



# 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.

April 24, 2024

Written by Students of Sandhills

## Bus Driver Appreciation April 22 - 26



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



## Student Drop off in the Morning

Drop off time is 8:30 AM. There is no supervision for students until 8:30 in the morning.



## 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.

## 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!

## School Council Meeting Monday, April 29 at 7:00 PM



If you have any items that you would like discussed at the meeting please contact our school council chair, Melanie Wiebe, at 780.502.4745, prior to the meeting.

## Pizza Orders Due Thursday, May 2 by 10:00 am Cheese Pizza Sale is Friday, May 3.



## Sports Day - Wednesday, May 1

Come to school today in your favorite jersey, hat, t-shirt or any other sports paraphernalia.

## Lost & Found

We have a large number of items in our lost & found. Please be sure to stop to take a look and see if anything belongs to your child.

## Hats on For Mental Health



### Wednesday, May 8

In support of mental health awareness, students and staff are encouraged to wear the craziest, wackiest, largest, smallest or most creative hat they can think of.

## Grade 3 Soccer (3:00 - 4:00)



Boys soccer will run on **Monday, May 6, 13 and 27** and girls soccer will run on **Tuesday, May 7, 14 and 28**. Permission forms will be sent home with your child.



## Staff Appreciation May 6 - 10

Children are encouraged to do something special for their teacher, educational assistant, librarian and administration.

A staff appreciation event is being planned for the week of **May 6-10**. School Council is looking for volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Sandhills office at 780.928-3947. Your name will be forwarded to school council.



**Healthy Snack**  
**Tuesday,**  
**May 7 - Afternoon**

## Ascension Day

**May 9**

The school will be open but **busses will not be running.**



**Subway Sale**  
**Friday, May 10**  
**Orders Due - Wednesday, May 8, by**  
**10:00 AM**

## CARE Bear Assembly -

**Tuesday, May 14 at 2:00 PM**

Parents are invited to join Sandhills staff and students at their monthly CARE Bear Assembly at **2:00 PM on Tuesday, May 14**. Classes that will be presenting are **2A & 3N**.



# 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 - Rural 911 Address (green road sign).**

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

The Fort Vermillion 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  
Handling Name Calling



At Sandhills, we want students to understand what it means to be respectful. It's not respectful to call people names that hurt their feelings. Children have learned that if someone calls them a name, they can ignore the person or speak to him or her assertively. They can tell the person it's not okay to call them names. If the person doesn't stop calling them names, they should tell an adult. Remind students that saying kind words to others helps them make and keep friends!