

# STALLION NEWS

August 2017



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, Aug. 2 & 3	New Student Registration	8:00 am-4:00 pm
Wednesday, Aug. 9	Back to School 101	10:00 am-7:00 pm
Tuesday, Aug. 15	Open House	6:00 pm-7:00 pm
Thursday, Aug. 17	1st Day of School	8:10 am-3:06 pm
Thursday, Aug. 24	Kdg & 5th Grade Curriculum Night	6:00 pm-7:00 pm
Tuesday, Aug.29	1st-4th Grade Curriculum Night	6:00 pm-7:00 pm
Monday, Sept. 4	Labor Day	NO SCHOOL!

Greetings Skyline Families,

Welcome Back!!! The staff at Skyline is busily preparing for the upcoming 2017-18 school year. You will notice that there are a few more cars in the parking lot, more students and parents in the building, more staff, etc. I believe that we may pass the 500 mark for student enrollment. That is a lot of students for Skyline! We have added an additional portable building with two more classrooms and have moved a few classrooms around. We have also added some additional teachers. Kaylee Sorensen will teach 1st grade, Tracy Nielsen has moved to 2nd grade, Miranda Mull will teach 4th grade, and Katie Ehle will teach 5th grade. At this time we have four sections of each grade level except for Kindergarten. Of course the opening of Blue Sage Elementary next year will ease the crowding so I ask for your continued patience with drop off and pick up and with parking at events. It will definitely be "cozy" around here but I am sure it will be a fantastic year.

I look forward to seeing all of you at Back to School 101 or Open House. The first day is quickly approaching. Enjoy the remainder of summer. Have fun and see you soon!!!

Andy Luebbe  
Skyline Principal

## Back to School 101-August 9 (10:00-7:00)

Please plan to attend Back to School 101 with your child/children. During this time you will turn in all completed paperwork, turn in any medication and medication authorization forms, take pictures for the yearbook, deposit money into your child's lunch account, check out the new Skyline apparel, order the on-line directory, sign up for PTO volunteer opportunities and find out who your new teacher is!!

Back to School 101 packets will be mailed on Friday, July 30. If you do not receive your packet by Monday, August 7, please contact the office and a packet will be ready for you at the registration table.

For any students unable to attend BTS101, pictures will be taken on "Picture Re-take Day" on Monday, October 2.

### OPEN HOUSE

SKYLINE OPEN HOUSE WILL BE HELD ON **TUESDAY, AUGUST 15 FROM 6:00-7:00 PM**. THIS IS A GREAT TIME FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS TO MEET THEIR NEW TEACHER. THE SCHOOL WILL BE OPEN FOR SELF-GUIDED TOURS, SO FEEL FREE TO WALK AROUND. YOU ARE WELCOME TO BRING YOUR SCHOOL SUPPLIES THAT NIGHT.

### Curriculum Nights

Kindergarten and 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be on Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Grades 1<sup>st</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup> will be on Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm to 7:00pm



## Elementary School Hours

The elementary school day is from 8:15-3:06.

Before School: Breakfast is offered for all children from 7:35 to 7:55 everyday and then students go directly to Walking Club. Students not eating breakfast may attend Walking Club at 7:50, or arrive at school between 8:00 and 8:10. Students should not be in the building or on the playground before this time. There is no outdoor supervision for students who arrive before 8:00. The first bell rings at 8:10 and the tardy bell rings at 8:15.

After School: The dismissal bell rings at 3:06. Children should leave the building to go home upon dismissal, unless specifically directed by a teacher to remain. There is no supervision after 3:30, so please make arrangements to have children picked up by that time.

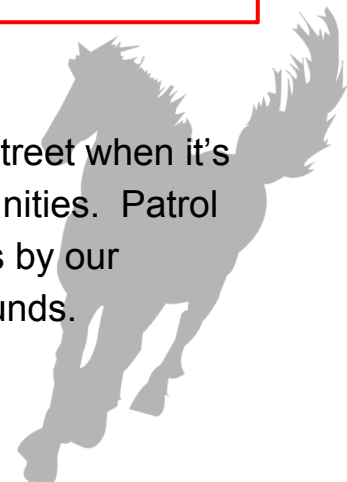
### Traffic Reminders

For the safety of all children, please adhere to the following reminders regarding traffic at Skyline.

- \*The left lane is the thru lane for cars. NEVER load or unload in the thru lane.
- \*Right lane is the drop off/pick up lane.
- \*Please drop off/pick up on the curbside of your vehicle.
- \*Drivers must remain in their vehicles during drop off/pick up times.

### Safety Patrol

Our fifth grade students have been trained to help students cross the street when it's safe. Please respect their role and encourage their leadership opportunities. Patrol members carry walkie-talkies in order to report inappropriate behaviors by our students, traffic endangerment or other policy violations on school grounds.



## Visitor Sign-In/Sign-Out Procedures

At Skyline, doors will remain locked during the school day and all visitors will gain access using the security camera/access panel outside the school's main entrance. Office Staff will grant access after you do the following steps:

1. Push the button and wait for an identification request.
2. Give your name and purpose for entering our school.
3. When you hear the door unlatch, enter and proceed to the office.
4. Sign in on the orange sheet and take a visitor's badge. Please don't forget to sign out and return your badge when you leave.

## Student Sign-In/Sign-Out Procedures

1. Please contact the office and your child's teacher if your child will be late to school or if he/she needs to be picked up early.
2. Follow the procedures for entering the building above.
3. Sign your child in or out on the green sheet.

Please make sure you push the button on the access panel. The security system will not allow office staff to unlock the doors unless the button is pushed. Student safety is a top priority and we thank you for following these procedures at Skyline.

## Recess/Lunch Times

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Recess</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
KDG	11:00-11:15	11:20-11:40
1st	11:20-11:35	11:40-12:00
2nd	11:40-11:55	12:00-12:20
3rd	12:00-12:15	12:20-12:40
4th	12:20-12:35	12:40-1:00
5th	12:40-12:55	1:00-1:20

## New Meal Prices

Breakfast \$1.50

Lunch \$2.50

Adult Lunch \$3.85

Parents are welcome to come have lunch with their children during their lunch hour, however having too many visitors during the first few days can make learning the lunch procedures challenging for students. We would ask that parents do not start joining us for lunch until Monday, August 28th. This will give us plenty of time to ensure that students learn the correct lunch procedures. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Attendance Policy

Regular school attendance helps to develop habits of punctuality, self-discipline and responsibility along with helping to ensure student success. Absences from school should be minimized whenever possible. Parents or guardians will receive a letter from the school when their child has exceeded 5 absences per quarter. Letters will also be sent to parents when a child has been absent 10 days and again at 15 days, as a reminder of the importance for the child to be in attendance at school every day. Meetings with the teacher, counselor and principal may be set up during the year to help solve problems with attendance. A letter will be sent to the parents and the County Attorney if a child accumulates 20 days of absences during the school year with a request to schedule a conference with the building principal.

It is our goal to have all students accounted for and fully present at the beginning of each school day. We ask for your cooperation with attendance. Please contact the office **and** your child's teacher if they will be absent, arriving late, or leaving early.

### Skyline Student Treat Guidelines

Birthdays are important milestones in each child's life. At Skyline Elementary we look forward to sharing in the student's excitement over their own special day. Each morning birthdays will be read over the announcements and students will be invited to come select a book to keep from the "birthday book" containers in the office. Summer birthdays will be announced the last week of school to ensure each child enjoys this special recognition during the school year.

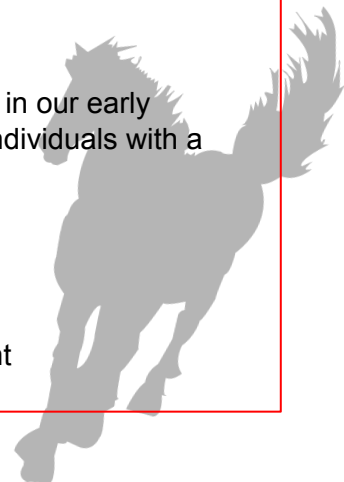
If you would like to send a special treat or token for your child to pass out to classmates, please send only NON-EDIBLE tokens or treats to school. Ideas or suggestions may include items such as small erasers, pencils, or stickers. Classroom teachers may also offer other suggestions.

The kids are heading back to school, how about you?

The Elkhorn Public School District is currently seeking teacher assistant/paraprofessionals in our early education, elementary, and secondary settings. EPS is seeking caring and collaborative individuals with a desire to help students achieve.

- Family friendly hours – follows the school day and calendar
- Competitive pay (\$13.75/\$14.25)
- Rewarding working environment

Apply at [www.elkhornweb.org](http://www.elkhornweb.org) Employment: Support Staff Non-Certified: Teacher Assistant



## From the Nurse...

Welcome back, I hope you had a great summer! We want to keep your student(s) happy, healthy, and safe while at school, so please read the following information carefully.

### ~ Sick Child Policy ~

Please remember if your student is running a fever of >100.0 or has vomiting/diarrhea, please keep them home from school until fever or vomiting free for 24 hours, without the aid of medication (Motrin, Tylenol, Advil, acetaminophen, ibuprofen).

### ~ Physical and Immunization Requirements ~

Nebraska law requires that all school children have a **physical examination** upon entry into school, at seventh grade, and when transferring from an out-of-state school. Students must provide proof of a **visual evaluation** to include testing for amblyopia, strabismus, internal and external eye health and visual acuity upon entry into school and when transferring from an out-of-state school. The law also requires your child be immunized and provide **proof of immunization** before attending classes. Please visit the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (link below) which outlines specific vaccine requirements.

Link to DHHS vaccine summary for 2017-2018:

<http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Immunization/Documents/2017-2018%20School%20RR%20English.pdf>

### ~ Medication for the 2017-2018 School Year ~

If your student requires any medication (over-the-counter and/or prescription) while at school, each medication must have a Medication Authorization form (link below) signed by the parent and a physician, before we can administer. All medications must be unexpired and provided in the original packaging and/or pharmacy container. For prescription medication, please only provide a **maximum of 30 day supply** at a time.

***All medication must be dropped off in the office by a parent or guardian.***

***Please do not send any medications with your student.***

Link to print blank medication authorization form:

<http://www.elkhornweb.org/parents/student-medication-form/>

### ~ Students with Asthma, Severe Allergies, Diabetes, and/or Seizures ~

If your child has asthma, severe allergies, diabetes, and/or seizures, please submit an emergency action plan signed by your physician. Plans must be updated annually. Blank forms can be obtained at the school office, or your physician's office can use whichever form they prefer.

