



COYOTE HOWLINGS

February 23, 2024

Dear Singing Hills Families,

As we move into the last three months of school, our calendar begins to fill up with many activities (field trips, conferences and end of year celebrations). Please continue to look at our school calendar, website, emails and Dojo messages for any updates.

CONFERENCES

Spring Conferences will be held during the week of March 11th. You can access the conference sign up from your classroom teacher's website until Sunday, March 10, 2024.

To sign up for conferences go to the Singing Hills site:

<https://www.elizabethschoolsdistrict.org/she>

Go to the top of the SHE website to Classrooms. Go to your child's teacher. The conference sign-up is on each teacher's main web page.

SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you, Jen Thorson for taking care of our drop off traffic lane each morning! We appreciate you!

MORNING DROP OFF

If your student(s) are dropped off **BEFORE 7:45am**, they will need to go to Kids Club and you will be charged.

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE/REGISTRATION

On Tuesday, March 5, 2024, we invite our parents of preschool children for the 2024-2025 school year to join us for classroom visits and registration information. Classroom visits will be from 4:30-5:00pm, in our preschool classrooms, and registration will be from 5:00-6:00pm in the library.

STUDENTS ENTERING PRESCHOOL FOR THE 24-25 SCHOOL YEAR MUST BE 3 OR 4 YEARS OLD BY OCTOBER 1, 2024.

Llan Barkley, the Executive Director/Council Coordinator for the Elbert County Early Childhood Council, will help families with the Universal Preschool Colorado (UPK) registration.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Kindergarten Registration is open.

1. Go to the school's website: [Singing Hills Website](#)
2. Scroll to Enroll/Register then click on the icon
3. Select/Click on "[Elizabeth School District Online Registration System for New Students](#)"
4. Choose 2024-25
5. Complete online registration

Remember to print the online supplemental forms and bring or email them to the school to complete the registration process for new Kindergarten students.

If you would like a tour of our preschool or kindergarten classrooms, please call our office at 303-646-1858. Our tours will be held before or after school hours. For more registration information, please contact Regina Montera, Singing Hills principal at 303-646-1858 or rmontera@esdk12.org

OFFICE

Please have patience as our new registrar, Lydia Edson, continues to learn all of the information for her position. Since she is new to our school, she does not know your names or faces, so she will ask for your ID when you pick up or volunteer.

PTCO UPDATE

Recently community members, who began joining our PTCO meetings in November, brought concerns to the district administration regarding our PTCO. We were asked not to have our January meeting until those concerns were addressed. Our remaining PTCO board members met with Dr. Dallas to hear and address those concerns.

Those concerns and results were:

Registered Agent Named & Use of School Address - [We are, and have been, in compliance.](#)

Tax filings & 501(c)(3) status – [We are currently in compliance with the IRS. Our PTCO will change our EIN status to reflect our organization's purpose. The original classification, filed in 2009, does not reflect the purpose of our PTCO. Our PTCO members are completing the necessary paperwork to correctly classify our organization.](#)

Procedure for adoption of new bylaws – [Our bylaws were corrected, revised and approved in November to reflect the Articles of Incorporation, which trumps the bylaws. The Articles of Incorporation, filed in 2009, did NOT identify as "The nonprofit corporation will have voting members." Our current PTCO board believes that we should have voting members and will take the necessary steps to file an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation to correctly identify our organization. Once that is completed, filed and accepted, our bylaws will be changed to reflect the amended Articles of Incorporation.](#)

Public movie night involving a copyrighted movie – [Our school does hold the Swank Movie Licensing USA Public Performance Site License ID: 165278-1 Date of Issue: 08/01/23-07/31/24.](#)

I would like to thank Roxanne Aviles and Carianne Hoover for all of the work they've done to continue to keep our PTCO organization in compliance. I'm thankful for all the work our PTCO parents and families do for our school community!

VOLUNTEERS

In order to clear up misinformation on social media, ALL volunteers are required to complete a Volunteer Agreement. Completion of the Volunteer Agreement is the background check, paid for by the district, to clear a person to be with children.

Volunteers have NEVER been asked to pay for the background check. This has been in place for many years in the Elizabeth School District. We continue to make the effort to keep a safe school community. The Raptor system is another safety measure that prints the badge for those volunteers to be recognized as a person who has checked in the office and is cleared to move in the building. Anyone who has volunteered in our schools is aware of this process that has been in place since at least 2017.

WEATHER

Please remember to dress your children for the possibility of cold weather. They should always have a coat, gloves and hat to keep warm. On cold weather days, we always look at the temperature and wind chill to help with our decision to have indoor or outside recess. We also use personal judgment by going outside and determining if it's a safe situation for our children.

PTCO & SAC

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

Our next PTCO meeting is on Tuesday, March 26 at 6:30pm. The Zoom link is <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83974251892?pwd=SPNnp2G0MBBE3TZV15tIWbmhzfHYBC.1>

Our next SAC meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 16 at 3:30pm in the conference room**. Amber Sorg, our new principal, will be here to participate in our final SAC meeting for the school year. Email Ms. Montera at rmontera@esdk12.org, if you prefer to join in a Zoom format for this meeting.

Yours in Learning,

Regina Montera

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Principal

Singing Hills Preschool and Elementary

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

2/23	Unified Basketball @ EMS – SHE vs RCE 5:00pm – EMS vs EHS 6:15pm
2/26	Board of Education Meeting – 6:00pm-8:00pm
2/27	Lego League – 3:15pm-4:30pm
2/28	4 th Grade Field Trip – Colorado Symphony
2/28	Coffee with the Board – Ziggi's – 7:00am-9:00am
3/4	Ambassadors - 3:15pm-4:00pm
3/5	3 rd Grade Field Trip – Denver Museum of Nature & Science
3/5	Lego League – 3:15pm-4:30pm
3/5	Preschool Open House/Registration – see above – 4:30pm-6:00pm
3/6	4 th Grade Field Trip – History Colorado
3/7	Art Club 3:15pm-4:30pm
3/8	Stampede to Read Assembly – 8:40am
3/9	ESD Job Fair – EHS – 9:00am-1:00pm
3/10	Daylight Saving Time Begins

If there is a change in your student's 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.

Lifetouch – Spring Pictures

Don't Forget to Order This Year's School Pictures

ENJOY 10% OFF your order!

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EXPIRES: December 31, 2024

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STEM Lab News

The STEM Lab is in need of a couple Snap Circuit kits. The basic kits would work best but others are fine! If you have one that you would like to donate, please reach out to me via Dojo or email.

Please check Dojo for more information about what your kids are doing in STEM. I'm trying to post more things to the class stories!

Petsmart and Petco gift cards are always welcome in the STEM Lab. Our critters (turtle, guppies, gold fish and hermit crabs) are always in need of something!!

Thank you all for sharing your kids with me!

Sincerely,

Mrs. McMullen

smcmullen@esdk12.org

Pre-Order Your Yearbook NOW

Please order your yearbook by April 19th. This will guarantee your yearbook to be delivered on time.

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

NO KIDS CLUB - SPRING BREAK

Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer Kids Club over Spring Break, 3/15-3/22.