



Skyview and CCS Winter News

January 2010

News from Mrs. Marytn

Reflecting

Recently I have been reflecting on what supportive and “top-notch” schools we have in this building. Individually and collectively, CCS and Skyview have characteristics, and do things, that make our building a safe, supportive and strong place for students to be. The following are some observations and thoughts I wanted to share with you:

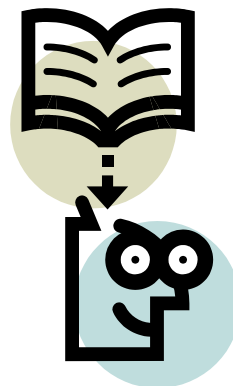
- Teachers volunteering to take students from other classes into their classes to help them strength their academic skills
- Teachers giving their own time to stay in close communication with parents
- Extended Day academic programs to help our students achieve at the level we know they are capable of
- Support staff giving of their time to teach to their specialty in our early grades
- Parent groups providing free family activities
- Parent groups providing enrichment activities to our students
- Teachers administering and correcting assessments to be used in guiding appropriate instruction for students
- An office staff “taking in” students who have a hard time on the playground before school and/or at lunch
- Food service staff encouraging good manners during breakfast and lunch
- Staff supporting each other in times of stress—professional or personal
- Students taking new classmates to the bus and then sitting with them
- Parents here helping children and teachers every day

This is just a sample of things I notice daily. Our staff does a wonderful job for our kids.

State Testing is Coming

The new state assessment is called the Measure of School Progress (MSP). Our 8th graders will be taking 1 portion of the test on-line as part of a pilot program in the state. Our other students will start testing on the 12th of May. The assessment is shorter now so all of the testing and make-ups will be done before May 28.

By sending out this reminder ahead of time we are hoping that appointments and time away from school won't be planned during this testing period. Students always do better when they test when the rest of the class does. The students have worked hard and we want them to shine when they take the assessment.



January Dates to Remember

Jan. 12th to Feb. 10
Extended Day
Session One

January 21st
CCS PTSA
Meeting 6:30 pm

January 22nd
Extreme Science
Assembly 9:00am

January 25th & 26th
Jump Rope for Heart

January 25th
Health & fitness
Log Due

January 28th
CCS Open House &
Middle School
Information Night
6:30 pm

Lost and Found, and Found, and Found

Our lost and found is overflowing! We have coats, sweat-shirts, gloves, hats, lunch boxes and probably some kitchen sinks. Please come by before break and see if any of your child's lost possessions are there.

I'm Out of Time

It is often very hard to face the idea of "helping" our kids with school when we are stretched so thin already. Try this: Use time in the car with kids of any age, or even bath time with young children to squeeze in a little more learning. Of course, your child can't read library books in the tub, but he/she can practice addition facts or spelling words. It might be hard to write an essay in the car, but he/she can talk about what they are going to write and how they might get additional information.

Attendance Reminders

Students need to be in school every day to stay on track. Teachers' lesson plans are carefully constructed to introduce new concepts, reinforce them with activities, then move on to new skills and ideas. When children aren't in school, they fall behind. And the more days they miss, the harder it is to catch up.

The same is true for coming late and/or leaving early. The first 15 minutes of the day are a time for organizing and setting kids up for a successful day, the last 15 minutes are used to review the day, organize homework and end the day well. We encourage you to give your student the message that being at school is important, and that, like your job, they must be responsible about their attendance.

Attendance Hot Line: 241-5575



2010-2011 Registration

Registration for fall of 2010 will start in March. If you have a child who will be coming to Kindergarten, or family/neighbors with students who will be new to us please encourage them to register early. Staffing for next year will begin soon and the better our count of students the more accurately we can plan. Good planning minimizes disruption to students in the fall.

If you won't be returning to either of our schools please call the office and let us know as soon as possible.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEAR

Our Jump Rope for Heart Event will be **Jan. 25 and 26th**, to culminate our Heart Health unit. The Event is a time for students to experience heart healthy activities, move through an obstacle course as blood through a heart and attend a lab, where Karla Lautenbach, a Registered Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist at Valley Hospital and Medical Center, will talk to each of the classes about the heart. She will have each class for 20 minutes to show them how blood flows through our heart using an actual "cow's heart" as an example. It is truly fascinating! Parents are welcome to attend. Just find out when your child's class will be participating. Donation envelopes will also be given out. Our hope is that all students may collect \$5-\$10 each for the charity, American Heart Association. Donations can be made on-line. Look for the directions on the donation envelope.



February Dates to Remember

February 3rd
Skyview PTA Meeting 6:30

February 5th
Skyview PTA
Fiesta and Auction

February 8th to 19th
CCS Mid-Winter Break

February 14th
Valentines Day

February 15th
Presidents Day
NO SCHOOL

February 16th to 19th
Skyview Mid-Winter Break

February 23rd to March 18
Extended Day Session Two

February 26th
CCS PTSA
Dr. Seuss Reading Night

