

THE SKINNER CITIZEN



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WE'RE BACK

By: Frankie Vigil

The Skinner Citizen is back after being gone for so long that no one exactly remembers when it was last printed. Our mission is to provide positive and exciting news that promotes the Skinner culture, our student body and greater community. Mrs. Lewallen said, "it's cool how kids are making something for kids and not just adults"

So many things have happened since the first day of school. Our first event was the back to school BBQ, and it was a huge success. We had a huge turnout and our Principal Mrs. Koyama said, "it's great to see families come together as a community and it shows how much support we have."

Our Skinner Cheer Squad marched in the Annual North High School homecoming parade. They were LOUD, they were PROUD, and they represented like us like true SCORPIONS. Jaida Medina said, "it was fun showing our Skinner pride in front of the community."

On October 8th, we held our Fall Festival, which brought out a large number of the community. Learning Families and different Skinner clubs had games, food and items for sale throughout the day, and raised over \$6000. All money raised goes back to the school and students. The North High Viking drum line also put on a performance that wowed the crowd.

The NeighborHood Center hosted 106 students at their Annual Lock-in on October 20th. There was a Halloween theme and students participated in different tournaments, a haunted house, got their groove on to the DJ, enjoyed taking silly photos at the photo booth and won prizes at the costume contest. Sarah Lilienthal said, "I had the most fun dancing with my friends and would recommend the lock-in to other students" Chance Villano said, "I had a lot of fun playing games with my friends."

We have had a strong, active and fun start to our school year, and hope we continue to work together to have a great year.

GO SKINNER SCORPIONS!



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A True
Halloween
Story
By:
Sophie Seymour



Jalesa Lujan
rounding third
base for a
homerun hit!

Girls cross country
wins 1st place

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Amityville Horror

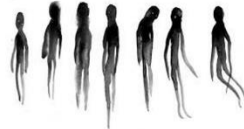
BY: Sophie Seymour



6 A.M., New York. Ronald DeFeo Jr. bursts into a bar. "This is not a joke, you gotta help me. I think my mother and father are shot!" he shouted. A small group of people went with him to 112 Ocean Avenue, the address of the horror house. His parents were indeed found dead, as well as all 4 of his siblings. A member of the group alerted police, who found they had been shot around 3 A.M. DeFeo was taken to the police station. He told a story of a mob hit man who did the murder. He finally confessed to the murders. He said he heard voices plotting against him. DeFeo's trial began October 14, 1975. He said he was innocent because of the voices, but was found guilty. He got 6 sentences of life for murder. After the house was cleared it remained empty for over a year, until the Lutz

family moved in. They were told of the murders but this did not effect their decision .

Father Mancuso was a judge of the Catholic Court and performed a blessing on the Lutz's new home. A week after moving in, they got a call from him telling them to stay out of the 2nd story bedroom where he heard voices while blessing the house. The call was cut short by static. George, the father, found a small, hidden room painted red and his daughter, Missy, had a imaginary friend that was a demonic pig creature with glowing red eyes. George and his wife, Kathy, saw the image of ademon with half his head gone. It went away in the fire. kathy had nightmare about the murders and discovered the order they took place in and even the room they happened in. I don't know if you believe it but there you have it.



The Wood Shop Coffin

Mr. Duran Sr.

As told to Alex and Sophie

We ventured from our newspaper class to the woodshop to hear the story of the coffin. According to Mr. Duran, it was around 8:30 at night when he climbed into the attic in order to hand the fans that are currently hanging from the woodshop ceiling. It was pitch black and the only brightness was the dim golden light coming from Mr. Duran's headlamp and it was slowly fading out. While crawling around, he heard a mysterious and loud scratching sound coming from behind him. He turned around to come face to face with a scurry of squirrels. His heart began to return to its normal pace and he kept working. See back in the day, the woodshop made coffins and one was stored in the attic. That's when he heard it! A loud ear busting pounding was coming from the coffin. This was beyond terrifying. A dreadful feeling of butterflies filled his stomach and his lungs froze in the crisp air. Mr. Duran saw the coffin lid ratteling and fingers reaching out of the coffin. Let's just say that Mr. Duran doesn't explore the attic that much anymore.

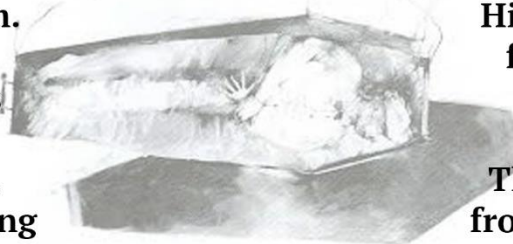


Illustration: Stephen Gammel



Scorpions in Action

Cross-Country



Softball



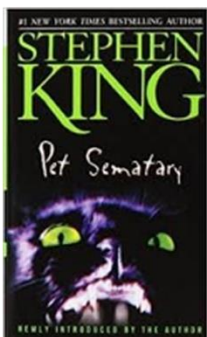
Boys Soccer



Many of our Skinner Scholars are also very talented athletes! They put their all into the game and work together as a true team to compete. We want to thank all of our athletes for representing Skinner with Pride, Enthusiasm and upstanding Sportsmanship

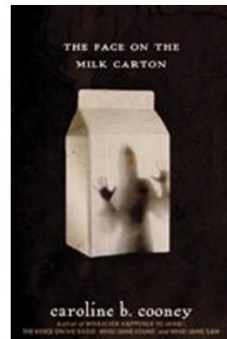
Our girls cross country team took first place and the boys took second place. Our softball team fought hard and took second place in the championship game. Our boys also played their hardest and had a great season. of soccer.

Book Suggestions from Lucia



Pet Sematary: Stephen King

A family moves into a beautiful old house in Maine. They have a perfect home and family. They've got it all until a cat shows up. Then something hideous and powerful comes... Making it seem death is better than anything else.



The Face on the Milk Carton Caroline B. Cooney

No one pays attention to the kids on the milk cartons who went missing years ago. But a young girl, Janie Johnson, finds a picture of herself on the milk carton: saying she was kidnapped 12 years earlier. How could that be? Her parents aren't kidnappers, or are they? Janie has a mystery to solve.

Teacher Highlight - Core +

By: Gabby DeSantiago & Gemma Mitchel

We appreciate all our staff and everything they do. This month we are highlighting the Core + team. Mrs. Overton teaches Spanish and is planning a school trip to Peru in June 2017. Ms. Rodriguez also teaches Spanish and loves playing soccer, hiking and traveling. Mrs. Sullivan teaches literacy skills and has been a teacher for 45 years. Mrs. Nook became a teacher because she has always enjoyed helping others and bringing art into students lives. She says, "Art is an expression of the individual." Mr. Dwyer has an exciting performance with the Denver Concert Band on November 19th. Mrs. Lewallen definitely thinks her students push her to be her best and says, "I am always looking for new knowledge and activities." Mr Bourdon's favorite beverage is coffee and will be a Pokémon trainer for Halloween. Mr. Anderson's favorite candy is chocolate covered blueberries. Mr. Duran Sr.'s favorite Halloween costume as a kid was a cowboy with six shooters. Mrs. Martinez will be a peacock for Halloween. All our teachers work overtime to make sure they have lessons ready for their students to learn.

Ask C & Y

Dear Anonymous

I know that getting to class on time can be hard, but not impossible. Just make sure that you stay organized with your supplies in the class before so you can be quick and make sure you know what class is next and what route you will take.

Dear Anonymous

Don't Stress, the transition from elementary school to middle school is different, but 6th grade is awesome. Make the most of it, keep your grades up, but most of all have fun.



Wallace M. Ginn

Skinner Community

Wallace "Wally" Ginn

Wally was a strong advocate for the North Side Community and North High School. Wally attended Columbian and Skinner before graduating from North in 1944. He helped found the North Side High School Alumni Association. He passed on August 21, 2016. The City of Denver recognized and honored Wally's hard work by dedicating the 1st of October as Wally Ginn Day. You are a great example of North Side Pride.

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