



Hillpoint Elementary School

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Dear Hillpoint Families,

I would like to officially welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year at Hillpoint Elementary School. We are thrilled to embark upon this teaching and learning journey with you and your family. Please know that as we prepare to welcome students and staff back into the building, safety continues to be our main priority.

Here at Hillpoint, our staff is continuously committed to providing a quality education by creating dynamic learning environments that foster equitable learning opportunities for all students. We ensure this by creating a collaborative environment that promotes learning embedded with Virginia's 5 C's (citizenship, creative thinking, communication, collaboration, and critical thinking skills). It is our goal to stay connected with our families by building lasting partnerships with each of you. Thank you in advance for your support and willingness to work hand-in-hand with our staff for the betterment of each student. We are looking forward to a successful year!

Below you will find pertinent information about the start of this amazing school year:

Classroom Assignments:

- Student Classroom assignments for the 2023-2024 School Year will be emailed on Friday, August 11th, to the email address on file.
- In the event that you do not receive an email, you may access your student's teacher assignment in Home Access Center (HAC).
- If you do not have a HAC account established, you may obtain login credentials by reaching out to Ms. Brown or Ms. Pendleton in the main office. They can be reached at 757-923-5252.

Hillpoint Orientation:

On Wednesday, August 30, 2023, you will have the opportunity to meet your child's teacher in person. Please see the schedule below for details.

Orientation Times	Participants
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Students with <u>last names that begin with A-M</u>
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Students with <u>last names that begin with N-Z</u>

Walker Approval:

- In an effort to align school practices and policies to division policies, **approval for walkers will only be permitted for Grades 1-5 for those students who reside in the Hillpoint Farms Community**. Early Start and Kindergarten students will not be granted approval as they are required to be hand-to-hand delivered students. Please note this policy is to ensure student safety, and your support is greatly appreciated.
- Walkers will need to be approved and tagged prior to the first day of school.

Tag Pick-up:

- NEW! We are pleased to announce that HES will be piloting a digital dismissal management system entitled Pikmykid. With this system, all registered students are automatically assigned a Tag, and we are asking all parents to please pick up their tags prior to the first day of school. Please check your email over the next few weeks for pertinent communication on how to download the parent app and register!

Important Dates to Remember

-August 30th- Student Orientation, Tag Pick-up Distribution, Walker Registration **12:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

-August 31st- Tag Pick-up Distribution & Walker Registration **2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

-September 1st- Tag Pick-up Distribution **1:00-3:00**

-September 5th - First Day of School

-Please refer to our school website at <https://hes.spsk12.net> and the SPS website at www.spsk12.net for other important dates, as they are being updated consistently.

School Supply Lists

The school supply list is posted on the Hillpoint website at <https://hes.spsk12.net>

School Hours

Office Staff: Monday- Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Teachers: Monday- Friday, 8:50 a.m.- 4:20 p.m.

Students: Monday- Friday, 9:25 a.m. - 3:50 p.m.

Connect with HES:

School Website- <https://hes.spsk12.net/>

Twitter- @HillpointHusky

Parent Link- You will receive phone messages in regard to pertinent information

Peachjar- Electronic Flyers of HES, SPS, and community events and happenings

It is a privilege to continue to serve as your Principal this year alongside Mrs. Leticia Rouse, our Assistant Principal. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us at any time.

Sincerely,

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