Upcoming Events/Important Dates at Capitol Hill

We’re so glad you’re part of our school community and hope to see you at an upcoming event.

- November 11 - PTO meeting 5:30
- November 12 - Picture Retake Day
- November 14 - PTO Give to the Max Day
- November 14, 5-8 PM - Conferences, all grades
- November 15 - NO SCHOOL; Conferences: Elementary 8-3; Middle School 1-3
- November 19, 5-8 PM - Conferences, all grades
- November 28, 29 NO SCHOOL

Message from the Principal

Hello! It has been a great start to the school year here at Capitol Hill! I have enjoyed getting to know the students, staff, and many family members. If I haven't had a chance to meet you I hope we are able to meet during conferences, or at the PTO meeting.
As you may know, the Dale Street Bridge is scheduled to be demolished and replaced beginning in January of 2020. This work will have implications for our arrival procedures here at Capitol Hill. Capitol Hill and the SPPS Transportation Department have begun to meet to discuss our plan for morning arrival. Once construction begins we will not be able to use Concordia Ave. for parent drop-off, and instead will need to utilize the rear doors off of Mackubin St (the same doors we use for parent pickup in the afternoons). Once we receive further information regarding traffic patterns from the Transportation Department for bus routing I will follow-up to let you know the specific plan for which roads we are able to use for parent drop-off traffic flow.

Thank you!

Mr. Hodges

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Join us November 11 for the PTO meeting

We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday, November 11. Dinner from Hoa Bien will begin at 5:30 in the red cafeteria (right off the blue atrium). We learned from our last meeting and will have more food this time!

Our meeting will begin at 6pm. Here is the agenda:
• Updates from Principal Hodges
• PTO budget update
• Volunteer fair - learn about all of our community building events and sign up to help make them happen!

As always, childcare will be available during the meeting.

Other PTO updates
There are lots of exciting things happening in our school this month, and we need your help!

• Donate for Give to the Max day by November 14th if you can, and spread the word! [https://www.givemn.org/organization/Capitol-Hill-Fund-Raising](https://www.givemn.org/organization/Capitol-Hill-Fund-Raising) We are about half way toward our direct drive goal of $40,000 for this year.
• Support our teachers by providing a meal for them during conferences. You can [sign up here](https://www.givemn.org/organization/Capitol-Hill-Fund-Raising) to bring a dish on Thursday, November 14 and Tuesday, November 19.

[![School Tours](image)](image)

**Interested in Capitol Hill?**
**Tours for Elementary Grades 1-5**
- December 3, 12
- January 7, 31
- February 4

**Middle School tours and shadow days (Grades 6-8)**
- December 5, 10
- January 9, 10
- February 6

Sign up [here](https://www.givemn.org/organization/Capitol-Hill-Fund-Raising) to join us for a closer look at Capitol Hill!

Want to know more about what Capitol Hill support staff is up to? Check out their monthly newsletter by clicking on the link!

[https://www.spps.org/domain/2358](https://www.spps.org/domain/2358)
Middle School Athletics

- You can view the district athletic website at SPPS.ORG and the Capitol Hill Athletic Website at capitolhillmagnet.rschoolteams.com

Office Notes

Attendance

Please make sure to always report your child's absence. You can do this two ways:

1. Dial the attendance line directly at 651-325-2599. Please make sure to include your child's name (spell their name), their grade, the reason for their absence, your relationship to the child, and a return phone number that you can be reached at if we should have questions

2. Email us at capitolhill.attendance@spps.org. Please make sure to include your child's name (spell their name), their grade, the reason for their absence, your
Calling Your Child

When calling the school to speak to your child, the office staff will deliver your message to have your child call you back. We will not transfer calls. Teachers are teaching during the day and we are trying our best to lessen the interruptions during instructional time. Thanks for understanding and your cooperation.

Dismissal

Please send a note with your child, to their teacher, if you are picking up your child early or letting your child go home any other way than his or her normal route. Please also make sure to call the office no later than 3:00pm if you have to make changes. If you call later than 3:00pm, we cannot guarantee that your child will get the message. Students are NOT allowed to ride a bus home that is not assigned to them. This means that your child may not ride the bus home with a friend or relative that has a different bus assigned.

Sign In

We always welcome parents and visitors to our school. Please make sure you always stop by the office to check in, sign in, and wear a visitor’s badge.

Picking Up Your Child Early

If you plan on picking up your child before the regular dismissal time, please send your child with a note or call the office. You must come in the office to sign out your child. All early dismissals must be reported.

Change of Address or Campus Information

If you have moved or need to update any Campus information, please do so using iUpdate/Onestop. If you do not have access to a computer, please contact our office and we will assist you.

Website

We are on the web, so make sure you check out our website at capitolhill.spps.org. On our website you will find many answers to questions you may have and calendar items.

Headliner

Our school’s newsletter, known as Headliner, will be emailed twice a month. Please make sure you read the Headliner to find out the latest news on what’s happening and going on at Capitol Hill. With that said, please make sure you have your email address listed correctly in iUpdate/Onestop.
This email distribution is a great way to stay up to date with everything happening in the Capitol Hill school community. If you do not wish to receive these emails, you can update your preferences or unsubscribe from this list.