



COYOTE HOWLINGS

January 12, 2024

Dear Singing Hills Families,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a healthy and positive start to the New Year. We are excited to be back with our wonderful staff, students and parents. Everyone is ready to move forward with the second half of our school year.

Please welcome our new staff members: Lydia Edson – registrar, Rachel Conners – SEL SPED Facilitator, Andrea Barnette – long term substitute for Mrs. Brunn’s 2nd gr. classroom, Whitney Baumgartner – preschool floater, and Dannah Wilson – lunch/playground supervisor

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE/REGISTRATION

Once UPK information has been updated, we will have information for our Preschool Registration night.

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE/REGISTRATION

We will have our Kindergarten classroom visits and registration information on Thursday, February 1, 2024 from 4:30-6:00pm. Classroom visits will be from 4:30-5:00pm and registration will be in the library from 5:00-6:00pm.

SCHOOL SAFETY

As a school, we practice five main drills throughout the school year. The drills are **Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate and Shelter**. In all emergency situations, we have a protocol that everyone in the building follows. Here is a synopsis of each drill:

Hold, students are in their classroom or area. We clear the hallways and students remain in their classroom or area until the “All Clear” is announced. It is business as usual in the classroom or area. Doors are closed and locked and we account for students and adults.

Secure, we secure the perimeter. Students return inside from the outside area and it’s business as usual. Teachers bring students into the building, increase situational awareness, take attendance then it’s business as usual. If we were in a secure situation, we would communicate to district and district would notify parents of our situation, along with direction to parents.

Lockdown, the standard protocol is Locks, Lights, Out of Sight. Students move away from sight and maintain silence. Classroom doors are locked, lights are off, students move away from sight and maintain silence. Teachers take attendance and wait for a responder to open the door. If we were in a lockdown situation, we would communicate to district and district would notify parents of our situation along with direction to parents.

Evacuation, students leave stuff behind and form a single file line. Teachers grab the “Go Bag”, lead students to the evacuation location and take attendance to account for

students. If we were in an evacuation situation, we would communicate to district and district would notify parents of our situation along with direction to parents.

We practice fire drills and lockdown drills on a monthly basis.

Shelter: Tornado, Bomb, and Hazmat. Students drop, cover, hold and seal in silence. Teachers bring students to a designated, safe area within the school and take attendance. If we were in a shelter situation, we would communicate to district and district would notify parents of our situation along with direction to parents.

When we practice our drills, we look for areas to improve our process each time. With all safety drills, there are always representatives from our emergency responders, including our safety director, Jeremy Casey. We appreciate the continued support from our safety team.

PTCO & SAC

(Parent Teacher Community Organization) & (School Accountability Committee)

Our January PTCO meeting is postponed. We will let you know the date/time of our meeting.

Our next SAC meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 20 at 3:30pm in the conference room**. Dan Snowberger, our Superintendent, will be here to share the process for hiring the new principal for Singing Hills. Email Ms. Montera at rmontera@esdk12.org, if you prefer to join in a Zoom format for this meeting.

Yours in Learning,

Regina Montera

Principal

Singing Hills Elementary & Preschool

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

1/15 **NO SCHOOL**

1/22 Board Meeting – 6:00pm-8:00pm

1/24 Coffee with the Board – Independence Club House – 7:00am

1/24 1st Grade Field Trip – Museum of Nature and Science

1/24 District Spelling Bee – EMS – 4:00pm-6:00pm

If there is a change in your students after school routine, please call or email the office by 2:00pm.

If your child will be absent from school, please call the Attendance Line at 303-646-1815.

Pre-Order Your Yearbook NOW

You can pre order your yearbook now. We will still be using Treering this year. When you purchase a book you have 2 free pages for you to customize.

To purchase:

Go to www.treering.com/validate

Enter school passcode: 1016476188864841

Please email Ashlee Johnson if you have any questions. ajohnson@esdk12.org

PTCO Information

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Staff Appreciation

We are planning another staff appreciation event for January 23rd. Let's stock the break room with snacks and drinks our staff loves! Sign up link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084AA8A82BABFE3-47095526-staff>

From our Counselor

Please help support your amazing kids with their growing brains and appetite! We are in need of snack donations for the new year and will begin accepting these donations at your earliest convenience. Previous donations have included variety chips bags, Skinny Pop, Rice Krispy Treats, fruit snacks, and Goldfish. Snack donations are not limited to the listed items and can be dropped off at the office or delivered, should you choose to order them online. Please reach out to Mrs. Chere Lee for any questions or concerns at clee@esdk12.org . Thank you all for supporting our Coyotes brains and bodies!
