

Greetings,

We have had a wonderful start to our school year. Thank you for having great kids and sending them to us! I want to encourage you to attend our PTA meeting next Monday, 9/24, starting at 6:30. Our PTA does an amazing job in supporting all students and staff at Shirley Hills. This is a great way to be involved in our school. This group is always a positive group and their focus is truly on supporting students and staff, very fun to be a part of.

Second Step Family Communication:

This month, our school-wide theme is our school as a welcoming place where every student feels like he or she belongs. In our morning announcements and school assembly, we'll be reminding students to welcome others and to SOAR when we act and speak.

We'll also begin teaching the Second Step program, which includes lessons that support these behaviors.

Support your child at home in welcoming others and ask them what it means to SOAR. You can use this [SOAR matrix for your home](#) settings to keep consistent language all day for your child(ren). Please tell your child's teacher if you have questions about specific ways you can help your child SOAR when at home.

Homecoming is next week and we will have special dress up days for each day next week. Please look at the following list and decide if your child(ren) will be participating or not. Check out Karen's calendar reminders below for the theme of each day. Also, Shirley Hills will participate in the Homecoming Parade on Friday afternoon. All families are welcome as we march through the route with our new drumline. Stay for the carnival-type atmosphere between the parade and football game. Grab some food at the concession stand and find your spots for the football game. Please know that due to the size of crowd on Homecoming, elementary age children need to remain with their parents throughout the night and game.

Have a great weekend and thank you for your support of Shirley Hills!

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### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

- 09/24 DRESS UP DAY = PJ Day - wear pajamas or comfy clothes to school
- 09/24 PTA Meeting, 6:30-8:30pm, Media Center
- 09/25 DRESS UP DAY = Mismatch Day - wear mismatched clothes, clothes backward, etc.
- 09/26 DRESS UP DAY = Hat Day - wear your favorite hat to school
- 09/26 Kindergarten to Luce Line Orchard
- 09/27 DRESS UP DAY = Jersey Day - wear your favorite team jersey to school
- 09/28 DRESS UP DAY = School Spirit - show your school spirit via clothes and hair
- 09/28 Anti-Bullying Poster pictures taken
- 09/28 Homecoming Parade (meet at Hilltop Primary at 4:15pm)
- 09/29 Westonka Athletic Center and Performing Arts Center Open House & Tours, 1:00-4:00pm
- 10/01 WeCAN Coat Drive begins
- 10/03 Kindergartners visit Fire Station
- 10/06 Hilltop Octoberfest, 11:00am - 3:00pm

### **WeCAN COAT DRIVE**

WeCAN invites the community to participate in their annual Coat Drive by donating coats that are clean and in good condition. Other winter gear such as boots, snow pants, gloves, hats, and scarves are also gratefully accepted October 1-22 in our school office. Please contact WeCAN for more information at (952) 472-0742 or visit [wecanmn.org](http://wecanmn.org). Information on coat distribution will follow.

### **HILLTOP'S OCTOBERFEST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Hilltop Primary's Octoberfest 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 Octoberfest. 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 Octoberfest 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>

### **WOLF RIDGE VOLUNTEER HOURS**

If you are interested in possibly being a parent supervisor for the 2019 Wolf Ridge trip, you will need to track your volunteer hours. All hours must be recorded on our [Wolf Ridge \(Spring 2019\) Volunteer Hours Submission Form](#). For a list of eligible volunteer opportunities, click [here](#). This information and links can also be found on our Shirley Hills website: Parents/Parent Resources/Wolf Ridge.