



COYOTE HOWLINGS

March 8, 2024

Dear Singing Hills Families,

We'd like to thank all of our Singing Hills families and community members for their support of our staff member, Rheanna Tate. In the fall she learned that she had cancer and took the necessary steps to conquer this horrible disease. As a school community, we rallied to support her. We'd especially like to thank the following staff members, parents and community helpers: Susan McMullen, Ashlee Johnson, Julea Carothers, Laurel Block, TJ Schmitt, Emily Stout, Kaito Aviles, Jessica Capsel, Samantha Marcus, Jessica Millar, Elbert County Coalition for Outreach, Pinecrest Community Church, and Kiowa Fire Department who organized the contribution of money and food and Christmas gifts, Jennifer Tracy for organizing the Go Fund Me fundraiser and Andrea Baird and the Wranglers organization for organizing the shirt fundraiser. If there were other staff or family members who contributed, thank you so much! We've always maintained that we are a Singing Hills Family and we continue to support each other.

Thank you!

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.elizabethschooldistrict.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.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN

If you would like registration information and/or would like to set up a time for a classroom visit, please contact Regina Montera, principal, at 303.646.1858 or rmontera@esdk12.org

STUDENTS ENTERING PRESCHOOL FOR THE 24-25 SCHOOL YEAR MUST BE 3 OR 4 YEARS OLD BY OCTOBER 1, 2024. Students who will be 4 years old by October 1st must apply through Universal Preschool Colorado (UPK).

Universal Preschool Colorado (UPK) registration is open. Use the following link:

<https://upk.colorado.gov/>

Registration packets for all 3 and 4 year olds are available in our office.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION is OPEN

Kindergarten Registration is open.

1. Go 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

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)

Please join us for our March PTCO meeting on the 26th at 6:30 pm. We will meet via Zoom. Meeting info is below:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4034440944?pwd=ZxgbzHDcOJPuh62eBaQJyYOY0M7Yi.1&omn=87864571421>

Meeting ID: 403 444 0944

Passcode: 3QqG4L

We look forward to seeing you all!

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

3/11-14 Conference Week

3/12 Lego League – 3:15pm-4:30pm

3/13 SHE Art Gallery – 5:15pm-6:00pm

3/14 Art Club 3:15pm-4:30pm

3/15-22 **NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK**

3/25 Return to School

3/25 Board Meeting – 6:00pm-8:00pm

3/26 Lego League – 3:15pm-4:30pm

3/26 PTCO – 6:30pm
3/27 Kindergarten Graduation Pictures
3/27 Coffee With the Board – Independence Club House – 4:00pm-6:00pm

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.

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.

Dear 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade Parents,

As many of you know, CMAS (Colorado Measures of Academic Success) testing for our intermediate students will begin on Monday, April 8th.

Our school uses the data gathered through state testing as a measure for determining student and curricular needs. Another thing to consider is that our school also uses CMAS data as a measure to help in the identification of Gifted and Talented students. We use a body of evidence to proceed with identifying a child for this program and CMAS scores can be a point of data for that evidence.

Please see our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade CMAS testing schedule for ELA (English Language Arts), Math, and Science:

3rd Grade ELA	April 9, 15, & 17	8:10-10:15 am
3rd Grade Math	April 8, 10, & 16	8:10-9:50 am

4th Grade ELA	April 8, 9, & 10	9:35-11:40 am
4th Grade Math	April 15, 16, & 17	9:35-11:15 am

5th Grade ELA	April 8, 9, & 10	10:50-12:55 pm
5th Grade Math	April 15, 16, & 17	10:50-12:30 pm
5th Grade Science	April 19, 22, & 23	10:50-12:45 pm

Plan ahead to ensure your child is present during these dates and times. Please reschedule any appointments your child may have during this testing window.

Below are some tips for parents to help their students do their very best every day, but especially during the CMAS testing window. We ask for your help in preparing your child with the following strategies.

- Get a good night sleep, be well rested (8-10 hours).
- Eat a healthy breakfast.
- Arrive at school on time and be here every day (especially during testing).
- Have a positive "can do" student attitude.

Here are some test-taking tips that will help your child take CMAS.

Remind your child to:

- Read the test directions carefully.
- Read the questions carefully and be sure of what they are asking.
- With long passages, sometimes it's helpful to read the questions before the passage so you know what answers to look for as you're reading.
- Read all of the answer choices before responding.

- If you don't know the answer to a question, skip it and come back if there is time.
- Eliminate any answers that you know are wrong, and then consider only those that might be right.
- Go back and check your answers if time allows.

We know that as a partner in your child's education, you will do all you can to help ensure your child's success and we greatly appreciate your support. I'm happy to answer any questions you may have.

As always, it is a parental choice to opt your student out of CMAS testing. If you are interested in that option, opt out forms are available in our front office.

Sincerely,

Patricia Kaiser
Dean of Students & School Assessment Coordinator
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