

STALLION NEWS

August 2018



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, Aug. 7	Back to School 101	12:00 pm-6:00 pm
Monday, Aug. 13	Open House	6:00 pm-7:00 pm
Tuesday, Aug. 14	1st Day of School	8:15 am-3:06 pm
Thursday, Aug. 23	Kdg & 5th Grade Curriculum Night	6:00 pm-7:00 pm
Tuesday, Aug. 28	1st-4th Grade Curriculum Night	6:00 pm-7:00 pm
Monday, Sept. 3	Labor Day	NO SCHOOL!
Tuesday, Sept. 4	PTO Meeting	7:00 pm

Dear Skyline Families,

Welcome back! Have you ever heard of Batdad? He's a social media sensation who basically makes short videos of himself with his kids and wife while in a Batman mask. He's pretty funny and has over 7 million followers on Facebook alone just making light of the everyday struggles of life with kids. As I sat down to write this, I kept getting his newest episode, "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year," and in my head he's taken the popular Christmas carol and inserted back to school words. In this episode, his kids are preparing their school supplies and he is **pumped** that they're about to return to school. His kids aren't as excited. This time of year is always met with mixed emotions... Sadness that the carefree days of summer are coming to an end, but for most of us, some excitement around routine, reuniting with friends, and a school year filled with fun, learning, and new experiences.

This year is particularly special to me as I begin my journey as a building principal at Skyline. I couldn't be more thrilled to join the Skyline family and to get to know your students and families this year. I have taught in Millard and Westside, and most recently was an Administrative Intern (like an assistant principal) at Reeder Elementary in Millard. I have degrees in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education from UNO and a Masters in Elementary School Administration from Creighton. While my formal education has taught me a lot, what has probably taught me the most is having my own kids. My husband, Shaun, and I have two little boys- Liam (4) and Landon (2). They are my biggest teachers (and my biggest loves)!

We will be opening our doors to Skyline families in the coming weeks for two important upcoming events- BTS101 and Open House. Our teachers have been working hard to prepare their learning spaces and we're eager to see you! If you need anything this year, please reach out. I look forward to partnering with you on your child's education and making it a fantastic year for all. Enjoy those last days of summer!

Sarah Yandell
Skyline Principal

Back to School 101 for Open To All Students

August 7 from 12:00-6:00

Please plan to attend Back to School 101 with your child/children. During this time you will turn in any medication and medication authorization forms, take pictures for the yearbook (see attached information from Lifetouch Pictures), deposit money into your child's lunch account, check out the new Skyline apparel, order the online directory, sign up for PTO volunteer opportunities and find out who your new teacher is!!

New this year: Returning Student Update Information will be done online. Please go to the student parent portal after July 30th, sign in with your ID and password and update all forms that are required. If you don't have access to a computer before BTS101, there will be a few computers set up for you to complete the online updates during that time. Once the update has been verified, your child will find out who his/her teacher is.

For any students unable to attend BTS101, pictures will be taken on "Picture Retake Day" on Friday, October 5.

OPEN HOUSE

SKYLINE OPEN HOUSE WILL BE HELD ON **MONDAY, AUGUST 13 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 5th grade will be on Thursday, August 23rd from 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Grades 1st thru 4th will be on Tuesday, August 28th 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 7:50. 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.

Skyline is a NO PHONE ZONE!
Please turn off or silence your phone while on school property.



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.



Parents are welcome to come have lunch with their children to celebrate their birthday or Start Student of the Week. We would ask that parents do not start joining us for lunch until after Monday, August 28th. This will give us plenty of time to ensure that students learn the correct lunch procedures. Please contact the office by 9:00 if you will be joining your child for lunch, or need to purchase a school lunch. Thank you for your cooperation.

RECESS/LUNCH TIMES
PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGES!!

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>RECESS</u>	<u>LUNCH</u>
1ST	10:50-11:05	11:10-11:30
4TH	11:10-11:25	11:30-11:50
KDG	11:30-11:45	11:50-12:15
5TH	12:00-12:15	12:20-12:40
3RD	12:20-12:35	12:40-1:00
2ND	12:40-12:55	1:00-1:20

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.

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 visitor 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. An adult needs to sign in or out your child on the student 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.

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.



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.

~ Medication for the 2018-2019 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.



Things to do at Back to School 101, August 7th, 12p.m. - 6p.m:

- Buy *Skyline Stallions Apparel & Car Magnets* New this year – we take credit cards! Plus you can take your new duds home with you on August 7th! View apparel choices at skylinestallionspto.com!
- Stop by the PTO table and sign up to help with PTO projects -- big or small. You don't have to go to meetings or "sign up" to belong to PTO. As a Skyline parent, you already belong! Let us know how much or how little you can help this year -- one hour a week, one hour a month, or one hour this year. Any time you can give helps our school!
- Sign up to help take yearbook photos for your child's class. Or email Sumana Sermchief at yearbookskyline@gmail.com if you can help take photos at any school event.

Things to do at home any time you like:

- ❖ Order 2018 Skyline yearbooks online. Yearbooks are \$20. To purchase, visit www.skylinestallionspto.com, click on the "Order Yearbook" link, then choose "2018 Yearbook." Please note PTO cannot track your order - please save your receipt email!
- ❖ Order the Skyline online directory by August 25. Our directory goes where you go! Myschoolanywhere now has an App! Order the 2018-2019 directory using these steps:
 - In the next week, you will receive an email from Skyline PTO via myschoolanywhere.com with a unique link to a pre-filled online form with your family information.
 - Review and update your family's information, or opt-out if you wish. If you choose to opt-out, your child's first and last name will still appear under class listings. SAVE to confirm.
 - Access to the Skyline Directory is only \$5; you will check out directly from myschoolanywhere.com using Paypal.
 - After August 25, you will receive another email granting member access. Click on the link to create your unique password.
- ❖ Stay connected to Skyline PTO for up-to-date details on all PTO school and family activities!

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Got A Little One Heading to Kindergarten?



Join us for the Boo-Hoo/Woo-Hoo Breakfast

August 14th (First Day of School)

8:15 a.m. in the Skyline Cafeteria

Once you've dropped off your kids for a fun-filled day of learning, Come meet other Kindergarten Parents and PTO members

Some of us are crying, teary-eyed and blue; Some of us are cheering, "I'm glad the summer's through!" Whatever you're feeling, stop by and stay awhile;

We'll be here to greet you with a coffee and a smile!

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Picture Day is Coming

Order before Picture Day at mylifetouch.com

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Tuesday, August 07, 2018

Skyline Elementary School

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Tuesday, August 07, 2018
\ martes, 7 de agosto, 2018

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