

WELCOME SKINNER SCHOLARS, CLASS OF 2025!

April 13, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians and Incoming 6th Grade Students:

We would like to personally welcome our incoming 6th grade students and their parents/guardians to Skinner Middle School. The Skinner staff is thrilled that you have selected our school to begin the important life passage of middle school. This is a critical stage in a student's life and it begins to shape who s/he becomes in the future. During your student's three years as a Skinner Scholar we will ensure that each student is academically prepared for high school and college options, as well as support her/him through this adolescent transition. Students will also be able to participate in a host of elective (Core+) courses, clubs, sports, activities, and make life-long friendships during their years at Skinner.

We have a mandatory parent/guardian meeting and fun social event planned for our incoming families. **New 6th Graders Pizza and Pool Party** and a **mandatory New Parent/Guardian Orientation**. We will be asking families to preference courses for your 6th grader at the meeting, so please plan to attend. *Please see below for more information.*

For last names beginning with letters A – L, please attend on Thursday, April 19 from 6-8 pm and for last names M – Z please attend on Wednesday, April 25 from 6-8 pm. If you're unable to attend on your assigned date, you can attend on the other date.

Please plan to arrive promptly at 6 pm. You and your student will check in then start in the auditorium for a quick meeting regarding course preferencing. Your student will then head to the ground floor for pizza, swimming and games in the gym. The parent meeting will continue covering Skinner's 2018-19 Registration process, course preferencing, and other important information. Please use Skinner's north entrance off of 41st Avenue for these events (look for the balloons).

Core + (Elective) Course Preferencing at Skinner Middle School will take place at the Parent Orientation meetings on April 19 or April 25.

- Information will be collected via the **DPS Parent Portal**. PLEASE bring your login and password with you. If you need help, your elementary school's main office staff can assist **prior to** Skinner's Parent Orientation.
- **Chromebooks**: Parent/Guardian will be asked to complete the DPS Chromebook Agreement. Chromebooks will be distributed in early fall.
- **Band/Orchestra**: Parent/Guardian will be asked if their student has interest in taking Band or Orchestra and if they have interest in a specific instrument.
- **Drama**: There will be a meeting on Monday, Aug. 6 at 1:30 pm (after 6th Grade Academy) for interested students. Auditions will take place on Aug. 9. Due to the large number of 7th and 8th graders auditioning, 6th grade spots will be limited.

PLEASE NOTE: Recommendations for Honors and/or accelerated courses are obtained from students' 5th grade teachers.



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In order to secure your seat in our 6th grade class, please plan to attend **2017-18 6th Grade Registration at Skinner Middle School on Saturday, May 19 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm**. Your student will receive his/her **summer homework** assignments during Registration. This will be your **only registration opportunity**. It is not required that you bring your student with you.

Please bring the following documents with you to Registration: your child's birth certificate; proof of address (Xcel or water bill, mortgage statement or rental lease) and your child's immunization record (TDAP immunization needed at age 11). Please also bring payment for your student's student and Chromebook fees (\$60.00) and purchasing optional Skinner gear for your student. The Neighborhood Center at Skinner will also be collecting the after-school student activity fee (\$100/month – discount for prepayment). Please see attached letter for details. Scholarship assistance and income tax credit are available. Cash, check or credit card accepted.

Skinner Middle School is happy to announce that we will host **6th Grade Academy on August 6 - 9, 2018 (Mon-Thurs) from 8:00 am – 1:30 pm**. All incoming 6th graders are expected to attend. 6th Grade Academy will jump start the transition from elementary school to a successful middle school experience. We will have more information at Registration on May 19.

We are looking forward to providing a smooth transition to Skinner Middle School for all incoming 6th grade students. Thank you for supporting your child's middle school success.

Sincerely,

Michelle Koyama

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Executive Principal

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Principal

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Pizza & Pool Party and Parent Orientation**
Thursday, April 19, 6:00 – 8:00 pm **OR**
Wednesday, April 25, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
- **2018-19 6th Grade Registration**
Saturday, May 19, 2018
9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Please remember your documents!
- **6th Grade Academy**
Mon – Thurs, August 6 – 9, 2018
8:30 am – 1:30 pm
- **1st Day of School - 6th Grade**
Monday, August 20, 2018, 7:25 am

