laura Peterman was introduced.
2. Karianne Prince made a motion to accept the February minutes as presented. Ian Collison seconded. Motion passed.
3. Mr. Bingham presented a summary of how our Trust Land funds have been spent this year and asked Council members to scrutinize the effectiveness of the expenditures. Our overall goals have been to assist at-risk students and improve test scores.
 - Tracking: We estimate that an additional 10-15 at-risk students graduate each year as the result of Linda Clapier's tracking efforts.
 - ASAP Program: The program has been successful in assisting failing students to pull their grades into passing range. As a result, students earn credit for the class, keeping them eligible for graduation. There doesn't seem to be a direct correlation between ASAP and improved test scores.
 - Double Blocked Math Classes: Double blocking has given struggling math students the opportunity to attend math class every school day, rather than every other day as the regular schedule would permit. Twenty-eight students have voluntarily signed up for next year's double-blocked Secondary Math III class, indicating that they find great value in the extra reinforcement.
 - Chromebooks: We have been training teachers so the new Chromebooks can be used for SAGE testing in May. Heidi Williams has restructured

the testing schedule, and she was able to pare off two weeks. The Chromebooks will take a lot of pressure off of our computer labs.

4. At the present time, we have 1440 schedule request cards for next school year. If we can maintain this level of enrollment, we probably won't lose any FTE. We have eight teachers leaving at the end of this school year, so we will be looking at a number of staff changes.
5. Birch Drive: Laura Peterman updated the Council regarding safety issues on Birch Drive.
 - Many of our students drive or walk to school along Birch Drive.
 - The street is poorly lit and it has no sidewalks, creating major safety concerns.
 - Community residents are spearheading a campaign to petition Salt Lake County to evaluate and address the safety issues on Birch Drive. Potential solutions could be better lighting, sidewalks and increased police enforcement.
 - Interested parties are encouraged to attend the Sidewalk Master Plan Amendment Public Hearing at the Millcreek Recreation Center on April 8.
6. Sorenson Award: Mr. Bingham reported that Lisa Darling is completing the application.
7. 9-12 Configuration: A discussion meeting will be held on April 1, 6:45 a.m., at Wasatch Jr. High for the elementary, junior high and high school Community Council chairs and principals in Skyline's network.
8. Arts Funding: Trust Land bylaws allow 5% of our funds to be allocated to our arts program, about \$3500 for next year. Council members support using Trust Land funds for this purpose.
9. Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 8, 6:45 a.m. in Skyline's Conference Room. Date has been changed to avoid conflict with Skyline's accreditation site visit on April 9-10.