

SAGE PAGE UPDATE

Sage Hills Elementary * 3033 Swainson Ave * 801-610-8723

September 2013

- 2 - Labor Day **No School**
- 4 - SCC Meeting @ 4pm
- 16 - PTA Meeting @ 9:30 am
- 18 - School Pictures
- 24 - Vision Screening
K, 1, 3, 5, new students
- 27 - Reflections due



October Upcoming Events

- 1-4 Book Fair
- 2 SEP Conferences
4:00-7:40
- 3 SEP Conferences
4:00-7:40
- 10-14 Fall Break **NO SCHOOL**
- 18 PTA Hogwarts evening
- 22 Picture make-up day
- 28 Reflections Award Night
6:30-7:30
- 31 Halloween Parade
9:45
- 31 Halloween class parties 1:30

Principal's Message

Welcome back Sage Hills Thunderhawks and families! The school year has had a wonderful beginning!

As we begin this new year, I would like to thank our teachers and staff for their phenomenal help with a positive beginning. Each teacher pulled together with new team members and staff. Since Sage Hills is a new school and is growing quickly, we are fortunate to always have new teachers on staff. The new teachers bring great ideas and strength to our teams. This adds to our strength as a school.

My dream is that all of our students and parents can have a positive attitude towards our new staff members. They could use a welcoming hello and support. We ask parents to volunteer in our classrooms to see what is truly taking place. It is really amazing! Thank you for your support and help!

Have a wonderful September!

~Mrs. Holbrook

Welcome New Sage Hills Teachers!

Kindergarten AM/PM: Mrs. Vick

Kindergarten OEK: Mrs. Cooper

2nd Grade: Mrs. Steinberg, Mr. Johnson

3rd Grade: Mrs. Leavitt, Miss Pace

4th Grade: Mrs. Rowland, Miss Walden, Mrs. Wride

5th Grade: Mrs. Hathaway

6th Grade: Mrs. Kaczmarek

We are going paperless!

Future newsletters will be found on our school website: sagehills.alpineschools.org

If you do not have access to the internet, you are welcome to come into the office to pick up a newsletter. We will not be sending them home with students.

All school information is accessible on our website.

Introducing Spirit Sticks

Sage Hills is beginning a positive incentive program. Each student will be given a key ring to put on his or her backpack. Students can earn a spirit stick for their birthday, various academic, character education, and grade level achievements. Students will also be able to purchase spirit sticks for \$1.00. If a student loses their key ring, they can purchase a new key ring for \$2.00. If you are interested in purchasing spirit sticks as incentives at home, feel free to stop by the office. Spirit sticks work because it is a public recognition of achievement and a way for students to feel good about themselves!

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PowerPC™ are needed to view this picture.

ONLINE STUDENT INFORMATION UPDATE

Each year we must have updated emergency and health information for each student. This year, Alpine School District has set it up for **each family to be responsible to input this information in Skyward.** Individual schools will **NOT** be collecting hard copies of this information!

There is a tutorial for parents available online at <http://blog.alpineschools.org/online-student-information-update/>

Your Skyward Family Access login and password are tied to the email address that we have on file at the school. If we do not have your email address, please contact the school.

Checking Students Out

For safety and legal concerns, parents **MUST** come into the school office to pick up their children during school hours.

A Picture ID is required.

- ☛ **SICK OR INJURED CHILDREN** – A parent or authorized designee must come, personally, to the school office to pick up students during school hours. **Students will be called from class only after a parent or designated adult has signed the checkout log.**
- ☛ **We discourage parents from calling and asking the office to call their student out of class prior to parents' arrival, or to meet them outside, or be allowed to walk home.** Please plan to allow time to check your children out of school in the main office.
- ☛ Unless the school has a copy of a court order designating custody, the student cannot be prevented from leaving school with either parent or guardian. **Only those persons you have designated as an emergency contact in Skyward may check out your child.**
- ☛ Your understanding and cooperation with this policy is appreciated.

We ask that you make all arrangements with your child before school. We cannot guarantee that a message will reach your child before school is out.

Character Connection

We will be using the Lindon Character Connection format this year.

In September our students will be learning and setting goals about Conflict Resolution.

The motto for the month is: "Conflict resolution can only happen when we attack the problem, not the person."

William James said, "Whenever you're in conflict with someone, there is one factor that can make the difference between damaging your relationship and deepening it. That factor is attitude."

Emergencies

We are really excited to be able to have and use School Messenger. Parent Link can call each of our homes within 15-20 minutes. This will help us in case of emergency. Each staff member has been given emergency flip charts with maps and directions that cover emergency procedures for a variety of situations.

There are three basic responses we will make depending on the type of emergency:

1. Stay in the building.
2. Evacuate the building to outside.
3. Evacuate to the church north of the school.

We have specific response plans for emergencies such as fire, earthquakes, bomb threats, intruders, gas leaks, and power outages. We have monthly fire drills and occasional drills for other emergencies, so that students and teachers will know what to do and where to go.

We will notify parents when students need to be picked up before the regular dismissal times. We ask in an emergency you park at the church or on the street and walk in to retrieve your children. Emergency vehicles will have priority in the driveway.

When we have drills or minor incidents that do not need your immediate attention, we will ask students to tell you what happened after they arrive home from school.

While we cannot foresee every emergency, we plan to keep your children safe and secure.



Parking Lot Safety

Parents are to pick up students in the South parking lot. Please do not use the bus lanes, North parking lot, or North delivery driveway.

We recognize the value of each child. Please plan ahead so you can take the time to ensure that ALL students are safe.

We are asking patrons again to please be aware of a few parking lot items.

1. Every child's safety is important to us. The parking lot **rules apply to all**.
2. A **RED ZONE/Bus Zone** is a **RED ZONE** during **ALL** school hours. If for any reason your child is late, do not drive into the red/bus zone to drop them off. Please use the drop off/pick up area. The bus zone is the North entrance and patron area is the South entrance.
3. Do not pull into the North faculty parking lot or bus zone to drop off any students at any time during the day.
4. **DROP OFF ZONE:**
 - a. Please pull all the way forward to alleviate cars from backing up. Students being picked up are exiting the building via the South doors. Students who are walking are exiting the North doors. Students riding the bus are to exit the center/main doors.
 - b. Please do not leave your vehicle unattended in the Drop off/ Pick up area. This is extremely frustrating to all parents, staff on duty, and children.
5. **SLOW DOWN:** We are in a small area where speeds should not exceed 5 mph. Remember: Safety for all children. Plan ahead if you have somewhere else to be in a hurry. A child's life is not worth the speed some are driving.

Join Saratoga Shores Ballroom

- MAKE NEW FRIENDS
- LEARN COOL DANCE MOVES
- PERFORM FOR YOUR SCHOOL
- FOR BOYS & GIRLS
- BUILD YOUR CONFIDENCE
- HAVE FUN WITH YOUR FRIENDS
- FOR ALL 4TH, 5TH, & 6TH GRADE STUDENTS IN SARATOGA SPRINGS
- ENJOY A TEAM EXPERIENCE
- TEAMS PRACTICE ONCE A WEEK FOR THE ENTIRE SCHOOL YEAR

THE MINNOWS - 4th & 5th Grade Beginning Team – Wednesdays 3:45 to 4:30 – Starts Sept. 18th

THE SHARKS - 5th & 6th Grade Team - (student's experienced in Ballroom & all 6th graders) - Thursdays 3:45 TO 4:30 - Starts Sept. 19th

All practices are held weekly at Saratoga Shores Elementary School Gym

Registration due by Sept. 13st – Practices start Sept. 18th & 19th

Fee: ONLY \$45 PER STUDENT FOR THE ENTIRE SCHOOL YEAR

FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT: Heather Kuntz [801-766-8841](tel:801-766-8841) or sseballroom@gmail.com

Or go to our team blog: www.saratogashoresballroomteam.blogspot.com

Students can print out a registration form from the blog or pick up a registration form from their school's office.

Any 4th, 5th, or 6th grade students welcome from Saratoga Springs.

They can bring their registration form into Saratoga Shores Elementary or they can mail it to the school or scan it and E-mail it. Hurry our teams are filling up fast! Teams are filled on a first come first serve basis! Girls are required to recruit a boy to be on the team. We ALWAYS need BOYS for the team!!!

Girls Waiting List: When Girls register for the team they go on a waiting list until they're able to recruit a boy for the team. Once they're able to recruit a boy then they're officially on the team list. Or if a boy signs up without being recruited then we take the next girl on the waiting list and move her to the official team list (first come first serve basis). Girls are guaranteed a spot on the team if they recruit a boy. Have the boy fill out a registration form and on the form there is a spot where they write who they were recruited by. 4th grade Girls need to recruit a 4th grade Boy. 5th or 6th grade Girls need to recruit 5th or 6th grade Boys. You have until the first week of October to find boys to join the team, so start asking around. We strongly recommend that you fill out a registration form and we'll put you on the waiting list until you can recruit a boy. If you have any questions about this please contact Heather Kuntz.

SAFETY PATROL

This year Sage Hills is implementing a Safety Patrol program. This will give students responsibility and ownership out on the playground. 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students, who are willing, are selected by their teacher to be on safety patrol. A minimum of three students will be on patrol at all recesses along with adult supervision. Students will be responsible for patrol one day a week for a four-week cycle, after four weeks, new students will be selected.

Safety Patrol has two main goals. Their first goal is SAFETY. This means that they will be helping students to follow the rules and stay safe at recess. Their second goal is FUN. They are to make sure that students out on the playground are having fun by making sure that students are playing fair. Safety Patrol is also responsible to check playground equipment out to students then help collect the equipment at the end of each recess.

'Once on Safety Patrol always on Safety Patrol' is our motto. Although students will not have the opportunity to serve on the Safety Patrol all year long we hope that they will learn the skills to help each other and make sure our school's playground is a SAFE and FUN place for all students.