

Mark T. Skinner West School WEEK AT A GLANCE

September 15-23, 2011



Weekly Update

Monday, Sept. 19th

Facility Services
Committee Meeting
9:00 AM
Location: TBA



Please join us for our upcoming Open House to meet your child's teacher and learn about academic expectations. The schedule for Open House is as follows:

Tuesday, Sept. 20th

PTO/Forum Meeting
5:30 PM
Location: Room 124

LSC Meeting
6:30 PM
Location: Gym

- 1st - 5th Grades - Tuesday, September 27th - 5:30-6:30
- 6th - 8th Grades - Wednesday, September 28th - 5:30-7:00

Friday, Sept. 23rd

No School
Staff Development Day



PE Uniforms

Skinner School is pleased to announce that our annual spirit merchandise is available for purchase. Once again, we are offering the "Skinner Superstars" logo on our merchandise.

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Does your Superstar have an accomplishment or honorable mention you would like to submit to

the newsletter?
 Reply to this email or
 email us at
skinnerwest@gmail.com.

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ONGOING FUNDRAISERS
 Are you supporting
 Skinner through these NO
 additional cost
 fundraisers?
SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!

**Box Tops/ Labels for
 Education**
 Collect everyday labels
 from groceries to earn
 points and funds for our
 school library

e-Scrip (Dominicks)
 Designate your eScrip
 accounts to Skinner; Look
 out for special bonus days

Target
 1% goes to
 Skinner on ALL purchases
 made with Target Card
 (additional 5% all
 purchases for you!)
 Designate
 Skinner Classical as your
 school
www.target.com/tcoe

As of 8/2011, Skinner
 has earned over \$7,000
 from Target. Please
 encourage parents,
 relatives and friends to
 designate Skinner
 Classical as their school!

Skinner will place **ONE** order for this school year. We
 must receive your order with a check or money order by
Friday, September 30th. Delivery is expected the week
 of October 18th.

Click on the link below to download an order form with
 the price list and a sizing chart. Please indicate "Y" for
Youth" and "A" for Adult, color choice (if available), and
 the item number on your order form. Please check
 sizes carefully. We cannot exchange incorrect sizing.

Make checks or money orders payable to the Skinner
 School Fund. Cash will also be accepted, please make
 sure to place all cash in an envelope with your child's
name and room number.

In addition, we would like to remind you that a PE
 uniform is MANDATORY for ALL PE classes in the 2011-
 12 school year. Also, we respect your right to use a
 different vendor to purchase the uniform. Please keep
 in mind that the CPS dress code, as it applies to PE, is
 a plain all white top, plain navy blue bottoms, and
 appropriate footwear (i.e. gym shoes). If a uniform is
 not purchased from Skinner, it needs to be free of any
 writing, logos, or lettering.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Ryan Johnson & Joy Westendorf - Physical Education
 Teachers

[Skinner KDG-5th Grade School Apparel Order Form](#)
[Skinner 6th-8th Grade School Apparel Order Form](#)



2011-2012 Physical Education Schedule

Do you have trouble remembering what day your child
 has PE? You are not alone. Here is the PE schedule, by
 grade level, for the school year. This information will
 also be available on the Skinner West website at



<http://skinersuperstars.org/>.

8th Grade:

- Room 326 - Monday and Wednesday
- Room 320 - Tuesday and Friday

7th Grade:

- Room 323 - Thursday and Friday
- Room 322 - Wednesday and Friday

6th Grade:

- Room 319 - Tuesday and Thursday
- Room 321 - Tuesday and Thursday

5th Grade:

- Room 317 - Monday and Friday
- Room 314 - Monday and Wednesday
- Room 318 - Tuesday and Thursday

4th Grade:

- Room 214 - Tuesday and Friday
- Room 216 - Wednesday and Friday

3rd Grade:

- Room 217 - Monday and Thursday
- Room 218 - Tuesday and Friday
- Room 220 - Thursday and Friday

2nd Grade:

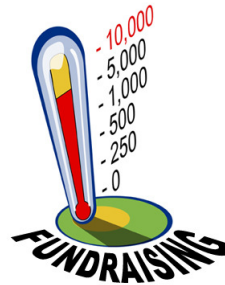
- Room 223 - Monday and Thursday
- Room 219 - Monday and Wednesday
- Room 221 - Friday

1st Grade:

- Room 123 - Monday and Thursday
- Room 121 - Tuesday and Wednesday
- Room 212 - Wednesday

Kindergarten:

- Room 116 &118 - Monday and Wednesday
- Room 119 &120 - Tuesday



The Skinner PTO/Forum is hosting an Entertainment Booklets Fundraiser from Sept. 12th - Sept. 26th, to help raise funds for upcoming field trips, technology needs and Family Fun Nights. Your support is needed! The Entertainment booklets are priced at \$20 each. As a special incentive, any student who sells 3 booklets will be invited to spend 15 minutes in the Game Truck, and any student who sells 4 or more booklets will receive a free 2012 Chicago North Entertainment Book for their family. Additional prizes are also available (check the prize program inside the packet sent home earlier this week for more details). [Click here](#) to view the flyer sent home earlier this week.

Thank you for your support.



Skinner West Room Parents (RP's) and Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed to join the new Skinner West Room Parent (RP) Program. The RPs will serve as a liaison between the teacher and the parents in each classroom. A few responsibilities may be to help with

projects, assist in classroom organization, field trips, help with holiday parties, assist on some special events, etc. They work with their teacher to determine what would be of most assistance in that particular classroom and invite other parents from their classroom to participate.

This is a fantastic opportunity to meet other parents and network, as well as participate in your child's learning environment. Please send an email to skinnerwest@gmail.com with your name, child's name, grade and room number if you are interested in becoming a RP. There will also be a sign-up sheet during Open House night (**September 27th for 1st-5th & September 28th for 6th-8th**).

Room parents will be the foundation of the volunteer program, which provides the school with the many benefits that come from a strong volunteer community served by all its families. There will be two parents in each classroom who will serve as the Room Parents for his/her class.

If you are not interested in becoming the RP, but are interested in volunteering in one of our ancillary classrooms (art, gym, science, library, Spanish, Chinese, lunchroom, music) or to volunteer with early morning drop off please let us know in your email. An orientation meeting to discuss the program and answer any questions you may have will be established, once we have all the RPs and volunteers situated.

Room Parent's and volunteer's commitment to each teacher, the school and its families will nurture the growth of our school's community spirit as we work together to advance the mission of Skinner West by serving one another. We look forward to working together!!



Presidential Active Lifestyle Award Challenge

The Physical Education Department is encouraging all Superstars, including parents, teachers and students, to participate in the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award (PALA) challenge.

Here are the goals:

- **Adults (that's anyone 18 and older):** You need to be active 30 minutes a day, at least 5 days a week, for 6 out of 8 weeks. As an alternative, you can count your daily activity steps using a pedometer (goal: 8,500 steps)
- **Kids and teens (that's anyone between 6 and 17 years):** You need to be active 60 minutes a day, at least 5 days a week, for 6 out of 8 weeks. As an alternative, you can count your daily activity steps using a pedometer (girls' goal: 11,000 steps; boys' goal: 13,000 steps)

Starting the PALA will help you commit to daily physical activity - and stick with it. It will help you set realistic goals to encourage fitness for a lifetime. In addition, it helps to track your progress with your free personal activity log, which you can access online after you create an individual account ([click here](#)), or on a paper log like this one: [Active Lifestyle Activity Log](#)

PALA makes fitness fun! Yes, you need to be active every day, but participants can choose all kinds of activities to meet this goal - playing with the kids, gardening, walking, playing basketball, running, yoga, and more.

Did Someone Say 'Award'?

It's easy to earn the [Presidential Active Lifestyle Award](#). All it takes is a nearly daily commitment to physical activity for 6 out of 8 weeks. Stick with the

program and you'll earn an award in less than two months. So what are you waiting for? Sign up today:

<http://www.presidentschallenge.org>



SUPERSTAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS!!!!

Please join us in congratulating Erica and Myah J., winners of the Illinois Statewide School Golf Championship. Erica (Ms. Mello's 8th grade class) and Myah (Ms. Sendoun's 6th grade class), also known as the "Birdie Sisters", placed 1st and 2nd in the IESA State Tournament last Saturday. Myah shot a 72 and finished 1st and Erica shot a 74 and finished 2nd. The pair were featured on Fox News, Friday, September 9th. Click on the links below to see their interview and the results of the tournament.

[Fox News Interview](#)
[Tournament Results](#)

Parent Note: If you'd like to share some news about your child's achievements or awards received outside of school, with the Skinner West community, please send us a brief email to skinnerwest@gmail.com highlighting those accomplishments. Thank you.



Whitney M. Young Fall Carnival

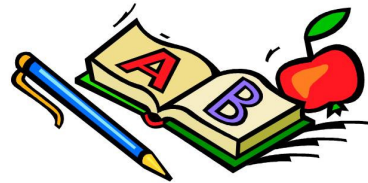
On the weekend of September 23-25, 2011, Whitney

Young Magnet High School will host their 2nd Annual Fall Carnival. The event takes place on the athletic field across from Whitney M. Young High School on Adams between Laflin and Loomis. Entertainment will include a variety of Chicago area bands, carnival rides and games, grilled foods, food trucks and student led activity booths on all three days of the event.

Friday - from 3:30 - 10:00 p.m.
Saturday - from noon - 10:00 p.m.
Sunday - from noon - 9:00 p.m.

Free admission.

The event is being sponsored by Friends of Whitney Young. For more info: www.wyoung.org/



Dear Parents,

Please remember to send the required ancillary supplies to school! This ensures that your child has the necessary materials and supplies while in art, music, foreign language, library, and P.E. class. Please label the bag "Ancillary", write your child's name and room number on the bag, and have your child bring them to the library, where Ms. Ranftl will check them off.

Thank you!
The Ancillary Team

Ancillary Supply List 2011-2012

Boys Bring:

- Roll of paper towels
- 2 reams of white printer paper
- One of the following:
 - scissors
 - package of glue sticks or tape
 - package of permanent markers

Girls Bring:

Box of Kleenex

Clorox Disinfecting wipes

One ream of colored paper- any color

One of the following:

- package of pencils or pens
- package of dry erase markers
- package of poster putty or tape (any type)

ALL STUDENTS BRING:

- Four 2- gallon or larger zip-loc bags (one for each quarter)

These will be used to carry library books to and from school. The bag helps protect books from spills, wear, and tear while in book bags. Ms. Ranftl will replace the bags throughout the year as they wear out.

The following are not required, but are much appreciated!

Hand sanitizer, hand soap, tape (all types), band-aids, storage bags of all sizes, blank cds, and additional paper towels, Kleenex, and Clorox wipes- they run out quickly!

Skinner Pickup and Dropoff Policy



In order to maintain a smooth and safe operation for our children, please adhere to the Skinner pickup and drop off procedures:

Drop Offs

- Parents must drop their children off on the Monroe Street side of the building. Students

must walk across the sidewalk in front of the school and enter the building through the main entrance. Parents must not drop off or park in the designated bus areas on Adams Street.

- ALL CPS buses and private vans will drop off on Adams Street.

Pick Ups

- Kindergarteners must be picked up from inside the gym.
- Students in 1st - 8th grades will be picked up in front of the building on the Adams Street side.
- Students waiting to be picked up by a parent will be dismissed outside on the Adams Street side of the building supervised by Skinner staff until 3:20 p.m. After 3:20 p.m., late pick-ups will be brought inside the vestibule and parents will be charged a \$20.00 late fee. Parents MUST make arrangements to have their child picked up on time. We have three after school programs which parents should look into if they need after school care.
- Children who are pick-ups will NOT be allowed to play in Skinner Park while waiting for a parent to arrive. Children must be picked up on time.

Visit our website at

www.skinnerstars.org

for more information about what's happening in school.
All comments, suggestions or requests to submit information
to this newsletter should be emailed to skinnerwest@gmail.com

*Deborah M. Clark
Principal*

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