



Skinner Middle School Newsletter

November 2014

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

Annual Thanksgiving Lunch

Friday, November 21st

We would like to invite you to join us for the Annual Thanksgiving Lunch. During this event, parents and guardians have the opportunity to come eat a Thanksgiving lunch with their Skinner Scholar. **Tickets must be purchased in advance for this event to ensure we have enough food. Tickets are \$4.00 per person and can be purchased through the main office. The deadline for ticket sales is Friday, November 15th.**

PLEASE NOTE: students have a regular school day and should remain in class for the rest of the day. If families take students out of school for the afternoon, we will expect a doctor's note at minimum to excuse the absence. We look forward to seeing as many families as possible join during this Thanksgiving event.

Lunch Periods:

6th: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

**Students will send home an invite according to their time assignment

7th: 10:40 am – 11:40 am

8th: 10:00 am – 10:30 am

8th Grade Mandatory Parent Meeting 11/12

6:30 pm - Auditorium

As first Trimester comes to a close, come meet with Administration about the next steps in the Continuation Process. Current Progress reports will be provided and report cards will be available for pick up.

Upcoming Important Dates for November

Monday, November 3 rd	CSC 5pm
Tuesday, November 4 th	Free Dress for October 95% Attendance
Thursday, November 6 th	Parenting Partners 6-8pm in PDC
Saturday, November 8 th	Saturday School 8:30 – 11:30
Saturday, November 8 th	Huevos Rancheros Breakfast 8-10:30
Monday, November 10 th	NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, November 11 th	NO SCHOOL – Veteran's Day
Wednesday, November 12 th	8 th Grade Parent Meeting 6:30pm
Monday, November 17 th	8 th grade Conferences Begin
Tuesday, November 18 th	ELA-PAC 5:30 – 7:30
Thursday, November 20 th	Parenting Partners 6-8pm in PDC
Friday, November 21 st	Thanksgiving Lunch
Saturday, November 22 nd	Saturday School 8:30 – 11:30am
November 25 th – 29 th	NO SCHOOL



This year, we are so thankful for our students, parents, families, and staff of Skinner Middle School who make our community strong.

Huevos Rancheros Breakfast Volleyball Fundraiser

Skinner Middle School Cafeteria
November 8th, 2014
8:00 am-10:30 am

\$4.00 per person, children 6 and under are \$2.00

Tickets can be purchased at the door or prior to event at Skinner Middle School Main Office M-F from 8:00am -2:00pm

All proceeds go to the 2014/2015 7th/8th Grade volleyball team.

By Popular Demand, sopapillas will be served for \$1.00 the day of the event

Teacher Gifts Needed!

If you enjoyed giving Holiday gifts to your child's teachers in the past, but are at a loss on what to do now that your child has EIGHT different teachers here at Skinner, we can help! Consider donating one or two gifts for the December Gift drawing and they'll be distributed at random. The whole Skinner staff will be eligible and we hope to collect enough gifts so that every staff member has at least one opportunity to receive for a gift. Last year, due to the generosity of Skinner families, every staff member received a gift!

We ask that gifts be a minimum \$20 value. Anything you are willing to contribute would be greatly appreciated! Gift ideas: restaurant gift cards, office supplies, store gift cards, bottles of wine, etc.

Items can be dropped off in the front office anytime between 7 am – 3:30 pm. Please make sure to include your name and your child's name on the donation.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Attendance

A friendly reminder that attendance rate is calculated by the seat time students are physically in class. Excused absences for medical reasons and legal obligations do not change the overall percentage calculation recorded in Infinite Campus.

Free Dress is awarded monthly to students who have the 95% rate with no tardies to any classes however, medical notes from appointments do impact consideration for end of year awards when calculating overall attendance rate for the school year.

Free Dress Day for students who meet the above criteria will be Tuesday, November 4th

Parenting Partners

Elvia Lubin and Joe Waldon will continue working with parents of Skinner students surrounding parenting strategies for Middle School students. All meetings are held in the 2nd Floor PDC at Skinner Middle School. Childcare is available.

Session #4: Thursday, November 6th 6:00pm-8:00pm

Session #5: Thursday, November 20th 6:00pm-8:00pm

Session #6: Thursday, December 4th 6:00pm-8:00pm

Specific Topics include:

Positive Parenting-Success

Creating Confident Kids & Communication that Works

Creating Structure for Achieving

...and much more

Contact Elvia Lubin for more information and topic listings
(720.423.2285) or elvia_lubin@dpsk12.org.



3rd Annual Turkey Bowl

Please join us at the North High School Main Athletic Field on Nov. 26th for 3rd Annual Turkey Bowl. From 11am-2pm Skinner students and families can participate in games of soccer and flag football. Snacks and beverages are included in the \$2 admission fee.

Youth: Science Fair

The Neighborhood Center is proud to offer Science Fair project support Monday-Thursday from 3-4:30 pm.

Employees from Zachry Engineering and students from School of Mines will be present to help our Skinner Scholars.

Adult Classes

It's not too late to sign up for our Adult/Family Evening programs including Zumba, Family Cooking, Men's Basketball, Youth with Values, and Authentic Mexican Meals. Please contact the Neighborhood Center to Register.

For more information, contact Dirk Boden (720)424-1469.



THANK YOU

Thank you to all the families who were able to come out to the 5th Annual Fall Festival. We especially appreciate the individuals who were able to donate time to help with the many different activities and events.

Skinner had a fundraiser Friday, October 24th at Local 46. Thank you to the PTO for organizing the event and to Grant Gingerich for once again supporting schools.

Skinner Science Fair

All Skinner Scholars engage in learning the scientific process through science fair projects.

SAVE THE DATE

12/8

5:30pm – 7:30pm

All Scholars will present their project to family members on 12/8 which allows students to demonstrate what has been learned in science this first semester as well as practice for Science Fair Day on 12/9. Students will present their learning to judges from both the scientific and business world on 12/9 to compete for the District Science Fair as well as moving on to the Metro Science Fair in February.