



Welcome!

We are so excited to begin the new school year! Each new year brings a sense of excitement, joy, anticipation and nervousness for students, parents and staff. I encourage you and your children to truly embrace all of these emotions, as they are what make the start of the school year so special! It's going to be a memorable year as our expansion is complete and we will all be part of the new Ivy Hill!

New Faces and Places:

Each year we welcome new staff and wish former staff well in all their new endeavors. Please welcome the following Ivy Hill staff!

Kindergarten (TPI): Ms. Emily Eisenhuth
Kindergarten: Ms. Haley Devers
1st grade (TPI): Mrs. Lisa Berman
5th grade: Mrs. Kirsten Baker
Literacy Specialist: Mrs. Claire Hasemeyer
Technology Facilitator: Mrs. Christine Akdeniz
Music (part-time): Ms. Allison Hennessey
Speech Language Pathologist: Ms. Julianne Smith
Psychologist Intern: Ms. Breanna McGuire

We additionally send our well wishes to the Ivy Staff that moved on to their next adventures. Ms. Meghan Moser (Speech Language Pathologist) will be taking her skills and experience to South Middle School, as she's excited to work with our middle school students. Mrs. Ellie Branson (5th grade) will also be heading to South Middle School to pursue her passion of teaching Literacy. Mrs. Kaitlin Fajks (Tech Facilitator) will be heading to Thomas Middle School as one of the new creative arts teachers. Mrs. Nancy Arias (1st grade teacher) and Mrs. Michele McIlrath (Teaching Assistant) retired at the end of last year. I'd like to thank all of them for their dedication and wish them all the best in their new endeavors!

Communication:

I look forward to communicating with everyone on a consistent basis this year. In addition to email, School Messenger, and our new and improved website, we will continue to focus on using Twitter as a way for parents to keep informed about all the great things happening on a daily basis. I encourage all of you to contact your child's teacher via email as open lines of communication are extremely important for a strong home-school connection.

Visitor Sign-In Procedures:

Starting the first day of school we are continuing our visitor identification process. When you come to visit Ivy Hill School please ring the doorbell. Everyone will be greeted and asked to share the reason for their visit prior to entering the school. If you are planning to stay and volunteer within the school building, we will need to scan your government issued identification card. The system will check your ID against the Statewide Sex Offender Database and the Statewide Murder and Violent Offender Against Youth Database. The process only takes a few seconds and increases the safety of all our students. We will only need to scan your identification card once per year. I truly appreciate your patience and cooperation with this continued procedure.

Lunch

This is just a quick reminder to pack your child's lunch or set up an account at My Meal Time since our first day is a full day! Please use the below link to the District 25 Department of Food Service website for more information. [SD25 Food Service](#)

The entire Ivy Hill Staff is extremely excited to begin the adventures of 2016-2017 with all of you!

Sincerely,

Scott Kaese
Principal

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

