

February 20, 2024 Inline skating unit in PE

Dear 3rd and 4th grade parent/guardian,

We are going to be starting our inline skating unit during PE classes soon. We will have skates and safety gear (wrist guards, knee pads, elbow pads, and helmets) for your student to use while participating in this unit. The unit will take place in the gym here at school starting March 4, 2024 and your learner does not need to have any prior experience with skating to be successful.

We are sending this to communicate that your learner will need to be wearing **clean and dry socks** to help maintain the integrity of our equipment. We highly recommend longer socks (crew type socks) during this unit to assist your learner in feeling comfortable wearing the skates. From past experience, we have noticed that many students do prefer to bring their own bike helmet from home during this unit.

If your learner has their own skate equipment, they are welcome to bring it to use during this unit. In order to help keep things organized when sending items from home, this is what we ask of you:

- Make sure your student's gear is labeled with their first name, last name and homeroom teacher's name...a Sharpie marker in an inconspicuous spot on the gear works great for this.
- Place items in a carrying bag that zips closed to keep items contained...a duffel bag with bag tag works best for this.
- *Note: This year, our class sizes are larger than in previous years. Having students bring in their own gear to use during this unit is so helpful when it comes to having enough of the most common sizes.*

During the skating unit, if students want to keep their own equipment at school, we can keep it locked up in our storage closet to keep it safe.

Want to know if you picked the right bag to contain the gear? Turn it upside down, shake it, and roll it around to see if anything falls out. If things stay securely within, it will work.

Things to note: a cinch sack works great for a helmet but does not contain larger items like skates very well. Paper, plastic, and reusable grocery bags don't hold up well enough to contain any type of skate gear. Please avoid using these.

When should they bring their gear? See the chart below.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your student's PE teacher via email.

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Monday, March 4	Tuesday, March 5	Wednesday, March 6
4th grade:Glaeser, Ford, Brossard 3rd grade:Lynn, Prebelski, Hebl	4th grade: Schmidt, Sampe 3rd grade: Ribarchek, Krahn	4th grade: Fietzer 3rd grade: Seidl