

October Newsletter

October Important Dates:

October 3	PTO / ELA-PAC 6 – 7:15pm in Skinner’s Library (Internet Safety Focus)
October 3	DPS Dress Code Day for 95% and higher attendance during September
October 5	7 th Grade Chromebook Distribution 3:30pm – 6:30pm
October 5	Parenting Partners Session III 6-8pm in Library (childcare available)
October 6	Picture Day
October 7	Saturday School 8:30am – 11:30am
October 10 & 19	Conferences 4-8pm
October 14	Parenting Partners Session IV- 6-8pm in Library
October 21	Saturday School 8:30am – 11:30am Fall Festival 10am – 2pm
October 23	CSC @ 4:30pm in Skinner’s Library
October 24	Screenagers 6:30pm @ Alamo Drafthouse
October 26 & 27	NO SCHOOL – Teacher in-service days
November 7	8 th Grade Mandatory Continuation Meeting 6-7:30pm in Auditorium



7th Annual Skinner Fall Festival Saturday, October 21st 10am-2pm

Food - Games – Activities - Silent Auction
– Fun for the whole family!

Family-friendly, Community Event.
Open to the Public!

All proceeds benefit Skinner student field
trips, athletics, and activities.

Need a flu shot? Walgreens will be
sponsoring flu shots during the festival.



Picture Day

October 6th

Picture day is soon! Students took order forms home Friday, 9/29. Students should come to school in Skinner Dress Code, but may change tops before their class appointment time. Please visit the main office for additional order forms.

Student/ Family/ Teacher Conferences 10/10 & 10/19 4-8pm

Conferences will take place in the upcoming weeks.

It is an expectation that all students attend conferences with a family member to discuss their own academic progress and set goals for the remainder of the school year. At conferences, families will experience a student led conference AND have a designated meeting time with some of the grade level teachers.

Learning Family Mentors are assisting with getting your appointment time scheduled for one of these evenings.



News from Skinner's Library

Skinner BEYOND Days – Skinner Scholars are encouraged to join us in the library from 3-4:30 PM on October 24th for the very first Skinner BEYOND Day of the school year! Students can participate in various fun and interactive games and crafts designed around the theme of Supernatural: Vampires VS Werewolves! What does a scholar need to do to join the fun? Simply stop by the library to sign up!

Contests and Opportunities – The library is hosting three different activities this month! The **first** is our annual *Fall Reading Challenge*. Forms with the rules and guidelines of the challenge are in the library and online at the Skinner Library website. Our **second** activity is the *Book Cover Design Contest*. Students are encouraged to recreate the cover of a popular YA novel using original photographs they've taken themselves! Need more details? Stop by the library or check out our website. The **third** opportunity offered this month is a *design challenge*! Later this year, Skinner Scholars will vote for their FAVORITE book of the year! But we need an actual award to place on the winning novel! Students can submit their ideas on how this award should be designed! All entries are due by the 6th of October! The official submission form can be found online or in the library.

PTO / ELA-PAC 10/3 6pm

Join us **October 3rd at 6pm** in the Skinner Library for to learn about how PTO has supported Skinner over the last year and then enjoy our speaker series on 'just in time' topics. Our guest speaker will be our very own Brian Dino, Skinner parent and Common Sense Education Ambassador assisting Skinner Families with being as up to date as possible about all the do's and don'ts with internet safety for your family. This is a JUST IN TIME session now that students are taking home their device.

6th Grade Families

If your student has not already had the Tdap immunization, please make sure to schedule an appointment. Should you need financial assistance in getting this done, you can contact the School Based Health Center at North or Lake. These clinics are available to ALL DPS students free of charge, so don't be afraid to utilize this great resource! Please leave updated immunizations in the office.

Skinner Middle School presents the new documentary "Screenagers"

Movie presented with Spanish subtitles/La película tiene subtítulos en español

WHEN: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 6:30 pm

WHERE: Alamo Drafthouse Sloans Lake, 4255 W. Colfax Ave, Denver, CO 80204. Free parking garage located to the north of the theater. 720-577-4720

TICKETS: \$5 person. Click to select your seats and purchase your tickets online - <https://drafthouse.com/denver/show/screenagers>

WHO: Parents are encouraged to attend and bring your child/children as well. Children must attend with parent/guardian.

EAT: Alamo Drafthouse's full food and drink menu will be available to order from your seat. Arrive early if you'd like to order food. Click for menu - <http://s3.drafthouse.com/menus/SloansLakeMenuFinal042517.pdf>

WHAT: In the new documentary SCREENAGERS, children can't resist the pull of electronic devices, and parents don't know what to do about it. Sound familiar?

The average child in America spends more time consuming electronic media than going to school, with many teenagers going online "almost constantly." And parents aren't necessarily being good role models. A British study showed that while six in 10 parents worried that their children spend too much time in front of a screen, seven in 10 children worry that their parents are the ones who are plugged in and tuned out.

Dr. Delaney Ruston, the director of SCREENAGERS and a physician serving as filmmaker in residence at Stony Brook Medicine in New York, says that screen time remains a topic that's often contentious and downright confusing.

Featuring a short discussion after the movie with Brian Dino, DPS Ed Tech Specialist & Common Sense Ambassador.



There is still space available in many of our activities, and tutoring is always available for extra academic support. To register your student for tutoring or other extra-curricular activities, please call the Neighborhood Center at Skinner Middle School at 720-424-1435, or stop by between the hours of 10am to 6pm.

Register your student with the Neighborhood Center today!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Aced It! Tutoring (3:00-5:00)	Aced It! Tutoring (3:00-5:00)	Aced It! Tutoring (3:00-5:00)	Aced It! Tutoring (3:00-5:00)	Community Drop-in (3:00-5:00)
STEM Scouts	3D Factory	GOTR	GOTR	ACCESS
BEST Robotics (3:30-5:00)	Sports Mania	BEST Robotics	Digital Storytelling	(3:00-5:30)
Sports Mania	Dance Club	Smart Phone	Silk Screening (3:30-5:00)	
Chess	Destination	Photography (3:30-5:00)	Sports Mania	
Trivia (3:30-4:10/4:10)	Imagination (3:30-4:10/4:10)	Sports Mania	Chess	
After Hours (5:00-6:00)	After Hours (5:00-6:00)	Improv	Dance CLub (3:30-4:10/4:10)	
		Dungeons and Dragons (3:30-4:10/4:10)	After Hours (5:00-6:00)	
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The Neighborhood Center@ Skinner is launching its 7th annual Lock-In event November 3rd. Students will have the opportunity to spend the night at school and participate in many activities that we have planned. Students will have to be eligible in order to attend. We will be sending letters home with students the third week in October for eligibility. If you have any questions please contact us at 720-424-1435 or 720-424-1472.

Parenting Partners

Elvia Lubin, Parent Liaison & Joe Waldon, School Social Worker are pleased to present this 7-week education program to help our parents navigate the journey of raising their children and increase their child's social emotional well-being. It is ideal to attend every session as the information and discussions build on one another. If you haven't been able to attend yet, you are still welcome. All meetings are held in the library at Skinner Middle School. Childcare and light snacks are provided. Please Join us!

Our **October 5th session** will be focus on *communication*.
Our **October 12th session** will focus on *avoiding arguments and creating structure*.

Sessions begin at 6:00 p.m. and go to 8:00 p.m.

Future Sessions:

Session #5: Thursday, November 2nd 6:00pm-8:00pm

Session #6: Thursday, November 9th 6:00pm-8:00pm

Session # 7: Thursday, November 16th 6:00-8:00 pm

Contact Elvia Lubin for more information and topic listings (720.424.1473) or elvia_lubin@dpsk12.org.

**Thank you for
Supporting Skinner**



**Don't Forget to submit
your BoxTops to the
main office**

**THANK YOU Jewel Home
Tour Committee as well as
the Parent & Student
Volunteers!**

We appreciate your dedication to
our school!

ACCESS

Administration of Career & College Exploration for Skinner Students

ACCESS is an enrollment-based program designed to help students think about their futures. Through guided, hands-on learning, students visit local businesses, colleges/universities along the Front Range, and hear from community leaders about their career path.

The program meets every Friday from 2:45-5:30 pm. Applications will be accepted through October and can be picked up/returned at the Main Office.

October trips:

Oct. 6: CEC Middle College

Oct. 20: Regis University

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8th Grade Families

SAVE THE DATE- November 7 meeting

8th Grade Scholars will be engaging in a one-on-one conference with administration in the upcoming weeks to conference about being on track for Continuation to High School. Come learn more about these conferences, what we are doing to prepare our scholars to be college ready, and come hear from high schools. The Skinner portion of the meeting will take place from 6:00 – 6:45 and then high schools will present for 5 minutes each until 7:10. At 7:10 representatives from the high schools will be available at designated tables to answer questions for families until 7:30pm.

DPS Northwest SchoolChoice Expo is January 22. Taking place from 6pm-8pm at North High, the NW Expo is a great opportunity to learn more about NW high school options.

October is College & Career Readiness Month

Denver Public Schools (DPS) is working hard toward the Denver Plan 2020 goal of ensuring students are college and career ready. Middle School is the perfect time to start to think about college and the possibilities of the future and Skinner supports this process in different ways. College logo Fridays expose our students to a variety of college names and logos much like the pennants that adorn our hallways. Next, twice a month, students receive targeted lessons on skills and strategies to target planning for the future which includes steps to getting to college. These lessons are different at each of the grade levels so there is a progression of applicability as a student progresses through the grades. Our counselor provides lessons in the classroom that meet the state ICAP requirements. The ACCESS program provides weekly classes that targets researching colleges, walking through the college application process, financial aid, ACT and SAT prep, and actually visiting colleges and experiencing lessons from college faculty. Skinner Scholars have more exposure to planning for the future than many of us had when we were in middle school.

Crossing Guards Needed

If you can support our safety efforts by volunteering from 7:10 – 7:40am or 2:40 – 3:10pm as a crossing guard, please contact Russell Wooten at 720-424-1425. Thank you for considering!
THANK YOU to our current volunteers for helping to keep our students safe!