

School District 12 Update

September 15, 2022

*From the Desk of
Dr. Mary Henderson*



Calendar Events

[2022-23 School Year Calendar](#)

Board of Education Meet and Greet: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Regular monthly Board of Education Meeting: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

SMART day: Wednesday, September 21

[District 12 website](#)

Dear D12 Families,

It is great to see our schools full of life, laughter, and learning! Activities are in full swing, and our students have settled into their daily routines.

Board of Education Meet and Greet and Meeting

The Board of Education will be hosting a Meet and Greet prior to its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 20. The Meet and Greet will begin at 6:00 p.m. and end just before the monthly meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

The Meet and Greet is an opportunity for community members to meet and engage in informal conversations with individual board members.

The Meet and Greet and our monthly meeting will be held on the second floor of the Roselle Village Hall.

Morning Meetings at SHS

One example of integrating social-emotional learning into the school day is through the use of morning meetings. This time is used by classrooms to strengthen their classroom community and practice many of the social-emotional learning skills needed for student success. Often these meetings begin with students answering a "Would You Rather" type of question to launch conversation. Activities may include practicing giving and receiving compliments, making eye contact with speakers, talking through classroom conflicts, and the list goes on and on.

At our August SMART day, Mrs. Steiner and Ms. Kelly, our instructional coaches, provided professional learning to our Spring Hills staff on effective structures for morning meetings. It has been wonderful to see this learning applied to our elementary classrooms. I have enjoyed seeing many meetings and participating in some of the "Would You Rather" questions.

If you have a student at Spring Hills, ask about morning meetings. You may find some ideas to incorporate into your own family routines at dinner or in the evening.

Encouraging Reading at Home

Another highlight of school visits for me this fall has been seeing the increase of time students are spending engaging in reading books that they have selected for themselves. Simply increasing the volume of text students read has a positive impact on student achievement in reading. Additionally, allowing students to select books of interest increases their engagement and fosters lifelong reading.

If you are looking for ways to foster reading at home, this [article](#) provides many great tips. Fall can be a very hectic time for families with multiple sports and activities. Finding small moments to carve out for reading can be a great way to unwind after a long day or even to start the day in a calm and relaxing manner.

Thank you, PTO!

A huge thank you to our PTO for the Rock the Block event last Thursday! A great time was had for all with something for attendees of all ages.

I hope to see many of you at next week's Meet and Greet!

Sincerely,
Dr. Mary Henderson, Superintendent

