



# The Thursday



February 2, 2012

## Dear Skyview School Families,

We have seen a fairly high numbers of students and staff coming down with colds and flues the last couple of weeks. While this is a common occurrence in a school setting, it has affected a fairly high numbers of students. In an effort to minimize the number of students exposed I want to inform you of the precautions Skyview School teachers are taking to prevent your children from becoming sick and some precautions you can take to prevent your child from becoming sick as well. Here are some simple actions teachers are doing as preventive measures:

- Educating and encouraging students to cover their mouth and nose with a tissue when they cough or sneeze. In the event that a tissue is not available to cover coughs or sneezes, to use an elbow instead of their hand.
- Reminding the students to practice good hand hygiene and providing the time and supplies (easy access to running water and soap or alcohol-based hand cleaners) for them to wash their hands as often as necessary.
- Being a good role model for the students by practicing good hand hygiene and covering his/her mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.
- Keeping an eye out for sick students and sending them to Dianne's office for further evaluation. Sick students and teachers should stay at home until at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever or signs of a fever (without the use of fever-reducing medicine).
- Cleaning surfaces and items regularly, which are more likely to have frequent hand contact such as desks, doorknobs, keyboards, or pens, with

cleaning agents that are usually used in these areas.

Here are some simple actions parents can take as preventive measures:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.
- Keep your child home when they are sick. We would rather your child stay home for a couple of days if necessary than risk exposing other students.
- Teach your children to cover their mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing.
- Model for your children the importance of washing their hands.
- Talking with your children about the importance of not touching their eyes, nose or mouth. Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Practice other good health habits. Ensure that your children are getting plenty of sleep, are physically active, managing their stress, drinking plenty of fluids, and eating nutritious food.



## **100th Day Count**

It is hard to believe that we are already approaching our 100th day count for this school year. On Monday, February 13th, the state will conduct a 100th day count for Skyview School, which will determine funding for this fiscal year. The state determines funding based on the number of students enrolled on the 100th day, but then adjusts that number down based on the number of absences for that day. In effect, schools budgets are affected negatively because students are out sick.



Naturally, in order for Skyview School's 100th day count to remain strong we need all of you to ensure your children are at school on that day. The exception of course, is if your child is really sick. As mentioned above, we have had a high number of students out sick this week and we prefer that parents keep their children home when they are sick in order to minimize the risk of passing the crud on to someone else.

## **Candy Grams**

It is almost that time of year again! This year Valentines Day brings us many things, the 101th day of school and an appreciation of our friends and family. This year once again, the middle school students will offer Valentine's candy-gram delivery for the school. They will deliver your

hand-written Valentine(s) to any person you choose for 50 cents. All the proceeds will go to school's extracurricular activities. We have a table set up in the front office and you are welcome to stop by any time to fill out some Valentine candy-grams. Thank you for all of your support and have a great soon to be Valentines Day!

## **Valentine's Day**

Valentine's Day is this coming Tuesday, February 14th Please know that teachers have different plans for how their classes will celebrate Valentine's Day and will be sending this information home with your children. Please be aware though, that if your child brings in Valentine's cards/ treats to share with others that they have one for each person in his/her class.



## **Bake Sale**

Kaylee, a third grader in Ms. Fine's class, will be holding a bake sale on February 13th and 14th to raise money for Horses with H.E.A.R.T, which is a local organization devoted to helping people with disabilities through therapeutic and recreational horse riding. If there are any families who would like to donate yummy goodies to Kaylee to help her with this thoughtful cause, please talk with either Ms. Fine or myself. Also, please

put some money in your child's lunch bag so they can enjoy a cookie or two.



## **School Closure**

On Friday, February 17th, Skyview School will be closed and on Monday, February 20th, the school will be out of session in observance of Presidents' Day.

## **Arts Share**

Skyview School will be holding its quarterly Arts Share on Thursday, February 23rd from 2:00-2:45 pm. We were thrilled to have many families attend our last Arts Share and we are looking forward to seeing many more of you once again. Thank you for supporting your children's joy and love for the arts.



Thank you for all that you do!  
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