

Serena Hills School

Flossmoor School District 161

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! It is my absolute pleasure to extend a warm welcome to both new and returning families for what promises to be another exciting year of teaching and learning. As an exceptionally dedicated team, we promise to continue making your child's educational and social -emotional growth our top priority and we want you to join us! Our Serena family has much to celebrate! This past year, we focused on rigorous engagement based on evidence based practices and 21st Century principles, which included learning opportunities within our communities. The by-product of this hard work once again raised our standardized test scores and moved student achievement to a higher level. This year we will continue to strengthen our approaches to address the Common Core State Standards and prepare our children for college and career readiness. We are very excited to be the recipient of a very generous monetary gift from a former Serena Hills alumnus that will create the first STEM lab pilot for the district. We will share more information about this pilot in the near future. Serena is a wonderful diverse community with unique challenges and amazing opportunities. There are many benefits to a child when schools, families, and community in partnership value learning. Open communication is important to ensure a successful home-school partnership throughout the year. We invite you to contribute your time and ideas as we continue our work to build a safe and positive school culture.

There are several ways in which a parent/ guardian can participate within our school community: volunteering, parent activity days, fund- raisers, school wide celebrations, and joining our dedicated Parent- Teacher Organization (PTO) is a just a few ways to make a difference.

To view the Strategic Plan or receive additional information please visit our district website at www.sd161.org or the Serena Hills website at <http://serenahills.sd161.org>. You may also follow us on Twitter and Facebook. Please note that eChalk can provide direct communication with your child's teacher(s) and Skyward is available to monitor your child's grades, attendance reports, and trimester report cards.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Class Assignment Pick up:

Thursday, August 10th from 8:30-11:30 a.m. or 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 16th from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. or 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

First Full Day of School:

Thursday, August 24th from 8:15 – 3:05 p.m.

Elementary Open House:

Tuesday, August 29th

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Please read the enclosed letter regarding Arrival/Departure procedures that must be followed so our school surroundings remain safe for all.

The entire Serena Hills team feels privileged to be apart of this wonderful learning community. The smiling faces on our students are a true indicator that school is an exciting and fun place to explore new learning!

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, concerns, or ideas that you would like to discuss.

We thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,
Dr. Shari Demitrowicz
Serena Hills Principal