

# Indian Hills Newsletter

August 2015



## BACK TO SCHOOL EDITION



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## Back to School Night Thursday, August 20th

- **3<sup>rd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> grade parents 5:00-5:45 PM**  
(meet with your child's teacher in their classroom and receive an overview of their academic year ahead. Two identical sessions will be held back-to-back at approximately 5:00-5:20 and 5:25-5:45. Please plan to attend one of these sessions.)
- **PTA Overview 5:50-6:10 PM**
- **K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade parents 6:15-7:00 PM**  
(meet with your child's teacher in their classroom and receive an overview of their academic year ahead. Two identical sessions will be held back-to-back at approximately 6:15-6:35 and 6:40-7:00. Please plan to attend one of these sessions.)

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>: Back-to-School Night
- Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>: First day of school
  - 8:30 AM school begins
  - 11:30 AM half-day Kindergarten is dismissed
  - 3:15 PM school is dismissed
- Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>: Fun Run Meeting (9:00 AM)
- Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>: Fun Run Kick-Off Assembly with DJ Rob (10:00 AM)
- Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>: Fun Run Packets distributed
- Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>: Labor Day (NO SCHOOL)
- Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>: Busath Fundraiser



## Message From the PTA

Dear Indian Hills Parents,

Welcome back to Indian Hills! We hope everyone had a fantastic and rejuvenating summer. We are thrilled about a wonderful school year ahead and sincerely appreciate all past PTA volunteers and parents who have paved the way in making our school an exceptional place for learning and a community comprised of supportive parents who are highly invested in their children's education.

Our 2015-16 PTA Theme is "All In: Together Everyone Achieves More" or TEAM. The significance of the acronym TEAM is to celebrate each student's different strengths, talents and interests, while recognizing that together, we make us an unstoppable TEAM! We will be exploring a different subject each month during the school year so as to nourish and develop every student's interests while exploring other subjects that they may be less familiar or confident with. Our purpose in choosing this theme is to help students realize their individual strengths and see the value of sharing their strengths with a community as a whole.

We want everyone to get involved in building up our already amazing community of dedicated parents and students at Indian Hills. At Back-to-School Night, we will have a variety of PTA sign-up opportunities in the front lobby. We will also have on display our 2015-16 school T-shirts (necessary for upcoming Fun Run and field trips) and optional sweatshirts and sweatpants. You also will not want to miss the sign-ups for our Busath Photography Fundraiser, which is right around the corner (September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>). Busath Photography sign-ups will be available in the front lobby during Back-to-School Night. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Niki Evans & Missy Bergstedt  
2015-16 PTA Co-Presidents

**ATTENTION! ATTENTION!**  
**FUN RUN CORPORATE SPONSORS NEEDED!**

On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, Indian Hills Elementary will hold its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fun Run. We are excited about this event as 100% of the money raised will be used to support Indian Hills' students and teachers. More specifically, this fundraiser money is used to pay for wonderful programs at our school, including our Hands-On-Science experiments, classes, and labs, offered by our Science Specialist. We will also fund Artists in Residence to enrich the lives of students through art. With the money raised, we will give each teacher a stipend to be used for academic purposes (i.e. pay for field trips buses and purchase books and supplies that directly benefit students.) We want these traditions to continue. In order to do so, we need to raise a significant amount of money with Fun Run.

**We are inviting all parents who are in a position to do so, to ask their employer if their business would be willing to be a corporate sponsor of our upcoming Fun Run. Corporate sponsors, who donate \$500 or more, will be listed on all marketing materials used throughout the year, such as banners, monthly school newsletters and our yearbook.**

These contributions are tax deductible and very much appreciated. Indian Hills' PTA Tax ID number will be provided upon request. Please make checks payable to "Indian Hills PTA". We sincerely appreciate your support and pledge to our children's educational experience.

For more information, please contact Missy Bergstedt ([melissabergsted@yahoo.com](mailto:melissabergsted@yahoo.com)) or Niki Evans ([johnandniki@hotmail.com](mailto:johnandniki@hotmail.com)).



## Principal's Message

Earl R. Arnoldson

Dear Indian Hills Community:

As the beginning of the school year approaches I would like to introduce you to some new Indian Hills faculty members. I'd also like to remind you of Back to School Night scheduled for Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup> starting with Grades 3-6. Session 1 begins at 5:00 and Session 2 begins at 5:25 for upper grade teachers. The P.T.A will hold a short meeting in the gym at 5:50. Parents will meet with Grades K-2 teachers following the meeting. Session 3 begins at 6:15 and Session 4 begins at 6:40. Vital information will be shared with you so please plan on attending.

Taking over our half-day kindergarten will be Kirsten Williams. Kirsten is a graduate of Northern Arizona University with math endorsements from Southern Utah University. She has taught in the primary grades at various locations in Oregon, Arizona, and Utah. She has also been tapped by the Utah State Office of Education to provide support for teachers for math instruction. Ms. Williams will also coordinate after-school math support for students who are in need of extra tutorials. I appreciate our School Community Council's financial support with this new school-wide program.

Andrea Jensen will take over for Jenny in implementing the Beverly Taylor Sorensen Arts Grant. Andrea has a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Iowa and a Master of Fine Arts from the University of Arizona. She has taught art at every level- from preschool to college including instruction at the University of Utah, Bad Dog, and most recently at Guadalupe School.

Filling our sixth grade position is Alice Correa. Mrs. Correa is an alumna of Indian Hills Elementary. She is a graduate of the University of Utah with a Master of Education from Westminster College. Alice will complete her work next month for the degree of Doctor of Education from Saint Louis University. Alice has taught intermediate grades in Missouri over the past several year.

Also new to our staff is Suzanne Adkins, our new Academic Enhancement coordinator. Suzanne and I have worked together for several years and I know you're going to enjoy working with her as well. Enjoy the remainder of your summer and I look forward to seeing students at their desks on Monday morning, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 sharp.

Warmly,  
Earl R. Arnoldson, EdD