Headliner Newsletter
September 13, 2019

Note from the Principal's Desk
We were excited to welcome students back to school on September 3. Hard to believe we're already halfway through this month!

I am excited to join the Capitol Hill community and look forward to contributing to the great things happening here. I am becoming a Capitol Hill Cougar after serving as a principal, assistant principal, dean, and teacher across the country. My wife, daughters, and I are excited to relocate to Minnesota to be closer to family. As a parent and educator I share your passion for wanting the school to meet the needs of our students each and every day.
here at Capitol Hill to be challenged, supported, and successful. We know from research that for all students, especially our gifted scholars, to be successful we must engage in personalized learning. This will challenge students at their level and provide supports for students to continue growing, which Capitol Hill has a strong track record of providing. I envision my role as continuing to build this programming, bring our community together under a common mission, vision, values, as well as shared goals.

I invite you to connect with me, attend school events, PTO meetings, and most of all support our staff and students. You can reach out to me with any questions, comments, or concerns at andrew.hodges@spps.org.

Cougar Pride,

Andrew Hodges

Upcoming Events at Capitol Hill

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

- Monday, September 16, 5:30-7:30 - PTO Meeting
- Thursday, September 19 - Middle School Athletics games start
- Friday, October 4, 10:00-12:00 - Grandparent's Day and Book Fair
- Friday, October 11 - School Picture Day

Support Staff Updates

We provide school-wide support through consultation with teachers and parents, as well as providing in-class and out-of-class support for individuals or groups of students.

Students come to see us for many reasons, none of which mean that your student or child has something wrong with them. Everyone needs a little extra support from time to time (yes, even us adults!) and we are here to support them however we can.

Who is our support staff?

Megan Rinn
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PTO Happenings

Thank you for being part of our school community! As parents, grandparents and other individuals who care about Capitol Hill students, all of us are members of the PTO. Don't forget to join our first PTO meeting of the year, this coming Monday, September 16 from 5:30-7:30 at the school. Dinner and childcare are provided!

Join our school directory

The directory is a great way to connect with other families outside of the school day. Be sure to update your family's information here. https://www.myschoolanywhere.com/login.a5w

You are in control of how much information to share, and only families with access to the Capitol Hill link will be able to access it. Families who completed the directory in prior years are encouraged to confirm their information and update your child's teacher for this year.

Thank you for joining us for coffee and donuts for the first day of school!

Support the Direct Drive

The PTO supports our teachers and students by funding field trips, classroom materials, band equipment and other items that enrich our students' experiences at Capitol Hill. As of right now, we are only one third of the way toward our goal to support this year's needs.

We suggest a $100 donation per student, but any amount is appreciated! You can donate
Don't forget that the Capitol Hill Parent Teacher Organization is a 501(c)3 organization, so many employers will match your donation! You'll just need the tax id 41-1967784 and our school address for most employer matching system.

**Volunteers needed for Art Adventure**

Do you enjoy listening to students talk about art? We are seeking Picture People to present works of art to students in grades 1, 2, 3, or 4, while encouraging development of critical thinking skills. This year's theme is "Amazing Animals in Art". First, a two-hour training is provided at the Minneapolis Institute of Art. Next, you will present preselected reproductions of art pieces to students and spark classroom discussions. Attending the MIA field trip that follows is optional, but a lot of fun! You do not need to be an art historian or art professional to participate in this valuable volunteer opportunity. Contact Mary Frankson or Christina Pierce at capitolhillartadventure@gmail.com or view additional information at https://www.spps.org/Page/36863 (or follow the links to our page from Capitol Hill's PTO webpage).

**Join the Capitol Hill Chess Team**

The Capitol Hill Chess Team is excited to start the 2019-2020 year. The chess club plays in all the chess tournaments hosted by the School Chess Association (www.schoolchess.org). Community Ed offers chess instruction after school on Friday's. However, you do not need to take these classes to participate in the Capitol Hill Chess Team. Capitol Hill has a long history of success and more importantly fun and friendship during these chess tournaments. This year the School Chess Association has offered Capitol Hill one free entry for a different player to each tournament (except for the Statewide Tournament in the spring). If you have questions about the team, tournaments, or the chess entry please join our Capital Hill Chess page on Facebook or email Geoff Strack at strackg@yahoo.com

**Middle School Athletics**

The athletics season for our 6th-8th grade students has started, and our first games are September 19th! Here are a few notes from Mrs. Bergstrom, our athletic director. Please make sure your child has a Sports Physical on file with the Nurse.

- Permission Slips will be handed out to the athletes that make the teams.
- Please attach the Fee ($15 or $30) to the permission slip. Checks should be made out to: Capitol Hill
• Pick-Up is @ the GREEN doors (on Mackubin) and MLK doors (near the Tennis courts) Please be prompt. **Pick up @ Yellow, Red or Blue doors are not an option.**

• You can view the district athletic website at [SPPS.ORG](https://spps.org) and the Capitol Hill Athletic Website at [capitolhillmagnet.rschoolteams.com](https://capitolhillmagnet.rschoolteams.com)

We are looking forward to a great season! Any question, please contact Mrs. Nadine Bergstrom, Athletic Direction by e-mail ([nadine.bergstrom@spps.org](mailto:nadine.bergstrom@spps.org)) Thank you.