

# Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year!

Dear Sugarmill Families,

We are excited to begin our new school year on Wednesday, August 2, 2023. We would like to extend a special welcome to all of the new families joining Sugarmill this year and welcome back all of our returning families! I am honored to be your principal and excited to lead at Sugarmill Elementary. As your principal, I look forward each day to building and strengthening relationships with students and families.

Student success is attributed to the partnership and the relationships we build within our community. It truly does take a village and at Sugarmill we value teamwork and collaboration! Education is a joint venture and we greatly appreciate the support you provide for your children to help them meet their learning goals. Without the support of parent volunteers we would not have been able to provide many of our learning tools and celebrations. Thanks in advance for all you do to support our school!! Be sure to join our awesome PTO.

We are dedicated to providing your child(ren) a high quality, memorable, interactive, learning experience. Our staff plans engaging experiences in order to build connections with their students and to help foster new relationships with their peers. We will be focusing on all the positives in our school daily, and as the role models in our little eagles' lives it is important that we display a positive attitude towards learning each and every day. I encourage you to do the same at home, and please reach out to your teachers. They are there to support your family.

As partners, we ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- 1) Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience
- 2) Completes all homework assignments given by teachers
- 3) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
- 4) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
- 5) Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject
- 6) Knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school and go on to college

The website below will serve as a general guide to all parents and students at Sugarmill Elementary. I believe you will find it a valuable resource. You will find general information about the school including school calendars, enrollment information, lunch menus, bus routes, contact information for all staff, and information on a variety of resources and programs available to students and families.

For learning to take place, it is imperative that we have a safe environment that is supportive and conducive for growth. By setting forth clear social and behavioral expectations and directly teaching students about those expectations, it is our goal to create a positive atmosphere for optimal learning. These are the behavioral expectations for all Sugarmill Eagles:

**WE ARE EAGLES!**

We are RESPECTFUL!

We are RESPONSIBLE!

We are SAFE!

**We SOAR!**

It is very important that you and your child are fully informed regarding SES expectations related to appropriate behavior for a safe and productive school year. Please review the handbook at---- [https://cdnsm5-ss16.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_322902/File/FY24/Student%20Handbook/47%20-%20SES%20Student%20HandbookFY2024%20final%20-%20V3.pdf](https://cdnsm5-ss16.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_322902/File/FY24/Student%20Handbook/47%20-%20SES%20Student%20HandbookFY2024%20final%20-%20V3.pdf)

Again, we welcome you to Sugarmill Elementary and to our wonderful learning community . . . a place where Eagles SOAR!

Here's to an AWESOME new school year as we work together to continue to make our school a great place to work and learn each day.

Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions. As always, I am open to your feedback. Your involvement and continued dedication are critical to our success. Thanks again for all the dedication you put into this important work and to helping---

**Every Student, Every Moment, Every day SUCCEED!**



We look forward to a fantastic school year!

Fondly,

Mrs. Slattery