



# HILLSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Message From The Principal

Dear Hillside Families,

On behalf of all the staff at Hillside Elementary School, **Welcome to a New School Year!** It is an honor to serve as the new principal in a school as special as Hillside. This year promises to be full of achievement, productivity, and growth for our students. The unprecedented challenges we faced during the pandemic are subsiding. Together, we will create a year of excellence for our students with a renewed focus on fulfilling the Hillside mission to *ensure the success of every student through intentional instruction every day in class.*

Each year brings positive change. This year, breakfast will be served in the cafeteria again beginning at 8:00 AM. We have adopted a new English language arts curriculum and will offer art during specials. Finally, we are delighted to welcome:

5th grade teacher Nicole Suetos  
5th grade teacher Brendon Surgeon  
4th grade teacher Tracy Vanwormer  
4th grade teacher Megan Surgeon  
Art teacher Jessica Jacobson  
PE teacher Parker Cook

The staff and I are especially eager to work with you in supporting the growth of your child academically and socially. We encourage all families to participate in our school activities and events throughout the year. Please check the website regularly to learn about upcoming events and parent involvement opportunities. If you would like to become a volunteer please apply online by clicking [here](#). Daily, you can help to support your child's success by ensuring that he/she:

- 1) Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience,
- 2) Shares school experiences with you,
- 3) Informs you if she/he needs additional support in any area or subject,
- 4) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills,
- 5) Knows that you believe he/she will succeed in school and can go on to college or a career.



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The dedicated staff at Hillside is diligently preparing for an incredible school year. We look forward to welcoming your child back to school on Tuesday, September 6th. If your child is in kindergarten, please check the Kindergarten Soft Start schedule. If at any time before or during the school year you have questions or concerns, please do call, email, or stop in. I'd love to hear your thoughts as we partner to make this a fantastic year!

Sincerely,  
Jen Durham

Principal