



# SANDHILLS NEWSLETTER

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Care

Accountability

Respect

Excellent Effort

**School Mission: Sandhills Elementary School is a safe, fun place where our minds and bodies grow.**

March 6, 2024

Written by Students of Sandhills



## SANDHILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

It's not too late to register your child for Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year. As per Alberta Education regulations, to be eligible to register, students **must be** five (5) years old on or before December 31st of the year of enrolment.

Parents are reminded that the following **3 pieces of information** are required for registration in Kindergarten:

1. **Your child's Birth Certificate or Canadian Citizenship Papers,**
2. **Alberta Health Care Number, and**
3. **Current Land Description (In town - please have your house # and street/avenue ex: 10202 94 Ave; out of town - please have your Rural 911 Address (green road sign).**

### Sandhills Pre-Kindergarten (PUF) Program 2024-2025 School Year

The **Fort Vermilion School Division** offers a **Pre-Kindergarten (PUF) Program** to those children with a severe disability or moderate / severe language delay **who require additional support.**

**The intent of the program is to provide early intervention to address the specific needs of the individual child and better prepare him/her for schooling.**

To be eligible for the program:

- Children **MUST be 3 or 4 on or before December 31, 2024** to qualify for PUF funding.
- *Students that are 5 or older on December 31, 2024 are no longer eligible for PUF funding. They will be enrolled in kindergarten classes and have their needs supported within inclusive education.*
- An **assessment by a qualified professional** of a severe disability or moderate to severe language delay must be provided to school authorities.

*Parents/guardians with questions are encouraged to contact the school and speak to Mrs. Gallant.*

Phone: **780-928-3947**

**Sandhills Elementary School**  
10202-94 Avenue, La Crete



### Grade 3 Wrestling Club

**March 4, 5, 11, 12, 18,  
19, 25 and 26  
3:00 - 4:00 PM**

This will be an introduction to the sport of wrestling. Students will learn the basics and have fun!

### Grade 3 Hockey Trading Club

**March 5, 12, 19 and 26  
11:45 AM - 12:15 PM**

Grade 3 students who wish to attend should bring hockey cards that they wish to trade on these days. Students will trade cards and eat lunch together.

**FVSD Divisional  
Science Fair  
in Rainbow Lake  
Thursday, March 7**

**KFC Sale -  
Friday, March 8  
Orders Due -  
Thursday, March 7, by  
10:00 AM**



## Daylight Savings - Sunday, March 10

Set your clocks ahead 1 hour.



## Report Cards Go Home Thursday, March 14

Kindergarten M/W report cards will be sent home on **Wednesday, March 13**. Kindergarten T/T & Grade 1 - 3 students will receive their report cards on **Thursday, March 14**.

## March 19 - First Day of Spring!

## World Down Syndrome Day March 21



Sandhills will observe World Syndrome Day on **March 21**. Students are encouraged to wear mismatched, crazy socks. The day is to raise awareness about Down Syndrome. Students will learn about the unique talents and abilities of people with Down Syndrome.

## Parent/Teacher Interviews Thursday, March 21 (4 - 7 PM) and Wednesday, March 27 (4 - 7 PM)

### Instructions for Booking a Parent-Teacher Interview Time

1. Please call the School office at 780.928.3947, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., to book your parent/teacher interview.
2. Interviews will be **15 minutes in duration**. Mrs. Fyke and Miss MacLean's interviews will be **10 minutes in duration**.
3. We want to encourage parents to come and meet with your child's teacher.

**Please check the items on the lost & found table when you are here.**



## Spring Drawing & Coloring Spree

**March 11 - Due March 25**



Your child is invited to draw and color a picture of spring. Pictures will be put on display and all students that submit a spring picture will receive a small prize.



## Subway Sale

**Thursday, March 14**

**Orders Due - Wednesday, March 13,  
by 10:00 AM**



## Beach Day Friday, March 22



Come dressed in your brightest tropical clothing (**NO BATHING SUITS PLEASE**). We will be having some special activities on this day.

In keeping with the beach theme, a tropical/beach treat will be provided for students.



## Hot Dog Sale Friday, March 22

Please write in your child's agenda if they will be having a hotdog.



## 100 Day Food Drive



Students were encouraged to bring in non-perishable food items during the week of February 20 - 23 for our Food Drive. Our goal was to reach 100 items. As a school we collected 490 items that were donated to the La Crete Food Bank.

Second Step Spotlight  
Friendship Skills  
Inviting to Play



At our school it's important to notice and have empathy when other kids are being left out. Inviting other students to play is a caring thing to do. When children invite others to play, they will get to know them better. This week, encourage your child to notice if anyone is being left out at recess and remind them that they can invite that person to join in and play!

## Volunteers in Schools for Field Trips and Special Events

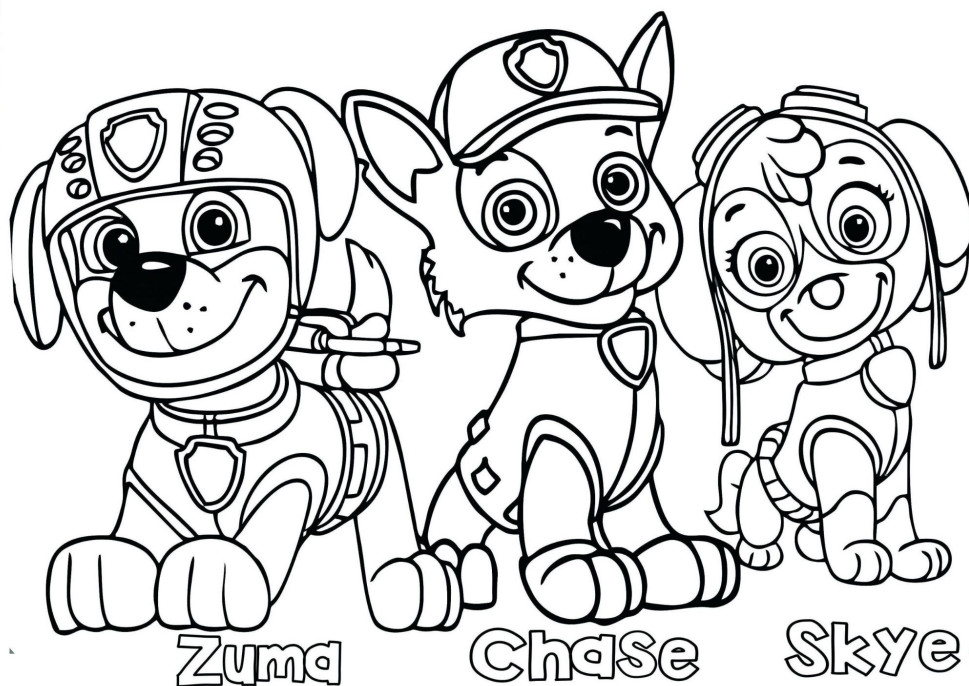
There are more field trips and special events coming up in the next month and a half and these checks are required in order for you to volunteer to go on these trips.

As per Fort Vermilion School Division policy, all parents attending a school field trip, volunteering on a regular basis, or working alone with students, must provide Sandhills with a clean **Vulnerable Sector Check** and a clean **Intervention Record Check**. Volunteers are responsible for ensuring that they give a copy of these checks to each school they want to volunteer at.

If you are required to submit a new Vulnerable Sector Check or an Intervention Record Check it must be completed within the last 6 months in order to be considered valid and acceptable.

The **Vulnerable Sector Check** may be obtained at the **Mackenzie County Office in La Crete (Monday - Friday between the hours of 8:15 - 4:00 pm)**. In order to obtain an **Intervention Record Check** you can contact High Level Children's Services by calling 780-926-4441 and they will email you a form. You can then email the form back with a scanned copy of government issued photo ID either a drivers licence or passport.

At this point in time, we have been informed that the Intervention Check could take up to 30 days.





# La Crete Buddy Read

Drop off your donations of  
**new or gently used children's books**  
at the La Crete Library, Co-Op, Sandhills & LCPS  
until March 18

Bring your kids ages 2-7 for a buddy read  
with LCPS ACTS student at the  
**La Crete Library March 23, 1 - 2:30pm**

**Donations will be gifted to the kids attending  
and The Little Bookshelf!**



## Who Are We?

We are part of the LCPS ACTS class where our goal is to inspire, equip and mobilize youth to take action that challenges themselves, their community and the world through service! We love kids and books and want to connect with the younger generation in the community!

