

Greetings,

I want to encourage you to attend our PTA meeting next Monday, 9/23, starting at 6:30pm. 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. Additionally, Mr. Lhotka and I will start our character education classes focused on SOAR and bully prevention. We will teach all grade levels tools to support one another if they see, hear, or experience bullying.

Support your child at home by asking 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 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 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!

Take care,

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### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

09/23 DRESS UP DAY = PJ Day - wear pajamas or comfy clothes to school  
09/23 Cherrydale Fundraising Packets due in School Office  
09/23 PTA Meeting, 6:30-8:30pm, Media Center  
09/24 DRESS UP DAY = Mismatch Day - wear mismatched clothes, clothes backward, etc.  
09/25 DRESS UP DAY = Hat Day - wear your favorite hat to school  
09/26 DRESS UP DAY = Jersey Day - wear your favorite team jersey to school  
09/27 DRESS UP DAY = School Spirit - show your school spirit via clothes and hair  
09/27 Anti-Bullying Poster pictures taken  
09/27 Homecoming Parade (meet at Hilltop Primary at 4:45pm)  
09/30 Yearbook Early Order Discount Deadline  
10/01 WeCAN Coat Drive begins  
10/05 Hilltop Octoberfest, 11:00am - 3:00pm

### **FIRST PTA MEETING OF THE YEAR**

Our first PTA meeting of the year is next Monday, September 23rd, 6:30-8:30pm. Besides other business, we will have introductions, vote in new board members, and do an official board switchover. PTA meetings are held in the Media Center and there is free child care in one of the kindergarten rooms. We hope you can join us!

### **2019-20 YEARBOOK EARLY ORDER DISCOUNT**

Hurry! Don't Delay! Get 15% off your Shirley Hills Yearbook if you order by Sept 30th! Order now, but continue to update your custom pages throughout the year. For specific details please download the Treering PDF. Final date to order the yearbook is April 10th. Questions? Please email: [tirish.dirks@gmail.com](mailto:tirish.dirks@gmail.com)

Yearbook Volunteers: The Yearbook Staff is looking for some volunteers to help take classroom, events and general pictures throughout the school year to incorporate into the 2019-2020 Shirley Hills Yearbook. If you are interested or have any questions please email: [tirish.dirks@gmail.com](mailto:tirish.dirks@gmail.com)

Yearbook Ordering Instructions -- **KAREN COPY LINK!**

### **WE CAN 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 will also be gratefully accepted from 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 5th, 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://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044caba92da1ff2-hilltop7>