



Skinner Middle School Newsletter

May / June 2015

*The legacy, the passion, the opportunity
Educating and motivating life-long learners who explore,
create and achieve.*

A Note from the Principal...

Thank you to all families who have participated in the High Five for Skinner campaign and contributed at least 5 hours of parent involvement this school year. All families who contributed a minimum of 5 hours of time and logged the time through the Help Counter system in the main office or in the Neighborhood Center, were invited to a breakfast on April 24th. April was Volunteer Appreciation Month and Skinner invited 100 individuals to our 5th Annual “*Breakfast of Champions*” as a small token of our appreciation. Without a doubt, Skinner’s Staff work with a relentless pursuit to ensure that we offer quality programs to support the continuum of academic growth and the social emotional support necessary to guide your child through his/her middle school years. Everything we offer cannot be done by just the Skinner Staff alone, and requires community and parent support. Thank you to every Skinner Family for your tremendous support this school year. Below are parents and community members who were recognized for going above and beyond for Skinner students:

The 2014-15 Awardees are:

Partner Champions

Jason Taylor (Regis)
Mary Ontiveros (CSU)
Kristi Ryujiin (CU)

Community Champions

John Andrew
Ed Krug & Donna Lucero
Doug Fulton
SPEAKS Orthodontics

Parent Champions

Chris Sandoval
Nicole Kazenske
Basha Cohen

Volunteers of the Year

Adolfo Fierro-Mendez
& Clarissa Fierro-Rayas
Virginia Sarapura

Upcoming Important Dates for May & June

Tuesday, May 5th	Free Dress for 95% and higher attendance
Tuesday, May 5th	Mandatory 8 th grade Parent Meeting 6-7pm
May 5th, 6th, 7th	End of Year PARRC session 1
Friday, May 8th	Final Day for Book Check Out from Skinner Library
Saturday, May 9th	Saturday School 8:30am - 11:30am
Tuesday, May 12th	CSC 5–6:30 in LMC
May 12th, 13th & 14th	End of Year PARRC session 2
Saturday, May 16th	FINAL Saturday School for 2014-15 8:30am -11:30am
May 18th, 19th, & 20th	End of Year Interim Assessments (all subjects)
Wednesday, May 20th	Arts Night #1 Drama & Art 6:30 – 8pm
Thursday, May 21st	Arts Night #2 Band & Orchestra & Art 6:30 – 8pm
Thursday, May 21st	ALL Skinner Library Books Due
Friday, May 22nd	NO SCHOOL – SKINNER ONLY
Monday, May 25th	NO SCHOOL – Holiday – Memorial Day
Tuesday, May 26th	NO SCHOOL – See DPS Calendar
Friday, May 29th	Good Standing Celebration for May (6 th & 7 th Grade Only)
Monday, June 1st	HOPE Scholarship Assembly 7:45am
Monday, June 1st	Mandatory 7 th grade Parent meeting (for 8 th Grade) 6-7pm
Tuesday, June 2nd	8 th Grade Continuation 10am
Thursday, June 4th	Awards Assemblies for 6 th and 7 th Grades
Friday, June 5th	Last Day – Field Day School Dismissed at 11:45am

Mandatory 8th Grade Parent & Student Meeting Tuesday, May 5th 6-7pm

As we discussed during the November 8th grade parent meeting, it is time to come together to review May events that lead to Continuation on June 2nd.

Families will receive the most updated information about their child’s status in preparation for continuing to high school.

8th Grade Events Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers to help with:

- 1) Decoration logistics and decorating for the 8th Grade Dance that takes place from 5-7pm, Thursday, May 28th
- 2) Help with organizing and supervising the 8th grade BBQ on Friday, May 29th
- 3) Flower or cash donations for Continuation

Your assistance with these items will help the 8th grade teachers continue to work with students who need support up to the very end with ensuring they are ready to move on to high school. Please contact the main office if you are able to help with any of these areas.



While several after school programs will end in May, the Neighborhood Center will offer tutoring service and after hours classes until 5:30 Monday thru Thursday until June 4th. It is our intent that students have a safe place to stay until the end of the school year.

Upcoming Events

May 1-2: Lock-In overnight event for eligible students
 May 9: Girls on the Run 5k @ City Park
 May 16: Model Car Competition @ Dakota Ridge HS
 May 19: Iron Chef Cooking Competition @ Skinner
 May 22: Community Connects Parent & Pizza Party
 June 1: Salon Night (by appointment only)

Summer Camp (@ Centennial Elementary)

8:30 am-12:30 pm

Session 1: June 15-July 2

Session 2: July 13-31 (\$50 fee, scholarships available)

Register in the Neighborhood Center Mon-Thurs 10 am-5 pm

Fees for after school programming will increase next year due to decreased funding. As always, scholarships are available and no student will be denied service based on financial hardships. Please visit the Skinner website (skinner.dpsk12.org) for detailed information.

(720) 424-1469 for questions

CenturyLink Foundation provides a \$4,982 grant for innovative technology project at Skinner Middle School

[CenturyLink, Inc.](http://CenturyLink.com) (NYSE: CTL) recently presented \$150,000 in grants to Colorado schools as part of the CenturyLink Clarke M. Williams Foundation's Teachers and Technology grant program. The program, which has been offered since 2008 and has awarded more than \$1 million to recipients across the state, recognizes teachers who have developed specific plans to innovatively implement technology in their classrooms to advance student achievement.

Our school was selected from 253 applications enabling our teachers to bring new learning tools and techniques into our classrooms, and introduce students to more educational technology in their daily school lives.

Congratulations to Jessica Nenni for submitting an application that was selected as one of this year's grant recipients.



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Registration Information

Saturday, May 30th
 6th Grade & New to Skinner 7th & 8th Grade students Only
 9am – 2pm

Please remember to bring the following documents:

Proof of Address
 (Xcel or water bill, mortgage or lease)

August 6th & 7th
 All grades
 8/6 = 9am- 6pm
 8/7 = 8am – 3pm

Child's immunization record
 \$7 payment for student agenda

Skinner Family - Raise money for our school while you save

Raising funds for our school is as easy as using your Debit or Credit REDcard®. Designate our school through Take Charge of Education to give our kids a boost. And save 5%* every time you shop. Enroll at Target.com/TCOE or call 1-800-316-6142. If you've signed up your REDcard in the past, please click the link to verify that SKINNER is your designated school. Thank you for your support!

Skinner Middle School is also a proud participant of BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



How can you help Skinner raise funds?

- ¢ **FIND** the Box Tops logo on participating products
- ¢ **CLIP** Box Tops and save them on a collection sheet
Please make sure Box Tops are not expired!
- ¢ **SEND** your Box Tops to the Skinner Middle School Main Office. Collection sheets will be available in the main office
- ¢ For a list of products or more information about the Box Tops Program visit: www.BTFE.com

EACH valid Box Top is worth 10¢ toward our school!!

Skinner Yearbook Distribution

April 16 was the last day to guarantee your child's copy of this year's yearbook! A few extra were ordered and will be sold on a first come first served basis.

Yearbooks will be distributed during the May Good Standing Celebration on Friday, May 29th. Students who do not receive their yearbook on this day will receive it the following Monday during the lunch period.

THANK YOU

We appreciate the tremendous support we had from all the families who contributed and/or participated in this year's Totally Tennyson event. Thank you to Nicole Kazenske for serving as the Skinner school liaison and representative for the planning committee.

Call for Uniforms

To all families of current 8th grade SKINNER Scorpions continuing to 9th grade!
At this exciting time of year, we would like to make a request for any gently used Skinner t-shirts, polos, or sweatshirts. As you and your student move towards the big day, we would love to recycle your gear for future Skinner Scholars. Please bring all donations to Mr. Waldon. We really appreciate the opportunity to pass your gently used items along to other scholars. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Waldon at 720.424.1420

Teacher / Staff Appreciation Week!

May 4th - 8th

Please take a minute to thank your child's teachers for all they do each and every day!

End of Year Testing Schedule

Students and Teachers have worked diligently to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary for academic success. The time for the final round of assessments to measure our progress of the year has come.

Please ensure students are at Skinner on time and ready to focus and do their best during the entire month of May, not just on the testing days.

CMAS Testing Schedule Round 2 (Math & Literacy)

Testing Days	Testing Sessions
Tuesday, May 5 th	6 th grade Day 1
Wednesday, May 6 th	7 th grade Day 1
Thursday, May 7 th	8 th grade Day 1
Tuesday, May 12 th	6 th grade Day 2
Wednesday, March 13 th	7 th grade Day 2
Thursday, March 14 th	8 th grade Day 2

District Interim Assessments (Math & Literacy)

Monday, May 18 th	6 th grade
Tuesday, May 19 th	7 th grade
Wednesday, May 20 th	8 th grade

We appreciate families scheduling all appointments for your child on alternate dates. Perfect attendance during school and testing time is the first step to success! Let's support our students so that they can perform well each and every day! Thank you for all your support!

It Pays to Come to School! 100% Attendance

It is imperative that students come to school each day to ensure they are receiving the instruction teachers have planned to prepare all students for the next grade level. Students who have 100% attendance (including being on time to class) will once again receive \$100 for being at school each day.

Congratulations to the following students and families:

6th Grade:

Peton Arb
Satena Charles-Luciani
Maile Kilen
Michaela McAllister
Willow Salomone
Zechariah Zertuche

7th Grade:

Isla Anderson
Aspen Coates
Esther Cornish
Daniella Couture
Alondra Gil-Gonzalez
Oliver Groner
Aidan Hepler

8th Grade:

Diego Burciago
Nicolette Couture
Jazmine Eaton
Amelia Gardner