

# SAGE PAGE UPDATE

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

## September Events

- 6 PTA Fun Run @ 8AM
- 9 Vision Screening  
all K and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students
- 10 SCC Meeting @ 4PM
- 16 School Pictures
- 22 PTA Meeting @ 12:30PM
- 23 Vision Screening  
all 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and new students
- 29 Book Fair



## October Events

- 1-3 Book Fair
- 1 Reflections entries due
- 1 Parent/Teacher Conference @4PM
- 2 Parent/Teacher Conference @4PM
- 10 PTA Hogwarts evening
- 13 PTA Meeting @ 12:30PM
- 16-20 Fall Break **NO SCHOOL**
- 22 Picture make-up day
- 27 Reflections Award/Choir Night 6:30-7:30PM
- 31 Halloween Parade 9:45AM
- 31 Halloween class parties



## Principal's Message

Welcome back, Sage Hills Thunderhawks and families! It has been wonderful to observe the students excited to start a new school year and for me to have the opportunity to meet so many of you and your tremendous students.

I would like to thank our students, parents, teachers, and staff for their amazing help with getting the school year off to a great start.

Stepping into a new role as the principal, I have spent a lot of time contemplating how to best help students have a great elementary experience and prepare for junior high and beyond. In addition to gaining a solid foundation of literacy, mathematics, and the other subjects, I feel that one of the greatest things we can teach students is to have a love of learning. Students who love to learn have a great desire to understand the world around them. At Sage Hills, we want to instill this excitement for life-long learning.

We live in an amazing, adventure-filled world that children should explore and enjoy learning about. Together as a team, we will provide opportunities for children to grow and learn in a safe and fun environment to help ensure that they will become life-long learners. We want to work hand-in-hand with you as we help these great students enthusiastically seek and find the knowledge, skills, and abilities they will need throughout life.

I value your input, and my door is always open to discuss the success of our Thunderhawks.

~Mr. Rowley

## Welcome, New Sage Hills Teachers!

Kindergarten: Mrs. Derocher, Mrs. Kertamus

1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Mrs. Stauffer, Mrs. Watson

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Taylor

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Mrs. Blackham, Mrs. Briese, Mrs. Panike

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Mrs. Black, Mrs. Stott

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Mrs. Bradford, Mrs. Okelberry

6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Mrs. Elggren

Computer Specialty: Mrs. Ferrell, Mrs. Harrington



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## Character Connection

The characteristics we will focus on this year are: conflict resolution, courtesy, dependability, friendship, cooperation, honesty, accountability, self-control, and worth.

The character connection program will be introduced to the students on September 8<sup>th</sup> in our opening assembly. Each month we will present the characteristic we are learning for that month and also reward those students who have completed the character goal from the previous month during the assemblies.

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

The motto for the month is: *“Conflict resolution happens when we confront 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.”*

## Spirit Sticks

Sage Hills will continue our positive incentive program with Spirit Sticks. Each new student will be given a key ring to put on their 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 in at the office. Spirit sticks work because they are a public recognition of achievement and a way for students to feel good about themselves!



## Emergencies

We are excited to be able to have and use the School Messenger calling system which allows us to call every student home within 5-10 minutes. This system 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 in place for emergencies such as a fire, earthquake, bomb threats, intruders, gas leaks, and power outages. We have monthly evacuation drills and occasional drills for other emergencies so that students and teachers will know what to do and where to go.

Using the contact information you have provided us, we will notify parents when students need to be picked up before the regular dismissal times. It is critical that you provide us with the most updated contact information, and that your additional emergency contacts are individuals you trust that would be available to respond quickly.

In the unlikely event that there is an emergency, we ask that 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 and continue to prepare so we can keep your children safe and secure.

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