

Skyline Eagle News



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Principal's Message:

Dear Patrons,

Next year Skyline will receive an **accreditation visit**. Every five years a team of educators descends upon schools for two days to review school improvement efforts. They do this by looking at many different kinds of data, observing teachers teaching in classrooms, looking at year-end testing data, reviewing the systems that the school has in place to help students be successful, and communication efforts between home and school. This is not an exhaustive list of things that take place, but I hope it gives you an idea of the depth of the visit.

Part of the preparation process is to survey stakeholders about their perceptions of the school. Information gained is then used to develop ongoing improvement plans and identify specific areas for improvement.

To complete the necessary requirement of our accrediting agency, AdvancEd, we need to have at least 20% of patrons respond to the survey. I would encourage all of you to respond! The greater the number of respondents, the more valuable and useful the information will be in helping to identify strengths and weaknesses and the direction we need to be moving as a school.

By April 14, 2014 you will be able to access these parental and guardian surveys on the Skyline website. I will send out a phone message asking you to take the survey and explaining the procedures for doing so. The survey will remain available for patrons through the end of April. Please take 15 or 20 minutes to complete the survey.

Thank you for participating in the survey!

Doug Bingham
Principal

PTSA Presidents' Message:

Welcome Spring! We're rounding the home stretch of the year, which for some can be the most stressful. Our students are gearing up for IB, AP and the newly implemented SAGE tests. Along with the stress of these tests comes the excitement of the end of school and graduation for our seniors. Please encourage your students to keep working to the end and not fall victim to "spring fever".

We thank **Sandy Brunnenmeyer** for her great work presenting **monthly workshops based on NAMI topics** (National Alliance on Mental Illness). The next workshop will be held Tuesday, April 15, during lunch in the choir room. Free pizza is served and a fun discussion is ensured.

We will be voting on our 2014-2015 PTSA Executive Board at our **next PTSA meeting on Tuesday, April 15** at 12:30pm in the Skyline Conference Room. Everyone is invited to the meeting to vote on next year's officers. We still have an opening for President Elect and Leadership VP. If you are interested in serving one of these capacities, please let us know! We'd love to for you to be involved.

Co-Presidents	Kim Paulding
	Jon Paulding
President Elect	OPEN
Secretary	DeAnn Zebelean
Treasurer	Katherine Havell
Membership VP	Linda Clapier
Legislative VP	Julie Emery
Leadership VP	OPEN
Administrative VP	Doug Bingham
Teacher Rep	Rob Scott

Plans are underway for our **Senior Graduation Party**. Parents of seniors should be receiving a letter in the mail within the next month outlining the party. It will be held Thursday night, June 5th at Hollywood Connection in West Valley City. The party will start at 11:00 p.m. due to the late start of our scheduled graduation ceremony. If you are a parent of a senior and would like to be involved in planning and/or chaperoning, please contact Kay Ward at kaysward@comcast.net. There will be many opportunities to help.

Please watch your emails over the next month for opportunities to **volunteer as a test proctor**. Proctors are needed for both AP and IB tests. Requests for specific dates and times will be sent in the next few weeks.

Thanks again for all the support you show our students, faculty and administration. It is great to be associated with such a wonderful community!

Angela Folsom & Holly Brain
PTSA Presidents

Graduation

 **June 5**
7:00 p.m.
Huntsman Center

Graduation Party
11:00 p.m.
@ Hollywood Connection

Watch your mail for party details.

Congratulations!

One of our faculty members, **Deb Bennett**, has been inducted into the **Utah Sports Hall of Fame!** She was honored for outstanding success in athletics, influencing the young people under her tutelage, and leading by example in promoting dedication, hard work, character development and leadership. With Deb's coaching, our girls' basketball teams won two state championships and finished second two times, and qualified for the state tournament in each of her 19 seasons as coach. Wow!

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 Deb's name to appear!



National Merit Competition

Congratulations to the following Skyline seniors who have been named as National Merit Scholarship finalists!

Alex Blackburn, Caroline Blair, Steven Deng, Katherine Draper, Katherine Hales, Mitchell Kirkham, Danika Li, Wyatt Mackey, Nicholas Ridge, Steven Sun, Rajdeep Trilokekar, Jacob Young, Ivan Zaitsev, Jennifer Zhou

Career Center

Now that the State **ACT test** is has been completed, it is a waiting game for the results. This should take between four and eight weeks. Along with the test results, ACT will include the results of the student's ACT Interest Inventory.

In April we will be mailing a postcard to the homes of all students who signed up to take a **Concurrent Enrollment** (CE) class next year and have not taken a CE class in the past. If you receive this card in the mail, please come and see us in the Career Center. When you come in we will give you your State Student Identification Number (SSID number) plus additional information which you will need for applying to the college for CE credit. We need this taken care of before we get into May because of AP testing and year-end requirements.

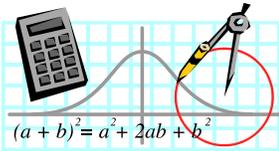
If you are unfamiliar with concurrent enrollment, these are college-level classes offered to high school students for both high school and college credit. Taking a concurrent enrollment class is a great opportunity to get started on a college certificate or degree while still in high school. One thing to note about CE credit: Acceptance of this credit is only guaranteed at "state" schools within Utah and may be major-specific. However, wherever a student plans on going to school, whether in-state or out-of-state, it would be wise to contact the respective school/schools regarding CE credit acceptance.

And finally, we would like to remind you that April is a great time to begin applying for **summer employment**. Many summer-specific employers such as Lagoon, BSA, Park City Resorts, Seven Peaks, etc., begin hiring in April. If this is something that you are interested in, please visit their human resources web page for more details or call them directly.

Please visit the Career Center website for additional information and resources. As always, we welcome you to the Career Center if you have any comments or questions.

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- *Kris Gibbs (Secretary)*, kgibbs@graniteschools.org
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Honors Math Summer Courses

- Skyline's AP/IB teacher, Adella Croft, will be teaching an **accelerated Secondary Math III Honors course at the University of Utah this summer**. This is a fast-paced course designed for motivated students. Students who have successfully completed Mr. Norris' or Ms. Schneider's Secondary Math II Honors course are invited to register. Also invited are students who have completed Secondary Math II in junior high with a B+ or higher. Classes will meet from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and will run June 9 to July 3 and July 14 to August 7. Both semesters are required pre-requisites for Calculus.
- Also, AP math teacher Shaunda Trimmer will be teaching a **Secondary Math II Honors course at the U this summer**. This class is for *motivated* math students who have successfully completed Secondary Math I.  Classes will meet from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and will run June 9 to July 3 and July 14 to August 7. Both semesters are required pre-requisites for Secondary Math III.
- Registration is available through: www.youth.utah.edu.

Math Team

Congratulations to the following math team members who have qualified to take the American Invitational Math Exam (AIME): **Wyatt Mackey, Andrew Yang, William Li, Everest Fang, Nick Todorov, Vanya Zaitsev and Jinhua Shen**. 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). Skyline has had several qualifiers for that competition in the past, including Wyatt Mackey two years ago. Other recent math team accolades include an 11th place national finish in the Ciphering Time Trials. Go Skyline Math Team!

Calendar Notes:

- April 26 Prom
- May 8 Cap & Gown Delivery @ Lunch
- May 20 Senior Awards Night
- May 26 No School – Memorial Day
- May 30 Senior Dinner Dance
- June 3 Yearbook Stomp
- June 5 Last Day of School & Graduation

The Skyline Dance Department Presents:



In collaboration with the Music Department, we present our semiannual Dance Concert accompanied by live music!

May 1 & 2

Skyline Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
\$3 students, \$5 adults, \$15 family

2014-2015 Preschool

It's never too early to be a Skyline Eagle! Skyline's Eagles Nest Preschool is now registering for the school year 2014-2015. 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, 2014 and potty trained. Preschool runs October 1, 2014 to May 5, 2015 and costs \$55/month. You must complete the 2014-2015 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 click on the preschool icon. Join the fun!

If you have questions, contact Lisa McDermott, ldmcdermott@graniteschools.org. Join the fun!



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the details.**

Sterling Scholars



The regional Sterling Scholar awards ceremony was held March 12 at Cottonwood High School. The results were great – Skyline had a winner and a runner-up! Seventy-six schools participated in the competition, and Skyline was the only Granite District school with any winners. Congratulations to our fabulous Sterling Scholars!

- **Shannon Brown** – Winner in Instrumental Music category
- **Wyatt Mackey** – Runner-up in Mathematics category

Drama Department

Skyline's Drama students performed in the region drama competition in March. They were up against Murray, Corner Canyon, Orem and Olympus, and our students earned the right to progress to the state competition in every category!

- Classical Scenes: **Emma Niederhauser, Anne Lester & Meghan McGinnis; Shaeta Adams, Allison Klippel & Lilly Ann Ellingson; Tessa Huecksteadt & Duncan Allred.**
- Contemporary Scenes: **Shayla Smith & Graham Kennedy** (straight superiors!)
- Humorous Monologue: **Dario Crivello; Angie Sarkisyan** (straight superiors and 1st place overall – tie); **Erik Larsen** (straight superiors and 1st place overall – tie); Nick Ramos (straight superiors and 2nd place overall)
- Dramatic Monologue: **Lydia Hartman; Rene Gilfillan** (straight superiors and 1st place overall)
- Musical Theatre: **Michael Wrigley** (medal round contender); **Mary Nikols; Alex Miller** (straight superiors)
- One Act: Special acting awards to **Angie Sarkisyan & Nick Ramos** for their performance of "Sure Thing" by David Ives (straight superiors and 1st place!)

Wow!

Three Skyline students took first place on the Junior Freeride Tour in Telluride, Colorado. **Sierra Swan** took 1st place in women's skiing, **Jackson Kelley** took 1st place in men's snowboarding, and **Olivia Olsen** took 1st place in women's snowboarding! This is the first time in the history of the Junior Freeride Tour that three students from the same high school have taken first place in each division.



MESA Team

Skyline's MESA Club (Math Engineering and Science Achievement) took first place in district competition on March 13 – the third straight year that Skyline MESA has won the Granite District trophy! Fourteen Skyline students competed, winning eight of eighteen medals during six events.

The MESA students competed in an egg drop, Krypto (a math competition, where Skyline took all three medals), aerospace, marble roller coasters, paper bridges, and prosthetic arm construction (the headlining event). Our prosthetic arm team now advances to state competition.

To honor National Poetry Month, the Library is having a **Poetry Contest!**



Submit entries to the Media Center.
Submissions due April 23rd.

Vote for your favorites!
Voting deadline is April 25th.
Win a Prize!

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.

Summer Driver's Ed.

Summer Driver's Ed will run June 9–July 2, Monday thru Friday. \$140 fee is payable at time of registration. Choose between 7:00 a.m. session or 9:00 a.m. session. Student must be 16 years of age on or before Oct. 30, 2014, 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.

Athletic Summer Camps

To pre-register for any of these camps, go to:

- ✓ www.activityreg.com
- ✓ Utah
- ✓ County Sports Office/SL County Recreation
- ✓ Register
- ✓ Camps & Clinics for Youth
- ✓ 2014 Camps & Clinics for Youth
- ✓ Scroll down to Skyline's offerings
- **Basketball (Boys):** June 16-19, Grades 3-8, 1:30-4:00 p.m. in the Skyline High School Main Gym. \$50 fee (includes camp t-shirt). Camp will emphasize teaching fundamental skills on both the offensive and defensive ends of the floor. Pre-register online or in person on the first day of camp. Questions? Contact Coach Derek Bunting, dbunting@graniteschools.org.
- **Basketball (Girls):** June 9-12, \$50. Grades 4-8, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Grades 9-12, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Spring Fling will run April 7-30 for grades 7-12. Contact coach for details on Spring Fling. Coach Lynette Schroeder, lnschroeder.1221@gmail.com.
- **Soccer (Girls):** June 16-19, \$55, Skyline soccer field. Coached by Yamil Castillo and staff, includes t-shirt.
ELITE CLINIC: Grades 9-12, 8:00-10:00 a.m.
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- **Volleyball:** June 17-20, Skyline Auxiliary Gym.
SESSION I: Grades 9-12 (younger with approval), \$50, 8:30-11:00 a.m. Includes camp t-shirt.
SESSION II: Grades 4-8 (younger with approval), \$45, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Includes camp t-shirt. Questions? Contact Coach Jami Hutchins, jlhutchins@graniteschools.org.

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

schools.graniteschools.org/skylinehigh/

Community Council

Minutes of 3/13/14 Meeting

In Attendance:

Emily Allison, Douglas Bingham, Diane Bunker, Ian Collison, Mary Draper, Jami Hutchins, Lisa Mietchen, Joe Pereira, Karianne Prince

Excused:

Kim Paulding

Minutes:

1. Minutes of the February Community Council meeting were reviewed, approved and seconded.
2. Hall of Fame Nominations
 - a. It's time to begin the nomination process for our annual Hall of Fame award.
 - b. Mr. Bingham provided copies of resumes for several potential candidates, and additional suggestions are welcome. The Council will review and vote before the end of the school year.
3. Land Trust Plan for 2014-2015: Land Trust monies are to be used to meet our most urgent academic needs. Our needs are:
 - a. Mathematics: We are currently funding a Secondary Math II Essentials class, which allows struggling math students to be in math class every day to catch them up.
 - b. Failing Students: We are currently funding ASAP (After School Achievement Plan) which provides after-school time for failing students to receive extra help. We are also funding two trackers to follow up with the academic and attendance problems of at-risk students.
 - c. Attrition in IB Program: We are currently funding a coach/mentor to provide support to struggling IB students.
 - d. Our "wish list" for next year would include all items above, plus: additional teacher professional development; supplies for science teachers; expanded Schmoop access; classroom sets of I-pads.
 - e. Mr. Bingham will organize a new Land Trust Plan according to Council suggestions and email the Plan to members.
 - f. All Council members should review the plans of other schools to familiarize themselves with the process and generate new ideas.
4. The next Community Council meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2014 at 6:45 a.m. in the Skyline Conference Room.