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# Skyline

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Monthly message from Skyline Math and Science Academy director, Abdirahman Abdulle on being brave, bold and not giving up!.

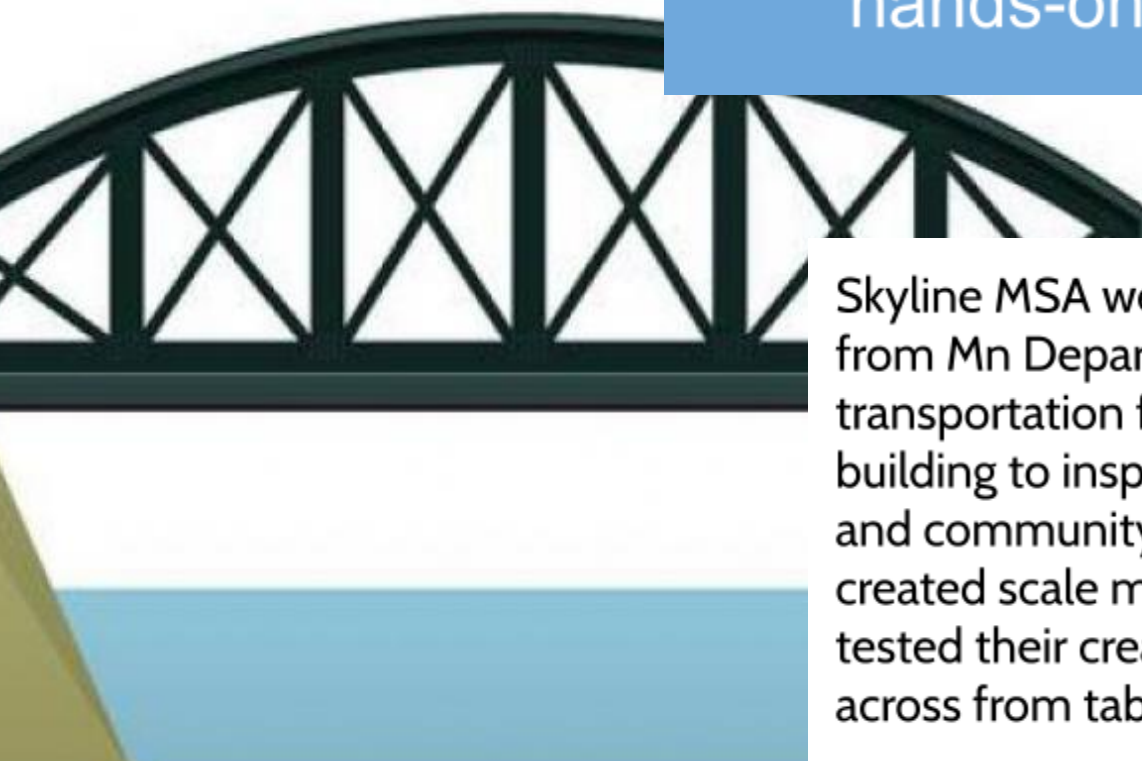
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Skyline MSA receives letter of gratitude from Saint Thomas tutoring program and sends best regards to Dr. Jan. Thank you Saint Thomas tutors!

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Paraprofessionals at Skyline Math and Science Academy benefit from professional development. A visit from Marty Conaty helped bring the team together.

Bridging the gap between  
STEAM concepts and  
hands-on learning



Skyline MSA welcomed engineers from Mn Department of transportation for a fun day of bridge building to inspire future engineers and community builders! Students created scale models of bridges and tested their creations by crawling across from table to table.

# Leadership Message

Dear Teachers and Staff Members,

As we approach the last month of the school year, I would like you to reassess, re-evaluate and reflect on how the 21-22 school year transpired for all of you. By looking back through the events of the past year, we can envisage our shortcomings, mistakes, and weaknesses. We can then move forward methodically and with a full conviction on how to reach our academic and non-academic goals. Leadership is about short-term planning, thorough preparations, and long-term thinking. In our efforts to reach our vision, we must be brave and bold. In *Crucible Leadership*, Warwick Fairfax asserts, "great leaders keep going. They never give up. Their crucible experiences are never the end of their stories. They learn from and leverage them as opportunities to write a new chapter of their stories" (Fairfax, 2021, p. 221).

For the upcoming year, we are putting together a master plan that consists of adding additional staffing and introducing new subjects and services. The 21-22 school year was a transitional one for all of us, students, families, and staff members alike. But we nevertheless saw huge progress in our academic goals. Next year, my vision is for our academics to get rigorous and relevant for our learners.

I am glad despite the unprecedented challenges we had this past year, we somehow figured out on how to seamlessly collaborate and work together. I am proud that our staff members displayed highest calibre in professionalism and gave unconditional care and love to our learners. I am also glad that we are ending the school year on a good note. We are making progress in small incremental baby steps from different spheres of the school. As a small school district, we all have to step up and wear different hats to support our scholars. Let us build on the success that we have built this year.

Again, thank you for your efforts and dedication to our students and their families.

Best regards,

Abdirahman Abdulle (Abdi), M.Ed.  
Executive Director,  
Skyline Math and Science Academy





## Saint Thomas University shares "Thank You" letter!

Everyone:

Thank you very much for allowing my students to spend time at Skyline for their field experience hours this spring semester. I asked the students to send me a list of their "top ten take-aways" from the experience, and their responses were amazing. They really learned a lot about themselves, teaching, students, charter schools, and the education system in general. I could not have hoped for anything more!

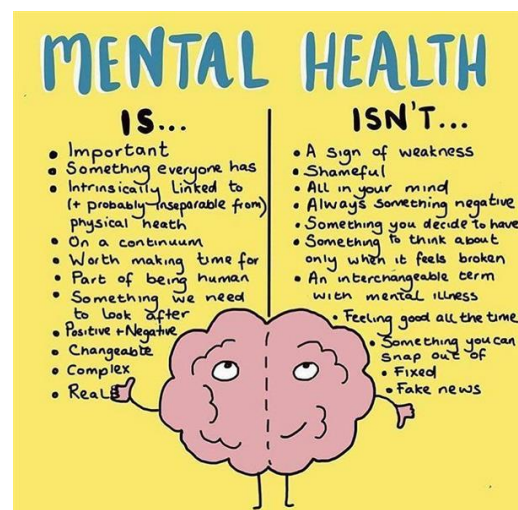
I am grateful for the time and energy you were willing to expend to make the experience so positive for them. I hope that both you and your students felt some benefit from the experience as well. The partnership established this year (both fall semester and this spring semester) between Skyline and the School of Education at the University of St Thomas has been wonderful. Although I am retiring at the end of this academic year, I know UST wants to continue the partnership next year.

Again, my thanks. I hope the remainder of the school year goes well for all of you.

Dr. Jan Frank

# Mental Health Awareness Month

Skyline Math and Science Academy recognizes the importance of supporting staff and students in self care and mental health awareness. *Because teaching is such an intensive job, educators can greatly benefit from learning about and practicing self-care. Self-care is all about taking care of your health and making sure that you have everything you need to thrive as a teacher. It's about taking care of your health so that you're prepared to be the best teacher you can be for yourself and your students.* (Waterford.org)



# Bridge Up!

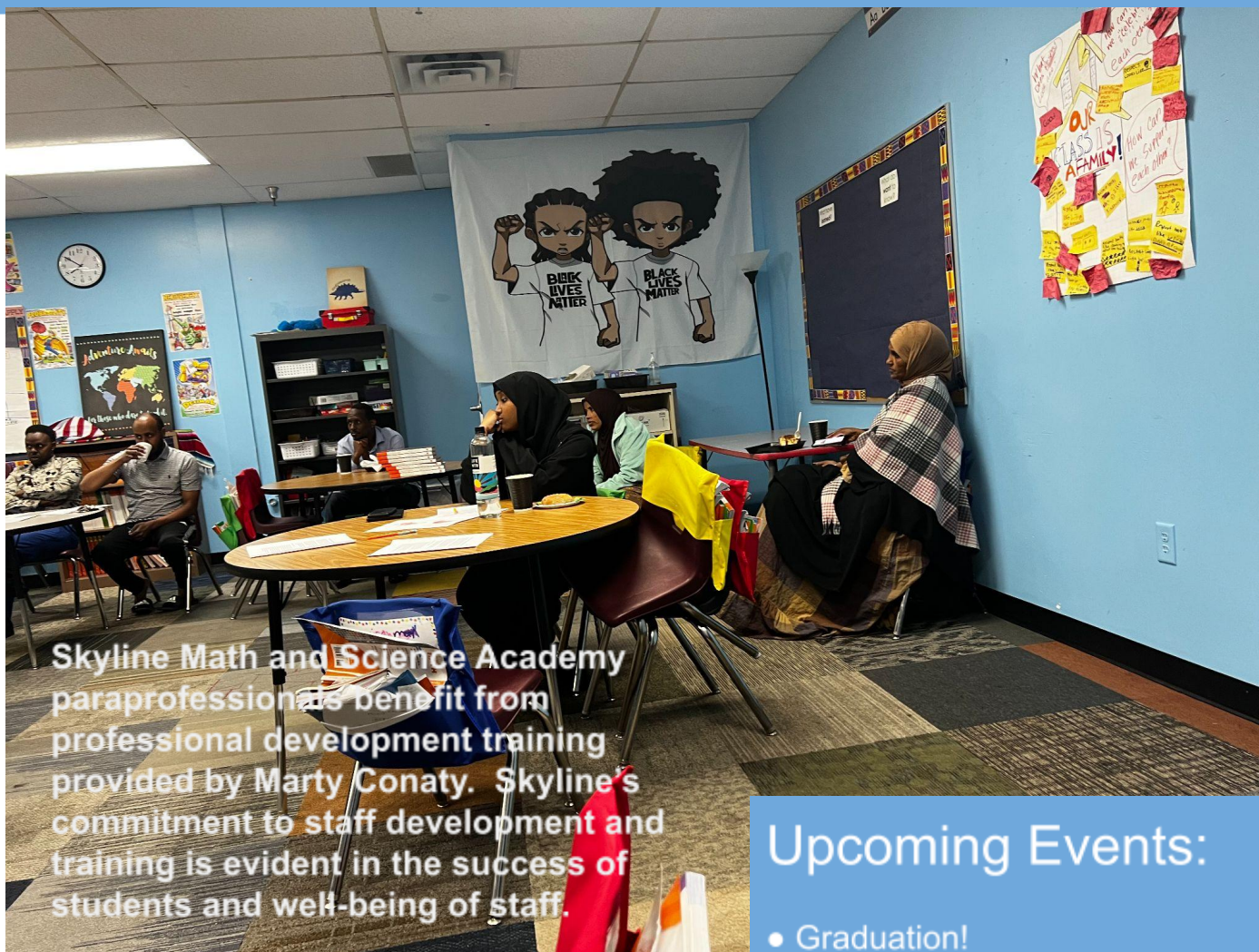
Skyline STEM welcomes Mn DOT engineers for an unforgettable hands-on bridge building experience!



Minnesota Department of Transportation engineer ambassadors brought students closer to the everyday work of engineers and construction workers in May. MnDOT hopes their visit will get students excited about real-work transportation planning, design and construction, and to inspire students to pursue engineering or science as a career.



# Professional development with Marty Conaty



Skyline Math and Science Academy paraprofessionals benefit from professional development training provided by Marty Conaty. Skyline's commitment to staff development and training is evident in the success of students and well-being of staff.

## Upcoming Events:

- Graduation!
- School Carnival
- Summer school starts!

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