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# Kindergarten Round-Up

Shirley Hills Primary School

MDE – Award School 5 Years in a row!
MN - PBIS Exemplar School -2019
MDE - MMR ranking highest in MN 2014
2008 Blue Ribbon School
#2 Elementary School in MN – minncan.org



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# Welcome Westonka Class of 2033!













# The Westonka Edge

### Kevin Borg - Superintendent (612) 685-4601

- Small School Advantages, Big School Opportunities, Real-Life Success Stories!
- Great Team working for your child's success
- World Class Education!



### KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

### Agenda:

- Meet the Kindergarten Teachers
- Why Westonka?
- Westonka Pride
- Shirley Hills EDGE
- Shirley Hills Activities & Events
- Community Education + Adventure Club
- Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
- Kindergarten Specifics
- Academic Readiness and Standards
- Curriculum for Kindergarten
- Registration Process
- JOIN OUR SHIRLEY HILLS FAMILY!



# Shirley Hills Kindergarten Teachers



Mrs. Hausladen, Ms. Allen, Mr. Boland, Ms. Cotts, Ms. Ronningen, Mrs. Harrison

### WESTONKA PRIDE - District Advantages

- Strong Academics
  - MWHS...Average ACT composite scores: 2018 Westonka 24.1; Minnesota 21.3; U.S. 20.8
- Top Test Scores in the state of Minnesota Every Year!
   2019 MCA Results
- Yearly accolades from Niche and School Digger Websites
- Personalized Learning through 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills
- Strong Communication with Our Families
- Community Support with New Facilities PAC & WAC
- Safest Learning Environment Niche Website
- Dedicated and Highly Educated Staff
- 2017 Minnesota Teacher of the Year Mr. Bulman

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### The Shirley Hills EDGE!

- 420+ Students K 4<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 5x MDE Award School Only 20 schools in Minnesota
- 2019 Five Star rating on SchoolDigger website
- 2019 A Rating on Niche Website
- 2019 MN-PBIS Exemplar School
- 2008 National Blue Ribbon School
- SEL Focus w/ Second Step
- Enrichment = GATES 3rd & 4th
- Specialized Services
- Interventions TITLE I & ADSIS
- Specials Art, Media, Music, PE
- Character Ed. Bully Prevention
- PBIS School = SOAR



# SHIRLEY HILLS EVENTS

- Back to School BBQ September
- Homecoming Parade October
- Roller Skating Party October
- Grandfriends Day November
- WeCAN Needs Drive
- Choir Concerts Grades 1-4
- January Pennies for Patients
- PTA Carnival March 1st, 5-9pm
- Read-A-Thon & Author Visits
- Operetta/Talent Show
- Dr. Seuss Week March
- Super Team Day May
- Talent Show May
- Wolf Ridge May
- SH Camp Out May



### **CONNECTIONS TO COMMUNITY**

- WeCAN Needs Drive
- Ronald McDonald House
- Westonka Food Shelf Stuff the Bus
- GrandFriends Day
- Caring For Our Community
  - Raise Awareness and Money
  - Pennies for Patients 2019













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#### **PBIS Specialist: Scott Lhotka**

- Social & Emotional Learning Coordinator
- PBIS Coach
  - -SOAR consistent vocabulary
  - -Booster Training Planning
  - -PBIS Learning Coordinator
  - -Behavior Data
- Mindfulness Coach

  - -Grade level groups focused on Mindful Schools Curriculum
  - -Tier II interventions for students working on self regulation & anxiety
  - -Support Staff with Mindfulness awareness and activities





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### CHARACTER EDUCATION

**Character Classes & Assemblies** 

**PBIS & SOAR** 

**Second Step** 

**Mindfulness** 

**Bully Prevention: Stop, Walk & Talk** 

**SOAR – Behavior Guide!** 

- Safe
- Own It
- Achieve
- Respect

Unity Day Celebration

**SOAR Slips - Recognition** 







#### PERSONALIZED LEARNING AT SHIRLEY HILLS

#### WHAT IS PERSONALIZED LEARNING?:

Personalized learning as an approach to learning and instruction that is designed around individual learner readiness, strengths, needs and interests. Learners are active participants in setting goals, planning learning paths, tracking progress and determining how learning will be demonstrated.

#### **KEY COMPONENTS:**

- Learner Profiles
- Standards Based Learning
- Learner Voice & Choice
- Customized Learning Paths

WHY Personalized Learning?:



We believe that personalizing the educational experience for students holds the greatest leverage to transform the current educational design and build capacity for dramatic improvement in the performance of the educational system. A personalized learning system provides opportunities to maximize the potential of all students based on their needs, abilities, and preferences.

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### **Community Education at Shirley Hills**



### Westonka Spanish Program

- Before school Spanish classes at Shirley Hills from 8:05-8:50 a.m. for grades K-1 and grades 2-4.
- Year-long program from September-May
- High quality language instruction taught by native speakers or teachers with language proficiency of a native speaker.
- Thematic units taught in an immersion-like setting.
- Dynamic spiral curriculum that allows children to participate from grades K-7



# **ADVENTURE CLUB**

- Before/After School Program
- Located on-site at Shirley Hills
- Flexible Schedule Options for busy families
- Ease of Transitions for the Child for Working Parents
- Academic and Recreational Programming
- Programming on School's Out Days
- Special Field Trips during the Year on School's Out Days!
- Summer Programming



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### 20-21 SY Adventure Club Options/Fees

 Rates for the 2020 - 2021 are currently under review and will be released in the Summer 2020 Community Education catalog (due out in March). Program options will be as follows:

Cost per day 4-5 days/week	Cost per day 2-3 days/week
Under review	Under review
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\$42 for pre-registra	tions / \$48 after
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Availability is LIMITED at all sites.

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### **AC - School Year Registration Process**

Online registration for the 2020 - 2021 school year will open on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 8:00 am in Eleyo. All families may submit a contract for SY 2020 - 2021 on May 6. The following approval process will be used:

- Registrations will be approved for current 2019 2020 Adventure Club families and siblings beginning May 6.
- Any remaining spots will be filled with <u>new families beginning Wednesday</u>, May 13, 2020 in the order registrations were received in the Eleyo registration system.
- Registrations are accepted on a <u>first come</u>, <u>first serve basis</u> and will be accepted in the
  order they were received in our online system. You will receive a confirmation email from
  Eleyo if your contract request has been approved.

**Registration** - www.westonkace.org

### 2020 Summer AC Options/Fees

Program Option	4-5 days/week	2-3 days/week	Pick Your Days Schedule (minimum of 8 days/month)
Preschool	\$40/day	\$43/day	Not Available for Preschool
K - 4 <sup>th</sup> grade	\$39/day	\$42/day	Not available for K - 4 <sup>th</sup> grade
5th - 7th grade	\$39/day	\$42/day	\$45/day

A one-time registration fee of \$40/child is required at the time of registration. The
registration fee includes a cotton field trip t-shirt, swim shirt, and drawstring
backpack.

Please visit www.westonkace.org for further AC information

### AC -Summer 2020 Registration Process

Online registration for Summer 2020 will open on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 8:00 am in Eleyo. All families may submit a contract for Summer 2020 on April 1. The following approval process will be used:

- Registrations will be approved for current 2019 2020 Adventure Club families and siblings beginning April 1.
- Any remaining spots will be filled with new families beginning <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>April</u>
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### **Parent Teacher Association**



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# CHEER SQUAD GOALS.

- 1. CONNECT WITH OTHER FAMILIES
- 2. HELP WORKING FAMILIES BE INVOLVED
- 3. BUILD RELATIONSHIPS
- 4. FUNDRAISE FOR A GREAT CAUSE TEAM SHIRLEY HILLS
- 5. BECOME A PART OF THE SHIRLEY HILLS COMMUNITY
- **6. USE YOUR SKILLS IN MORE WAYS**
- 7. HAVE A VOICE WITHIN SHIRLEY HILLS
- 8. DISCUSS CONCERNS WITH AN ENGAGED AUDIENCE
- 9. MODEL PHILANTHROPY FOR YOUR FAMILY
- 10. HAVE FUN

GO TEAM SHIRLEY HILLS!!

### Team SH Cheer Squad

Back to School Edition | August 2016 | shirleyhillspta@gmail.com

#### To all of our Shirley Hills Families and Friends...

#### A BIG THANK YOU

Because of your support during the 2016-2017 school year, the Shirley Hills PTA raised enough money to purchase the following items for our school:

- · New Library Furniture
- . 10 iPad minis for the art room

This benefits our children in so many ways! We appreciate your continued contributions and look forward to the 2016-2017 school year!!!

#### **Back to School Potluck**

Let's celebrate our first week of school and meet your Shirley Hills Staff and Families!

Join us Friday September 9th from 5-

- We'll provide the Dogs and Lemonade
- Please bring a dish to share

Come ready to get your Shirley Hills and Westonka Spirit Wear – it will be on sale throughout the event.

Questions: If you have any questions please call Cindy Penner (612) 581-0901, or Jennifer Callahan (952) 381-1818, or email shirleyhillspta @gmail.com

Follow us @ShirleyHillsPTA or Like us on FB.



#### **Monthly PTA Meetings**

Monthly Meetings are your guide to Shirley Hills. Your opportunity to support Team Shirley Hills!

September 27th	February 28th
October 25th	March 21st
November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	April 25th
January 24th	May 23 <sup>rd</sup>

Get insider details every 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30PM, in the Shirley Hills Media Center

Each meeting will contain updates from Scott Eidsness, chairperson updates on upcoming events, opportunities to give feedback, and opportunities to get involved.

#### **Team Support Opportunities**

Our Team need us.

Joining the Cheer Squad means

- Connecting with other parents and having FUN to support our children
- Providing feedback and sharing your opinions with school leaders
- Building a stronger connection to our school, its events and our community
- · Westonka pride!

Share your time, talents, and your point of view! You can have as much involvement as you want:

- · Join us for our monthly meeting
- · Chair an event\*
- · Volunteer at an event\*
- · No extra time, simply donate

\*4th Grade families - volunteer hours accumulated from answering the bat signal will count towards Wolf Ridge hours for Chaperones. Support & Fundraising = \$180,000+ in last 4 years!!!

- Work Collaboratively w/ HT & GMS
- Back to School BBQ
- Adventures in Art
- Read-A-Thon
- Outdoor Classroom
- Culver's Night
- Scholarships for Students
- iPads & Sound Systems
- Kindness Retreat
- Carnival
- FundRun
- Roller-skating





### **KINDERGARTEN SPECIFICS!**















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### KINDERGARTEN READINESS SKILLS

- Self Help Skills
- Social Emotional Skills
- Language Skills (expressive and receptive)
- Fine Motor Skills
- Gross Motor Skills
- Basic Math Skills
- Literacy and Phonemic Awareness



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### DAILY SCHEDULE

8:55 Arrival & Breakfast (if needed)

9:05 Morning Meeting

9:30 Phonics & Writing

10:00 Learning Path

10:45 Snack

11:00 Reading Comprehension

11:15 Specials

12:15 Free Choice & Intervention

12:45 Lunch (20 min) /Recess (40 min)

1:45 Quiet Time

2:00 Math & Math Path

3:00 Yoga/Social Studies/Science

3:35 Dismissal





## MORNING MEETING

- Breathing
  - Learning different skills/ways to calm our bodies
- Greeting
  - Learning how to greet others
- Sharing
  - Making friends, learning about each other
- Calendar/Weather/Jobs
  - Calendar & observational skills
  - Building responsibility and independence



### STAR OF THE WEEK

- Builds school/home relationship
- Opportunity to connect with others through common interests







### LANGUAGE ARTS & PHONICS

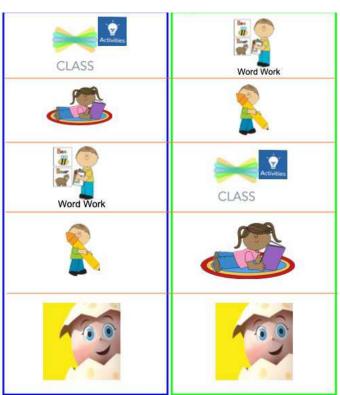
- Benchmark Literacy Curriculum
  - Whole group mini lesson on skill
  - Practicing reading comprehension skills in small groups
  - Applying comprehension skills to independent reading
- Develop a love of reading
- Identify upper and lower case letters and produce letter sounds
- Build phonemic awareness skills (blending, segmenting, decoding)



### LEARNING PATH

- Independent practice time for reading and writing skills
- Students learn how to self-pace
- Teachers are pulling for small group instructions





### **GUIDED READING**

- Small group practice to teach and strengthen reading strategies
- Quick phonics skills and sight word review
- Our goal is for students to become confident, proficient readers who LOVE to read!





### WRITERS WORKSHOP

- Provides meaningful, structured opportunities to write
- Teaches the skills and strategies that writers need
- Taught through whole group, mini lessons, shared work, and independent work





### **MATHEMATICS**

- Math Expressions Curriculum
- Recognize and extend patterns
- Recognize (3-D) and draw 2-D shapes
- Understand basic addition and subtraction
- Count to 100 and backwards from 20
- Identify, represent and write numbers 0-31
- Sort, identify and compare objects
- Tell time to the hour and half hour







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### Yoga & Mindfulness

- Yoga poses are taught through stories that help with imagination, body awareness and play.
- Mindful breathing is taught to help students unwind and release their stress.
- Yoga encourages students to develop a positive, healthy relationship to their bodies.
- MindUp & Second Step lessons taught to foster social and emotional awareness





### SCIENCE

- Foss Curriculum
  - Trees and Leaves
  - Materials and Motion
  - Guppies and Goldfish
- LEGO Engineering
  - Collaboration
  - Communication
  - Following instructions







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### **SOCIAL STUDIES**

- Social Studies Alive! Curriculum
- Role in a family and community
- Relationship of a community in our world
- School, neighborhood, and town relationship
- Find ways that they impact their community
  - Letters to veterans, cards for residents in the nursing home,

etc.



## **SPECIALISTS**

- Art, Music, Physical Education, Media
- Students attend two specialist per day for 30 min.



Mr. Nielson, Mrs. Loomis, Mrs. Clemenson, Mrs. Bray, Mrs. Tice

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## ENRICHMENT AND GIFTED PROGRAMMING

#### Grades 1 and 2 Enrichment

- Students are identified in reading and mathematics through Northwest Evaluation Assessments (NWEA) and Teacher Identification
- Students receive service in reading and mathematics
- Service is provided 4 days in week in both subject areas

## Grades 3 and 4 Gifted Accelerated Mathematics

- Students are identified by NWEA and Cognitive Achievement Testing (CoGAT)
- Students complete 3 years of Mathematics in two years
- Students receive service 5 days per week

## Grade 3 and 4 Gifted Enrichment Reading

- Students are identified by NWEA and Cognitive Achievement Testing (CoGAT)
- Students work 1 to 1 ½ Grade Levels above current grade level in reading and reading skills

## TIME TO COMMIT TO WESTONKA and SHIRLEY HILLS:)



## **CHECKLIST:**

#### kindergarten registration checklist

#### ITEMS TO BRING TO KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP ON JANUARY 16, 2020:

□ STUDENT REGISTRATION FORM: It is important that the student registration form, which includes the Minnesota Language Survey, is turned in at Kindergarten Round-up so that staffing needs can be met for the school year.

☐ BIRTH CERTIFICATE: A photocopy of your child's birth certificate must be submitted with your child's registration. Please bring it with you to Kindergarten Round-up.

#### ITEMS THAT NEED TO BE ON FILE BY THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:

□ PUPIL IMMUNIZATION RECORD: A copy of your child's immunization record, or a notarized exemption, must be returned to the school by September 8, 2020.

According to state law, students will not be allowed to start school without the required immunizations or a notarized exemption. If your child has completed his/her s-year-old shots, please bring the immunization record to Kindergarten Round-up.

□ STUDENT HEALTH CARE SUMMARY: This form helps us to accommodate any health needs. Please take it to your doctor for completion and signature when your child receives shots. This form is due by September 8, 2020.

☐ PRESCHOOL SCREENING: Please make sure that your child has attended Preschool Screening. Please call (952) 492-5480 to schedule an appointment or go online to www.westonkace.org.

If your child is screened in the Westonka School District, records will be sent directly to the school. If your child was screened in another district, please indicate that district on the back side of the registration form.

#### IF YOU LIVE OUTSIDE WESTONKA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES:

☐ OPEN ENROLLMENT FORM: Non-residents must, turn in this form along with the registration form atkindergarten Round-Up. Primary school placements for open enrolled students will be determined by lottery, with priority given to siblings of current students and children of staff. The deadline for initial placement process is Feb. 1, 2020.

#### IN-DISTRICT TRANSFERS:

O IN-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST: If you live in the Westonka School District but want your child to attend the primary school outside of your assigned attendance area, you must turn in an in-District Transfer Request with your registration form. The deadline for the initial placement process is Feb. 2, 2020. If there are more applicant its han there are spaces available, a lottery will be held.

#### IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT TO ROUND-UP:

You may drop off all forms at the Shirley Hills Main offfice by February 1, 2020. We are open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. it is not necessary to bring your child with you to register. Classrooms will not be available to visit during the school day, but we encourage all parents and students to attend Kindergarten Round-up on January 16, 2020.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR:

SHIRLEY HILLS KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

January 16, 2020 Session 1 Session 2

4:30-6:00 p.m. 6:30-8:00 p.m.

KINDERGARTEN MEET & PLAY August 12, 2020

SHIRLEY HILLS OPEN HOUSE September 2, 2020 400-600 p.m.

### **REGISTRATION FORM:**



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\*Return Registration Papers to SH office by Feb. 1st\*

#### **HEALTH CARE SUMMARY & IMMUNIZATIONS**

- Must be completed, <u>signed by your doctor</u>, and stamped by your clinic
- Attach Immunization Records from Physician/Clinic
- Must be complete and on file by September 2, 2020 (Open House)
- \*Immunization conscientious objections on this form to fill out and get authorized.

## Additional Health Information

If your child has one of the following, the Health Office needs the following

- A severe allergy?
  - Current Anaphylaxis Action Plan (from physician)
  - Emergency medication (EpiPen, Benadryl)
- Seizure history?
  - Current Seizure Action Plan (from physician)
  - Emergency medication
- Asthma?
  - Current Asthma Action Plan (from physician)
  - Medication (inhaler)

All necessary forms are available on the Shirley Hills website. Contact SH Health Specialist with Questions

## REGISTRATION PROCESS - \*Return Registration Papers to SH office by Feb. 1st\*

#### IF YOU LIVE OUTSIDE WESTONKA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES:

- \*NEW\* The school has placed a cap on kindergarten open enrollment.
   Primary school placements for non-resident students will be determined by lottery.
- The Open Enrollment Form must be submitted with the registration form by Feb. 1 to be entered in the initial lottery
- Priority given to: siblings of current students and children of staff
- Applicants will be contacted by Feb. 15 with an offer for placement.
   Students not placed will be put on a waiting list. Applications received after Feb. 1 will be added to the waiting list based on date received.

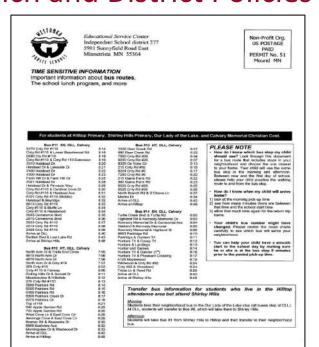
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# IF YOU LIVE IN THE HILLTOP ATTENDANCE AREA BUT WISH TO ATTEND SHIRLEY HILLS:

- You must turn in an In-District Transfer Request with your registration form.
- Deadline for the initial placement process is Feb. 1
- If there are more applicants than there are spaces available, a lottery will be held.
- Applicants will be contacted with placement information by Feb. 15.

## **BEGINNING OF THE YEAR Mailing**

- Sent out the second week of August
- Free and Reduced Lunch and District Policies



## **NEXT STEPS**

- Join the Shirley Hills Family
- Complete and return registration by February 1st
- You can drop off registration & birth certificate at SH Office any time between 8:00 am – 4:30 pm



## BEGINNING OF THE YEAR

- 2nd Week of August District Mailing
- August 19th Meet & Play Groups (Sorting Hat <sup>(2)</sup>)
  - At SH bring in kiddos to interact and play with each other and staff
  - Intention is to create best mix of classes so all can flourish!
- September 2 Open House 4-6pm
  - 4:00 6:00 pm
  - Meet your teacher, see classroom, stock locker

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## **Summary - SHIRLEY HILLS - 30,000 Ft. VIEW**

#### **WESTONKA DISTRICT**

- Westonka Strategic Plan
- Westonka Technology Plan

#### **Award Winning Schools at ALL levels!**

• SH, HT, GMS, MWHS

#### **Supportive Community**

- Voter Support
- PTA Funds and Resources
- "District of Choice"

#### **Well Trained & Caring Staff**

- Most SH teachers have Master's Degree and Beyond
- Professional Development Used to Support Staff and Student Learning
- Passion for Kids!

#### Rigorous & Personalized Learning

- Standards Based Learning
- Student Voice and Choice + Self-Paced
- 21st Century Skills

#### Focus on WHOLE Child with SEL

- PBIS Specialist Mr. Lhotka
- Second Step Curriculum Social Emotional Learning Emphasis
- Movement & Play incorporated into Each Day -2nd Recess
- Family First Homework Policy

#### **Intervention Programs**

- ADSIS, TITLE 1
- GATES

#### **Specialized Services**

Students w/ special needs receive specific programming

## THANKS FOR COMING

- Return Registration Papers to SH office by Feb. 1st
- Back to School Mailing: 2nd Week of August
- Meet & Play Day: August 12th
- Open House: September 2nd 4:00-6:00
- First Day of School: September 8th

## Call or Email me anytime with questions

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- Tours available!

# Welcome Westonka Class of 2033!

