



South Hills Middle School

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Bridging the gap and leading the Husky Pack, we are South Hills!

WELCOME TO THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR!

August 14, 2023

I hope this letter finds you refreshed and ready for a new school year. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year at South Hills Middle School. **The first day of school is Monday, August 28, 2023.** We are excited for the privilege of educating and supporting your children in an environment that fosters growth, learning, and opportunities for all learners.

Our number one priority is student achievement. We are committed to educating whole students by accommodating their academic, emotional, and social needs. We are passionate about the power of education for imparting capacity and self-worth. With an array of course offerings, co-curricular activities and programs, South Hills ensures that its students may capitalize on their individual talents in command of their personalized pathways to future success.

Another priority is creating a school where all students thrive, feel safe, and belong—a middle school that prepares students to accomplish their dreams and succeed at whatever comes next. Anticipate a challenging, high-quality education that inspires one to *believe, achieve, and succeed*.

Please review the following carefully, for it discloses important news and information regarding the upcoming school year:

Back to School Night: Wednesday, 8/23/23, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM in the South Hills cafeteria; families are to enter at the main entrance in the back of the building; refreshments and light snack will be provided – **featuring Kona Ice**

First day of school: Monday, 8/28/23

New and later start/end times:

- Student arrival & breakfast: 7:10 AM – 7:35 AM
- Homeroom warning bell: 7:35 AM
- Homeroom late bell: 7:40 AM
- Dismissal: 2:40 PM

Transportation schedules: The district's Pupil Transportation Office will mail these to families prior to the first day of school.



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Laptop distribution: All students will receive their district-issued laptop computers within the first two (2) weeks of school.

Login credentials: Student passwords have been changed over the summer. Students will receive their new passwords via their homeroom teachers within the first few days of school. Parent/Guardian login credentials for the Home Access Center (HAC) have not changed. If you are in need of your username/password, submit a Let's Talk support ticket on the district's website.

Cell phone collection: South Hills Middle School collects cell phones and other smart electronic devices with cellular capabilities upon entry to the building. Students are prohibited from having electronic devices including, but not limited to, MP3 players and cell phones in their possession during the standard school day from 7:10 AM – 2:40 PM and in Detention Hall. The school collects all electronic devices/cell phones upon entering the school and returns them during the final class session of the day. Students who refuse to comply are subject to disciplinary action.

Thank you for your commitment to South Hills Middle School. We look forward to working with you in the upcoming school year. To our new students/families, welcome to the Husky Pack, and to our returning students/families, welcome back to the Husky Pack!

Yours in education,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. E. Frioni".

Dr. Robert E. Frioni
Principal