



# Skinner Middle School Newsletter

## May/August 2019

*The legacy, the passion, the opportunity  
Educating and motivating life-long learners who explore,  
create and achieve.*

### A Note from the Principal...

The end of the school year is ALWAYS an extremely busy time of year. As you read through this newsletter for the month of May, these items are just a snapshot of the many end of year celebrations taking place at Skinner. Each of these events are a showcase of learning and celebration! We hope to see you at these year-end events to celebrate with our community, the amazing things that make us LOVE our SCHOOL! Thank you for supporting our scholars to push themselves not only in academics, but the journey of navigating life – which is probably the most important lesson.

If you are moving on to High School, thank you for your amazing years at Skinner and best wishes as you embark on your new journey. If you are continuing at Skinner, I look forward to being part of this important time in life with you and your family.

~Mr. Varveris

### Upcoming Important Dates for May

Wednesday, May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Free Dress for 95% and higher attendance
Wednesday, May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mandatory 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Parent Meeting 6-7pm
Friday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Skate City Good Standing Celebration
Sunday, May 5 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Mile High 5</i> @ North High School 8:30 -10:30 am
Tuesday, May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Mandatory 7 <sup>th</sup> grade Parent Meeting (for 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade) 6-7pm
Thursday, May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Drama Performances 6:30 – 8:00 pm
Friday, May 10 <sup>th</sup>	UpLift End of Year trip
Saturday, May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday School 8:30am - 11:30am
Monday, May 13 <sup>th</sup>	CSC 4:30 – 5:30 pm in the library
Tuesday, May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Mandatory 6 <sup>th</sup> grade Parent Meeting (for 7 <sup>th</sup> grade) 6-7pm
Friday, May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Arts Night #2 Band & Orchestra 6:30 – 8:00 pm @ North
Friday, May 17 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Chromebook Return
Tuesday, May 21 <sup>st</sup>	GSTEM Conference
Tuesday, May 21 <sup>st</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> grade BBQ 12:30-2pm
Tuesday, May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Skinner Beyond in the Library
Wednesday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> grade Dance 4pm-6pm
Wednesday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> grade Chromebook collection
Thursday, May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> grade Chromebook collection
Thursday, May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> grade to Elitch's
Friday, May 24 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Continuation 5:00pm @ North High School
Monday, May 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO SCHOOL – Holiday – Memorial Day</b>
Thursday, May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Awards Assemblies for 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> Grades
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Last Day – Field Day dismissal at 11:30am
Monday Aug 5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Academy
Tuesday Aug 6 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Academy
Wednesday Aug 7 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Academy
Wednesday Aug 7 <sup>th</sup>	Walk in registration 8am-2pm
Thursday Aug 8 <sup>th</sup>	Walk in registration 12pm – 6pm
Thursday Aug 19 <sup>th</sup>	First day – 6 <sup>th</sup> grade (and new to Skinner) only
Tuesday Aug. 20 <sup>th</sup>	All students first day

### Mandatory 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent & Student Meeting Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 6-7pm in the auditorium

As we discussed during the November 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent meeting, it is time to come together to review May events that lead to Continuation on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

Families will receive the most updated information about their child's status in preparation for continuing to high school.

Please arrive a few minutes early to claim your child's paperwork.

### Mandatory 7th Grade (rising 8<sup>th</sup> graders) Parent & Student Meeting Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 6-7pm in the auditorium.

8<sup>th</sup> grade expectations  
Registration process

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Events - Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers to help with:

- 8<sup>th</sup> grade BBQ on **Tuesday, May 21<sup>nd</sup>**
- Decoration logistics and decorating for the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance that takes place from 4-6pm, **Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**
- Continuation help on **Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

Your assistance with these items will help the 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers continue to work with students who need support up to the very end with ensuring they are ready to move on to high school. Please sign-up here to help:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A45AFAB22AB9-skinner10>

## ACCESS May Calendar

May 3: Class  
May 10: Student Presentations for Families (3:30-5:30 pm, Room 213)  
May 17-18: Balarat Overnight Trip  
May 24: No Class/Continuation  
May 30: Summer Camp Parent Meeting (6-8 pm, Library)

## ACCESS Summer Camps

June 11-12: Regis University (Community/Environmental Science)  
June 13-14: Colorado School of Mines (Computer Science)  
June 16-21: CU Boulder (Business Leadership) Overnight  
July 9-12: CU Denver (Architecture)  
July 15-19: CU Boulder (Science Discovery)

## Mental Health Awareness Month

*Throughout the month of May, which is recognized as Mental Health Awareness Month, the Leadership Class will be educating and informing students about mental health in a variety of ways. The goal of these actions is to educate students about the mental health conditions that affect adolescents as well as the resources available to students at Skinner and outside of Skinner designed to help students. We hope that this information will help bring awareness to mental health and work to end the stigma around mental health during Mental Health Awareness Month.*

## School Supplies for 2019-2020

**Trapper Keeper that zips up**

**Earbuds**

**Pencils/Pens**

All students must have these three items for all classes. School fees cover the remaining expenses for basic materials.

## THANK YOU

We appreciate the tremendous support we had from all the families who contributed and/or participated in this year's Totally Tennyson event!

## Teacher / Staff Appreciation Week!

May 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>

Please take a minute to thank your child's teachers for all they do each and every day!

### Call for Uniforms

To all families of current 8<sup>th</sup> grade SKINNER Scorpions continuing to 9<sup>th</sup> grade!

At this exciting time of year, we would like to make a request for any gently used Skinner t-shirts, polos, or sweatshirts. As you and your student move towards the big day, we would love to recycle your gear for future Skinner Scholars. Please bring all donations to Mr. Waldon. We really appreciate the opportunity to pass your gently used items along to other scholars. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Waldon at 720.424.1420

### PTO / CSC

Hard to believe SPRING has Sprung and Skinner Scholars are counting down the minutes to Summer fun! Thank you to all our families that continue to support all the great events at Skinner throughout the school year.

Skinner PTO is looking for help. We have programs in place to follow along but are also looking for fresh ideas and energy. This opportunity is what you make of it. If you are looking to incorporate new ideas, try different avenues or improve upon current practices, please email [SkinnerPTO@gmail.com](mailto:SkinnerPTO@gmail.com). Please help us keep Skinner the neighborhood middle school we all love!

**Jewels of Highlands is coming!** This is the 'not to miss' event of the year! We begin the planning stages now with monthly meetings, day/time to be decided. Have you wanted to see what it takes to get an event like this off the ground? Do you want to be a part of the magic- this is the event to either learn the skills behind hosting a home tour or add your thoughts to the biggest fundraiser of the year for Skinner! Contact Rebecca Caldwell ([rebecca\\_caldwell@dpsk12.org](mailto:rebecca_caldwell@dpsk12.org) or Nicole Kazenske 720-273-4479 to join the team, we need you!

### Mile High 5 - Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

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The Mile High Five is a walk/run event designed to get youth moving. It traditionally has included a 5k walk/run and a fun run for the little ones. It originated at Brown Elementary School. The last several years the event has raised funds for cancer research and dedicated Cooper Deming. Cooper's friends continue to help with organizing of this event.

[This year the event will be held on Sunday, May 5th at North High School from 8:30 to 11:00. No signup or registration required. Just show up and participate in the 5K or the Fun Run!](#)

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