

09-14-2018

Greetings,

Hopefully you've all heard good things from your kiddos about their learning at Shirley Hills. We've had a wonderful start to the school year and are working hard on establishing routines and expectations. All is good.

I wish to address a concern that has arisen surrounding Shirley Hills and the new Westonka Performing Arts Center. It is true, Shirley Hills will not be using the PAC for our concerts or this year's Operetta. Please let me be clear, this is our choice at Shirley Hills, and we can use the new facility like every other school.

We've decided to stay at Shirley Hills because we love our stage - we love our own venue here at school.

Our PTA has generously supported a multi-year facelift by purchasing new lighting for performances, we've augmented our sound system to enhance our performance capabilities, we have a huge screen that is used routinely, and our stage floor is just days away from being beautifully resurfaced. In short, we have a working stage that we've upgraded significantly that supports our students in their performances. In fact, most elementary schools don't have a stage in their building, and ours is updated and wonderful.

We want our students and families to take pride in Shirley Hills and to understand and appreciate our school character and be proud of what we have. There are additional logistical reasons why we are using our own stage, but the main reason is that we love our stage and our school. If you have further concerns please call me, Mr. Eidsness, at 952-491-8401.

Take Care,

Scott

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

09/14 Welcome Back Potluck, 5:00-7:00pm, Cafeteria
09/14 Jean Skoro Memorial Garden Dedication, 6:00pm, in front of school
09/16 Spirit Wear Online Store closes at 11:59pm
09/17 Bus Safety Presentation
09/17 Online Conference Scheduling is open
09/17 2018-19 Hopes & Dreams Assembly
09/20 Wolf Ridge/Cherrydale Fundraiser ends - sales packets due
09/20 Mandatory Meeting for 4th grade Wolf Ridge Parent Supervisors, 5:00pm, Media Center
09/21 4th graders sing National Anthem at MWHS White Hawks football game, 6:20pm
09/24 PTA Meeting, 6:30-8:30pm, Media Center

MANDATORY MEETING FOR 4TH GRADE WOLF RIDGE PARENT SUPERVISORS

If you are interested in being a parent supervisor for the 2019 Wolf Ridge trip, there is a mandatory parent meeting Thursday, September 20th, from 5:00-6:00pm in the Media Center.

HILLTOP'S OCTOBERFEST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Hilltop Primary's Oktoberfest is Saturday, October 6th, 11am to 3:00pm. This is their big fundraiser for the year, similar to our Winter Carnival. Each year we invite our parents to volunteer at Oktoberfest. Please use the SignUp Genius link below to show where you can help. We are truly one Westonka, and by volunteering to work at their event, Hilltop's parents get to enjoy Oktoberfest with their family. In turn, Hilltop will help us during our Winter Carnival, so our parents can enjoy our carnival with their children.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/20f0a44aaa62fa46-hilltop2>

FALL CONFERENCE SIGN UP

- From the Shirley Hills website, click on FAMILY ACCESS at the bottom of the screen.
- At the next screen, enter your Skyward Login information. (If you don't have this information, please call Mrs. Clipper at 952-491-8409).
- If this is the first time you have tried to log into Family Access, the next screen that appears may ask you to change your password to something you can easily remember. Simply create a new password and click Save.
- When you get to your Family Access account, click on Teacher Conferences on the left side of the screen.
- If you have more than one child in the district, there will be a box for each student.

- To the far right of the student's name, click on All Conferences
- On the next screen, find the HOMEROOM class. This may be the only class listed or it may be the last one in a list of five.
- On the line with the Homeroom class, click Select a Time.
- The next screen shows all conference times. Any available conference time slot will have the word SELECT to the far right.
- Click on Select for a time that works for your family.
- A small screen will pop up showing the teacher's name, room number and the time you have selected. Click Save, and you're done.