

Indian Hills Elementary School is a place of growth, risk-taking, and challenge!

At Indian Hills, we value our partnerships with parents and families and enjoy working together to help students achieve their full potential.

Indian Hills staff truly love working with kids and families. We take seriously the trust you place in us by sending your children to our school every day, and we work hard to make students and families feel safe and supported.

We have high expectations of our students, and we have high expectations of ourselves to help all Indian Hills students learn and grow into well-rounded citizens and critical thinkers. We aim to develop leadership skills, social and emotional skills, and academic skills to prepare students for success, not only in middle school, but also in high school, career, relationships, and life-long learning.

We also strive to make learning visible through implementation of best practices research by Dr. John Hattie. Building a culture of learning is based on teacher clarity, surface, deep, and transfer learning, and creating assessment capable learners. Assessment capable learners believe that they are in charge of their learning. They can answer the following questions: 1) What am I learning? 2) Why am I learning this? 3) How will I know when I've learned it? When students understand the answer to these questions, learning is enhanced. Student efficacy increases, and they are better able to take on challenges.

We hope you will join us in making learning visible at Indian Hills by talking to students about their learning. If you have questions or feedback about Indian Hills, please email me at **pixtonji@sd25.us**.

Sincerely,

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