

Mark T. Skinner West School WEEK AT A GLANCE

September 23-30, 2011



Weekly Update

Friday, Sept. 23rd

No School
Staff Development Day

Tuesday, Sept. 27th

Open House(1st-5th
grade)
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
Location: Your Child's
Classroom

Wednesday, Sept. 28th

Open House(6th-8th
grade)
5:30 PM - 6:45 PM
Location: Your Child's
Classroom

Friday, Sept. 30th

Kick-off meeting for 3rd
grade Skinner West
Brownie Troop #23002
3:00 - 5:00 PM
Location: Art Room - 2nd
Fl.

Orders due for PE



Local School Council Meeting Principal's Report

Here are a few highlights from my report presented at this month's Local School Council Meeting held on Tuesday of this week. A full, detailed account can be viewed by clicking [here](#) and will soon be posted to our website at skinersuperstars.org, along with the LSC minutes.

- We've purchased
 - Kdg. - Reading & Math books, workbooks and classroom furniture
 - 1st grade - Reading and Math workbooks
 - 2nd grade - Reading and Math workbooks
 - 3rd grade - Reading, Math, Social Studies textbooks and workbooks
 - 4th grade - Reading, Math & Social Studies workbooks
 - 5th-6th grade - Reading & Math workbooks
 - 7th grade - Algebra workbooks (2), Science textbooks
 - 8th grade - Science textbooks, Literature

uniforms

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**Did you miss last week's
Week-At-A-Glance e-
newsletter? Click [here](#) to
catch up on a must-read!**

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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**

Fill-ins

- Special Education - Unique Learning Systems Site license
- Art Supplies - General supplies
- 1 Document camera
- Desks and chairs - 3rd grade
- Assessments have been conducted for students who speak another language at home. This is a mandatory assessment for all new students to determine their level of English proficiency.
- School-wide schedules are now finalized.
- Walking Math for K-8th- teachers have completed their assessments. Walking Math started last week for most classes. We are proud to expand our Walking Math to 6-8th graders.
- In addition to the S.T.A.R. and Skinner Park after-school programs, other after school offerings include: Music House, AARC Ballet, and MAD Science. We are hoping to add Karate and Emerald City to our after school offerings.
- Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Sedler (FOSW) met with Multiple Business Systems to discuss pricing for interactive white boards and other technology needs for classroom use.
- Volunteers needed for morning drop-off. Volunteers also needed as Room Parents.
- Many thanks to our Communications Committee - L. King, G. Grindheim, N. Rezai, K. Young, L. Price-Childs, Mrs. Robinson and all for assisting with the unveiling of our new website. Also a big thanks to PTO/Forum for paying fee for the new website.
- Many thanks to Seamus Glynn for he effective and dedicated service as LSC chairperson for the 2010-2011 school year. We welcome Gaute Grindheim as our new chairperson for the 2011-2012 school year .

Want to find out more??? Just log on to our website to learn more about what's happening in our school!!!! Better yet, plan on attending one of our LSC meetings. Hope to see you there!

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 STAR After-School Program

To all parents of the STAR after-school program, please
use the link below to view an updated copy of our
student schedule.

Thank you for your support.

~ S. Staral & B. Wardanian
STAR Program Coordinators

[Click here for student schedule](#)

Need Volunteers!!



In order to maintain a smooth and safe drop-off
process for our children, Skinner West is requesting
parent volunteers to assist with morning drop-off . We
are also in need of a parent volunteer to be coordinator
of these efforts. Parents can volunteer for one or
multiple mornings to assist children. If you are
interested, please send an email to
skinnerwest@gmail.com and we will be contacting you
soon.



Skinner West Birthday Book Club

Dedicate a book to the Skinner West Library in honor of your child!

Honor your child's birthday by dedicating a book to our school library. Have something else to celebrate? Books can be dedicated to honor a student's accomplishments, a graduation, or in remembrance of a loved one. Just contact Ms. Ranftl!

How does the Birthday Book Club work?

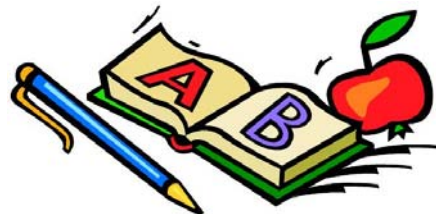
- If you want to participate, complete the form that is attached [here](#).
- Send it with \$15.00 cash or check to the library in an envelope labeled: Ms. Ranftl-Birthday Book Club. Forms are due 10/5. If you do not receive a confirmation email by 10/7, please email Ms. Ranftl. We don't want anyone being missed!
- The \$15 includes the price of a new hardcover book and all processing costs.
- Your child will choose a book from our available selection during the month of their birthday (or ½ birthday for summer & September birthdays). Selection will take place the 3rd week of the month. If a child is absent on selection day, Ms. Ranftl will have them select during their next library period.
- A bookplate including your child's name and birthday will be attached to the front page of the book.
- Your child's name will be listed on the Birthday Book Club Wall outside the library.
- The book will be checked out to your child first to take home and share with your family before it is

returned to share with our school. From then on, every child who reads the book will know what great support your family has given to the library!

This is a great way to honor your child and help our library! If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Ranftl at kranftl@gmail.com.



Wednesday, September 28, is the first day Box Tops will be counted, so send them in! The students are excited about the Box Top Challenge. Please continue saving your Box tops and Labels for Education, and ask your family, neighbors and friends to help!



Please continue to bring in ancillary supplies. All students, Kindergarten- 8th grade are required to bring in these materials.

BOYS

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

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- Four 2- gallon or larger zip-loc bags (one for each quarter). Zip-loc "Big Bags" Size Large are very sturdy and have handles that make them easy to hold for the students. 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.

Thank you to everyone who has brought in their ancillary supplies!



On Wednesday, we had a special guest and motivational speaker, Lloyd Bachrach, who spoke to the upper grade students about possessing the inspiration and motivation to accomplish anything that they put their minds to. Mr. Bachrach's personal adversity led him to talk about overcoming adversities in his own life. He expressed to our Skinner Superstars that in order to succeed in life, one must face challenges head-on. Learn more about the speaker at <http://www.lloydbachrach.com/>.

We also had a special session on cyber-bullying and the special care one must have with social networking, and the risks that come along with it.



There is a potential opening for a certified Mandarin teacher for the upper grade students. Please submit recommendations if you know of any certified teachers.

Thank you.

**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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