



SANDHILLS NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL – Wendy Morris

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – Julie Gallant

FVSD TRUSTEES – Tim Driedger & Benj Friesen

Care

Accountability

Respect

Excellent Effort

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

April 10, 2024

Written by Students of Sandhills



**KFC Sale -
Friday, April 12**
Orders Due - Thursday, April 11, by 10:00 AM



**Healthy Snack
Wednesday,
April 17 - PM**

**Subway Sale Orders Due
Thursday, April 18 by
10:00 am. Subway Sale,
Friday, April 19.**

Note: Subs do not include condiments. Feel free to send condiments with your child provided they can put them on themselves.

**Jump Rope For Heart
Skipping Marathon (April 15-19)**



Jump Rope For Heart will occur between April 15-19. JRFH is a physical activity program based around skipping that helps bring kids together to help build healthy habits for life. Grades 1-3 will have a skipping marathon with a goal of 350,000 skips. During this week, **students are encouraged to give a \$2 donation**, which will go to the Heart and Stroke Foundation for research and education. Donations can be sent in your child's agenda.

Thank you for your support in reaching our school's fundraising goal of \$500.

Happy Skipping!

**CARE Bear Assembly
Wednesday, April 24, at 12:45 PM**

Parents are invited to join Sandhills staff and students at their monthly CARE Bear Assembly at **12:45 PM on Wednesday, April 24**. Classes that will be presenting are **K-FM/W, 1A & 2J**.



**Hot Dog Sale -
Friday, April 26 - \$1.50**

Please write in your child's agenda if they will be having a hotdog. Ketchup and mustard are the condiments that will be available.

Bus Driver Appreciation - April 22 - 26

Our bus drivers do their best to ensure student safety each and every school day. Encourage your child to do something special for their bus driver to show appreciation.



Farm & Western Day Friday, April 26



Dress up in your favorite farm & western wear and come ready to horse around. It should be a pigtacular day for everyone to enjoy. Yeehaw!



End of Day for Students

Parents, please refrain from emailing, texting or sending a Whatsapp note to your child's teacher regarding end of day arrangements, during school hours. Teachers do not check these forms of communication regularly. Please write instructions in your child's agenda or call the office at 780.928.3947 to ensure your child is going where they need to be going once school is over. Thank you for your attention to this.



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 legal land location ex: NW 15-105-19 and 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



Second Step Spotlight
Problem Solving -
Playing Fairly



At our school we play in fair ways. Being able to play fairly with others helps children make and keep friends. When children can't agree on how to play together, it can cause a problem. Finding a respectful way to agree on rules during a game helps children get along better with others. Sharing, trading, and taking turns are also fair and fun ways to play together. If you notice children having a problem during play encourage them to think about how they can play fairly.

Sandhills Elementary School
School Council Meeting
February 28, 2024

Present: Wendy Morris, Julie Gallant, Vicki Pitre, Melanie Wiebe, Courtney Banman, Aimee Peters, Tamara Gerbrandt, Martha Neustaeter, Terry Wiebe, Jelena Rountree, Rosanne Driedger, Tim Driedger, Helen Buller, Natalie Nelson

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order at 7:01pm.
2. Approval of agenda: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Terry Wiebe, seconded by Courtney Banman
3. Reading and approval of minutes: Minutes from previous meeting read by Rosanne Driedger, approved by Martha Neustaeter
4. Business arising out of the minutes: no business.
5. School report- Mrs. Morris & Mrs. Gallant
 - A. Grade Three Wrestling Club
 - Wrestling will be taught by Natalie Nelson. She will be teaching the basic moves & rules in a controlled environment once or twice a week.
 - B. Numeracy
 - j. Growth- 70.5% of students are at grade level. Numeracy intervention (WRAT5) started last year and there has been a lot of growth in both grade 2 & 3 since starting the program. Grade 1's will be doing a round of intervention at the end of March.
 - ii. Helen Buller explained how the intervention program works and the concepts that she teaches students. Anita Friesen is also trained in numeracy intervention.
 - C. Parent Teacher Interviews
 - Scheduled for Thursday, March 21 and Wednesday, March 27- 4:00 pm-7:00 pm
 - D. ECS/Pre-ECS Registration
 - Parents are encouraged to register as soon as possible and to call if you have any questions about the requirements or qualifications for Pre-ECS.
6. Chairperson's report:
 - Teacher appreciation week is coming up May 6-10, we are looking for ideas on what to do and to form a committee to help plan.
7. Trustee Report- Tim Driedger:
 - Sandhills is first on the list for a full modernization. (3-6 years)
 - Lots of factors went into shortening the school year.
 - FVSD has 4017 students enrolled which is an all-time high.
8. Additions to the agenda: no additions
9. Next meeting: March 25, 2024, at 7pm
10. Meeting adjourned: Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:10 pm made Aimee Peters

