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Throughout COVID-19, there has been less opportunity for students and families to connect with school professionals. Somali Cultural night was a wonderful way for families to come together after COVID-19 forced intensive separation.

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Students are learning to celebrate their culture in order to openly share that culture with others. As more visitors come to Skyline with various backgrounds, the school hopes that students will be proud of their culture and share it with newcomers..

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Students and families at Skyline Math & Science Academy are encouraged to be creative in the ways that they share culture with our partners as we move forward in the school year.



East African Parent & Cultural Night

Families and staff of Skyline Math & Science Academy gathered to celebrate the East African culture, artifacts, and food. The community came together to celebrate the school year, despite COVID-19.



Leadership Message

Abdirahman Abdulle
Executive Director of Skyline Math & Science Academy

Hello all,

First of all, thanks in advance for your efforts and commitments to our students and families.

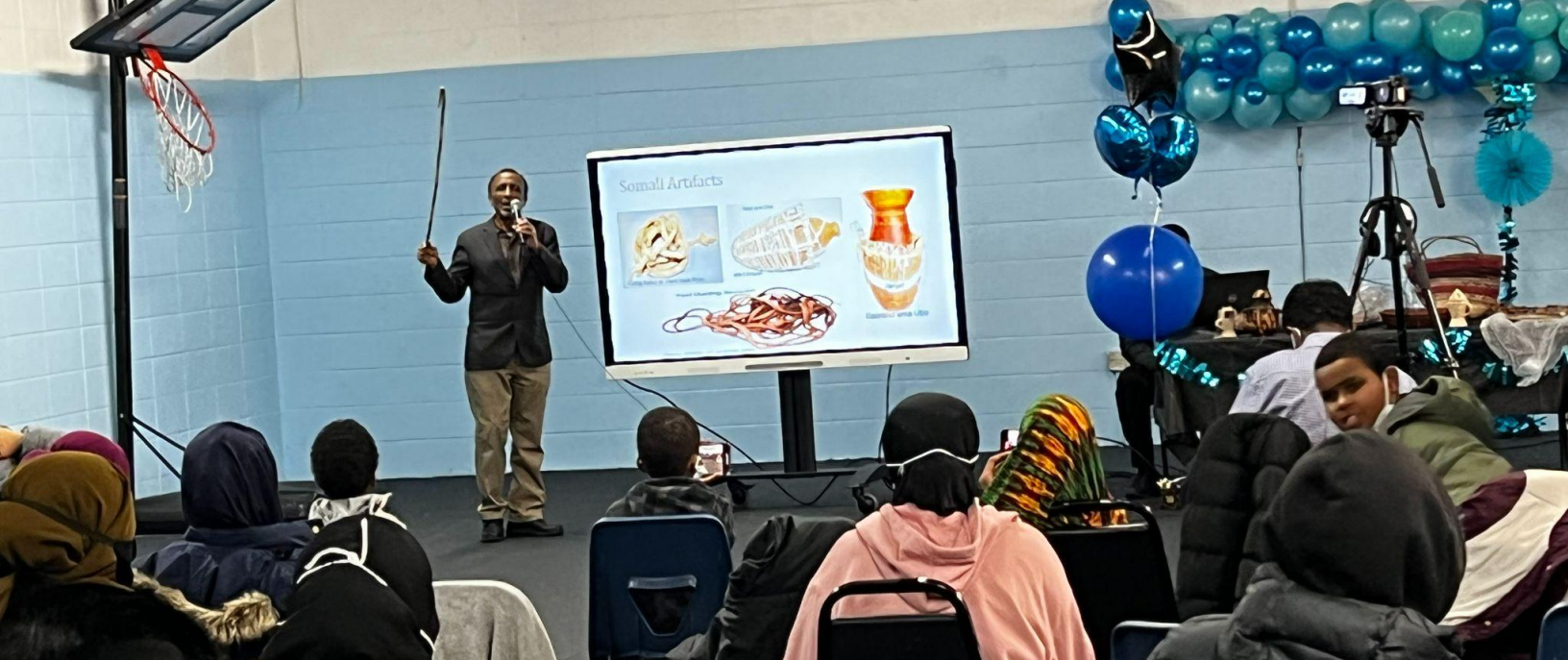
Secondly, as we move closer to the end of the school year, I urge you to double your efforts for our learners. I ask you to reflect on our past achievements and plans for our future ambitions. We must contemplate past and future events both in the context of challenges and hopes. Jim Collins, in his book, Good to Great calls this phenomenon Stockdale Paradox. It is keeping faith when you are not sure about success in the end.

Thirdly, in the present moment, we should utilize our resources to make sure our students are learning what they need to learn. We live in a knowledge and information work based era. The more useful information our students can consume, the more their thinking, creativity and imaginations expand.

Our students should attain 21st-century skill sets such as critical thinking, collaboration, communication, creativity, cross-cultural understanding, career and learning self reliance. I encourage you to design a modern learning environment whereby our students are able to learn the fundamentals of knowledge, experiences, and skills required to live in the 21st century. I also challenge you to embody examples, practices, and processes that will provide our students strategies to survive in the 21st-century.

In conclusion, the end of the school year is fast approaching. Two-thirds of the school year is gone now. We have experienced resource shortages of all types this year. Given those facts, we need to think how to maximize our efforts. We should count every hour and every minute for our students. And as much as we can, and as much as possible, we should think outside of the box in offering our students different learning opportunities.

Best Regards,



Skyline's Annual Cultural and Family Night

"If you build it, they will come"

Students and families come together to learn about various Somali artifacts from community members. Students, staff, and families all believe that integrating native culture into the school environment is very important. In addition, empowering students to share their culture with their future teachers and employers is a vital skill.



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Education Students

St. Thomas has sent two more sections of future teachers to Skyline. These pre-service teachers are working within classrooms to gain field experience. We welcome this group back!



Skyline’s Annual Cultural and Family Night

“If you build, it they will come”

On Feb 10th Parents and Families from the school and community did just that, to an overflowing festive capacity with homage to Somali tradition and a melding of new ones. Families were presented with traditional artifacts and stories from the Somali Museum. As well as interactive video games, STEM challenges and traditional Minnesotan and Somali, carnival games. A buffet feast from Fifillah sent Families home content and eagerly anticipated the next event in May. One young student asked “if we could do this every day?”



**COMMUNITY
RELATIONS**

Create & Learn continues to deliver technology classes to Skyline students on Fridays. We thank Create & Learn for their mentorship as students deepen their knowledge of STEM and coding!!



Engineering

Students were sad to say goodbye to their Create and Learn teachers as the third quarter came to an end. On Fridays since November, Skyline students have enjoyed synchronous online learning experiences from computer science teachers across the U.S. Lessons included coding in SCRATCH, programming microprocessors such as Micro:bit and Arduino as well as developing and testing circuits in TinkerCAD. According to the World Economic Forum, the top skills required for the future are higher order thinking skills such as problem solving and creativity. With cutting edge real-world skills such as those taught by Create and Learn Skyline students are developing their creativity, critical thinking and computer science skills for a successful future.

MCA Testing

MCA testing is coming up!! As students begin testing, we encourage all families to encourage early bedtimes, less screen time, and healthy meals/snacks.



Teacher Appreciation Day!

As a thank you to teachers, there was a special ceremony dedicated to the hard work of the staff at Skyline.

There was an arrival/breakfast along with a cultural celebration led by Abdirahman. In addition, staff were presented with a gift, provided lunch, and there was a celebration at the bowling alley. Thank you teachers and staff for your hard work!!



Upcoming events:

- Engineering
- MCA testing
- St. Thomas tutors

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