

Mark T. Skinner West School
WEEK AT A GLANCE

September 8-15, 2011



Weekly Update

Friday, Sept. 9th

Football Friday

Don't forget to wear your favorite NFL jersey or shirt!

Tuesday, Sept. 13th

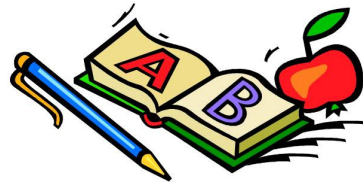
Communications Meeting
 6:30 PM
 Location: Library
 or

Via conference call:
 #213.406.8520, Access Code
 692-6164 (Call will be dropped
 after 10 min. of inactivity)

(Ideas can be submitted to
skinnercommunicate@gmail.com)

Thursday, Sept. 15th

IMSA Informational Meeting
 5:00 PM
 Location: Room 226(Science
 Lab)



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

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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 at
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**

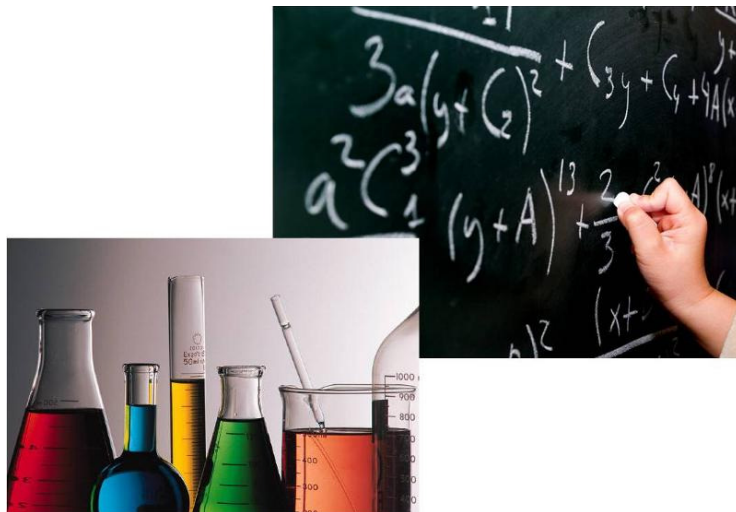
- package of dry erase markers
- package of poster putty or tape (any type)

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 West is proud to announce our partnership with the prestigious Illinois Math and Science Academy (IMSA) to offer the IMSA FUSION afterschool program to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students.

FUSION is a fun and rigorous math and science program targeted at enriching the inquiry skills of high achieving students.



The FUSION program will offer students a total of 64 hours of high quality math and science enrichment activities. The program will run on Tuesdays from 3:00 to 5:00, October through May. The cost for families will be \$250 per student for the entire year (approximately \$3.91 per hour of instruction). The program is limited to 30 students.

An informational meeting will be held on September 15th at 5:00 pm. Application packets will be available at the meeting, or can be picked up from either Ms. Sethi (beyondthemean@gmail.com) or Mrs. Milroy (ksmilroy@cps.edu).

More information about FUSION is available at the IMSA website:

<https://www3.imsa.edu/programs/fusion>



Student Spaceflight Experiments Program

This past July, Skinner West became a part of American spaceflight history through our participation in the Student Spaceflight Experiments Program. Skinner 6th graders Eric Chen and Eren Fitzgerald sent a science experiment to space on Space Shuttle Atlantis, which was the last flight of the United States Space Shuttle Program. The experiment "The Effect of Microgravity on Goldfish Embryos", generated new scientific knowledge about the effects of microgravity on the development of living things. Accompanying the experiment to space was a unique Mission Patch designed by 3rd grader Corinne Salter. Take a look.



Skinner West science teacher Kori Milroy traveled with Eren and her family to Kennedy Space Center in Florida to witness the launch. The following day, Mrs. Milroy gave a presentation at the Florida Institute of Technology titled, "Time Critical: Our Experience with SSEP", which described her experience leading the project at Skinner West.

After their 12-day mission onboard Atlantis, the experiment samples were sent back to Chicago for analysis. Dr. Mark Westneat, head of the Field Museum's Division of Fishes, assisted Eren and Eric in photographing, analyzing, and preserving the samples. The specimens have now been accessioned into the permanent fish collection of the Field Museum.

Eric and Eren have been invited to present their findings at a conference at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum next summer.



SUPERSTAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS!!!!

Hats off to Lucienne Williams! She is a 6th grade Superstar in Ms. Laura Sethi's class that qualified for 7 events and swam 6 events at the USA Swimming Summer Regional Championship Meet held in July. She also had a blast of a good time completing her first triathlon at the United Healthcare Lifetime Kids TRI in August.

Gabriel Wright is another Skinner Superstar!!! He is in Mr. Chau's 3rd grade class and was MVP for his t-ball team this summer. He will also be returning as 1st chair when his 4th year violin/orchestra studies resume.

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.



Chicago Public School Health Requirements

Parents please make sure that you have submitted the necessary medical, dental and eye exam forms for your child. Students are required to have all health forms on file by October 15, 2011.

The following students must have physical examinations and all required immunizations met:

- Students entering preschool, kindergarten, 6th grade, or 9th grade
- Entering the State of Illinois for the first time at any grade level

Please submit a copy of your child's health forms to the school by October 15th. [Click here](#) to learn more about the CPS immunizations and medical requirements.

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.

School Fees & Supplies



Please remember pay annual school fees to your teacher as soon as possible. With these funds, teachers are able to purchase the necessary instructional materials and supplies needed to provide a quality education for our children.

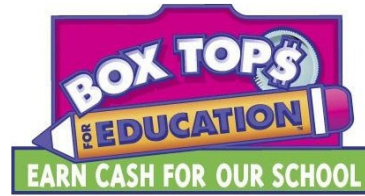
Click [HERE](#) for the list of school fees (and a school supply list).

Thank You!



MEAL REMINDERS

- Breakfast is FREE
- Lunch fees will remain at \$2.25 each day
- Milk purchases are \$0.40 each
- Please remember to make exact payments to the lunchroom manager or to your teacher in the supplied baggies/ forms. Daily, weekly or monthly payment are accepted.



Save your Box Tops and Labels for Education!!!

Last year Skinner West collected over \$1000 worth of Box Tops

- Look for Bonus Box Top and Labels for Education offers in grocery ads like Jewel and Dominick's.
- Check your receipts at the grocery store for Bonus Box Top and Labels for Education Coupons. Follow the instructions on the coupon if online redemption is available. If they need to be mailed in, save them and send them in to Ms. Ranftl in the Library on the first day of school.
- School Supplies have Box Tops and Labels for Education too! Avery, Boise, Hi-Liter, Marks-A-Lot, Zip-Loc, Kleenex, and Scott products have Box Tops! Bic products feature Labels for Education.
- Many snack foods, breakfast cereals, and other kid-friendly products offer double or triple Box Tops during back-to-school season- check the package!
- Keep collecting from the products you use regularly!

Thank you!!!



Please visit our *new* school website at www.skannersuperstars.org for the latest

information on the school, teacher profiles, and school policies. Our school calendar of information is also constantly being updated.

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*