

# Indian Hills Elementary School

## September Newsletter

Dear Families,

The 2019-2020 school year is off to a great start! Our teachers and staff have been working hard with each and every student to ensure that we are on track to meet our established academic goals. We believe in all of our students and their capacity to learn and achieve academic success. Educational research clearly documents that when families support student learning at home, there is a definite increase in grades, attendance, attitude, behavior, homework completion, social skills, state test results, and college attendance. Indian Hills Elementary is pleased with our decision to implement Academic Parent-Teacher Teams (APTT) as an additional approach to supporting all students in reaching their full academic potential. The goal of the APTT model is to promote family teacher collaboration to drive student learning and achievement.

I want to personally invite you to join us by attending our first round of APTT meetings. The meetings for the 2019-2020 school year will be for kindergarten and first grade students and families. The first meeting date is October 3rd (see column to the right). Every teacher is currently working diligently with their colleagues in preparation for this important meeting with you. They are reviewing and compiling student data and strategically selecting key grade level skill building activities that you can use at home with your student.

All APTT team meetings will be 75 minutes in length. The meetings will cover the following:

- A review of student progress data
- The establishment of academic goals
- A demonstration of activities to use at home with your child
- An opportunity to work with other parents from your child's class to build community

Indian Hills Elementary will continue to work conscientiously to ensure every child receives an excellent education.

We look forward to seeing you at our first APTT meeting! If you have any questions, please call our office at 721-2900.

Your child's principal,

Randy Crisler

Indian Hills Elementary  
721-2900

Principal: Randy Crisler

School Starts: 7:45 a.m.

Tardy Bell: 7:55 a.m.

Dismissal: 3:00 p.m.

(Monday—Thursday)

**Early Release:**

**Friday: 12:30 p.m.**

### Important Dates:

#### **Parent/Teacher Conference**

Monday, Sept. 16

10:00 am-6:00 pm

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

### **APTT Meeting Dates:**

Meeting 1: October 3rd

Meeting 2: January 29th

Meeting 3: April 29th

### **Meeting Agenda**

5:15-5:30-Check in

5:30-6:45-Meeting

6:45-7:15-Dinner

**Advisory School Council** election ballots are going home on Tuesday, September 10th. Please return them back to school on Thursday, September 12th.

Thank you!



Parking Lot

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Always Be Careful!

### Safety and Parking Lot News

With the new school year starting our Indian Hills Safety Committee would like you to be aware of a few things.

When driving through our school premises, we are encouraging all parents, family members, and visitors to be cognizant of students at all times. Please make sure you are slowing down on school property, and stopping at crosswalks. Designated Handicap parking spots are for licensed handicap drivers only.

We have had several concerned parents requesting a change in our pick-up and drop-off process. Before we attempt to make drastic changes that impact everyone, we are asking for you to help us in the following ways:

1. Keep the carpool loop moving, please refrain from parking there if you are planning on spending more than a few minutes at the school. This is to be a fast drop-off or pick-up area.
2. When moving out of the loop, please make sure you are attentive to the ongoing driveway traffic and those that are trying to pull in to get closer to the curbing.
3. Be cautious, courteous and support what our duty people are requesting. They are there to keep you and your children safe.

We also have two parking lots that are available to all families during the morning and afternoon. One of them being the area directly across from the playground and the other being the parking lot that is in the red dirt area.

We realize that our driveway is not perfect. However, with your help we know we can improve the safety of our school.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

IHE Safety Committee