

Dear Parents and Guardians of Hygiene Elementary:

I want to take this opportunity to welcome you back for the 2017-2018 school year. I hope all of you had a wonderful, relaxing summer. I am absolutely thrilled to start a new year and look forward to continuing our work as a school and community around our instructional focus, STEAM!

Over the summer Hygiene Elementary accomplished great things that included Summer Camp sponsored by our Community Schools. Ms. Veronica and her team did a fabulous job with our students this summer. In addition, we have a newly constructed front lobby for our students and community! This could not be possible without the unwavering community support in passing the recent bond in 2016.

As we prepare for the new school year, please NOTE: "The Hub", Hygiene's Community Schools program, offers before & after school enrichment classes. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Ms. Veronica Vigil at vigil_veronica@svvdsd.org.

We are ready for an awesome year at Hygiene and look forward to seeing your students on August 15, the first day of school. School supply lists are in local Wal-Mart and Target stores and can be found on the website at hes.svvdsd.org.

This year we will have a number of new faces in our halls. Please join me in welcoming the following new staff members or change in assignments to the Hygiene community.

Kendall Newell	Half Day Kindergarten Teacher
Cathi Brents	Second Grade Teacher
Jessica Moore	Fourth Grade Teacher
Taran Corson	Fifth Grade Teacher
Tanya Ross	Literacy Teacher
Rebecca Knapp	Special Education Teacher
Kaite Haaland	Special Education Facilitator
Annie Barth	Special Education Para
Lisa Shykula	Computer Lab Para
Kathryn Pritchard	Kindergarten Para

As the school year approaches, be sure to note the following changes this year.

- Our new bell schedule has changed. Our start time is 9:10 am. School will dismiss at 3:45pm.
- We will hold Open House/Back to School Night for Kindergarten on August 16th and Open House/Back to Schools Night for grades 1-5 on August 31st.

Please mark your calendar for these important dates and reminders.

August 14-15 Kindergarten Testing Day

Kindergarteners have a designated time to come in for beginning of the year testing. It is important that we assess all students during this 2-day window. If you have forgotten your time slot, please call the office for assistance at (720) 652-8021.

NOTE: There will be an Open House for all preschoolers on August 15th and August 16th. Please be watching for a separate letter from Ms. Gaede and Ms Frantz with more details.

- **August 15 – First Day of School, Grades 1-5.**
School starts at 9:10am and dismisses at 3:45pm. Please remember, if you are dropping off your child, follow the [Hug N' Go guidelines](#). All students will line up in the south Hug N Go area. Classroom teachers will be holding up signs for the students in the south Hug N Go lawn area.
NOTE: Please bring school supplies on the first day of school.
- **August 16- 5:30-6:15 Open House/Back to School Night for Kindergarten**
Kindergarten teachers will be in their classrooms for a meet and greet with a short presentation. PTO will have popsicles for everyone to enjoy.
- **August 17 – First Day of School, Preschoolers and Kindergarteners.**
School begins at 9:10 am for preschoolers and kindergarteners.
- **August 25-3:00pm – Summer Soaring Celebration**
We will honor and celebrate those students who extended their learning over the summer and reached their goals in reading, writing and math. The flyers must be completed which may be found on the main page of our website.

- **August 31-Open House/Back to School Night for grades 1-5.-** We will be offering two Open House sessions and times. The purpose is to provide flexibility for families with multi age children. At both sessions the same information will be provided.
- **August 31, 5:30-6:05 – Open House for grades 1-5 and Meet Your Teacher**
Grade level teachers and specialists will be in their classrooms for a meet and greet and a short presentation.
- **August 31, 6:15-6:50 – Open House for grades 1-5 and Meet Your Teacher**
Grade level teachers and specialists will be in their classrooms for a meet and greet and a short presentation. We will have popsicles, thanks to our PTO.

IMPORTANT:

If your child rides the bus, please have your child carry the bus pass daily. If you are new to Hygiene, transportation will be issuing a pass for your child. This pass helps identify your child and his/her location to ensure safety at all times.

If your child gets dropped off or picked up, please pay close attention to the Hug N Go Rules. It is also important that we continue to build strong partnerships with our neighbors on 75th St and therefore, please do not block any driveway at any time when waiting in line.

If you have questions or concerns about upcoming events, please don't hesitate to contact me directly. I look forward to seeing all of you August 15.

Sincerely,

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