

Welcome to Osborn Hill.

Osborn Hill is a special place that embodies a true neighborhood school with a strong sense of community. If you are new to Osborn Hill, you will quickly learn that our students are joyful, curious, and hard-working, our families are dedicated and loving, and our staff is composed of talented and caring professionals. I am proud, and honored, to be the principal of Osborn Hill School.



My goal is to work side-by-side with everyone in our community to guide the growth of our children – academically, socially, emotionally, and physically. I believe in creating a school environment where every child feels safe, valued, respected and loved. Children need a strong emotional foundation to be able to take the risks necessary to grow, so that they can create a strong educational foundation. I also believe in supporting teachers to continually learn and grow their craft, so that they can best support and challenge our students to achieve success, as well as grow professionally themselves. Teachers who are lifelong learners create students who are lifelong learners.

This year we are focused on a few key priorities. First, we are continuing to refine our implementation of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt’s (HMH) *Into Reading* curriculum. It is year two with this curriculum, and teachers are working with our literacy specialists to dive deeper into the components of the program. We are also implementing a new and engaging writing curriculum this year, with the support of an outside consultant and our OHS literacy specialists. In math, our primary focus will be on developing students’ math fluency at all grade levels using engaging and effective strategies. All of this work will be made possible by strengthening our school climate: We have streamlined our behavioral expectations in the spaces we share at OHS, we will be teaching those to students, and we will be using positive supports and restorative practices to encourage safe and healthy behavior.

I look forward to a year of learning and growing, for everyone in our community. Please reach out if you have any questions. Take care.

Sean F. Smyth, Principal