



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.

May 7, 2024

Written by Students of Sandhills



Grade 1-3 Soccer (3:00 - 4:00 PM)

Boys soccer will run on **Monday, May 6, 13 and 27**
and girls soccer will run on **Tuesday, May 7, 14**
and **28**.

Staff Appreciation May 6 - 10

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



Ascension Day May 9

Busses will not be running.



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**.

KFC Sale - Thursday, May 16 Orders Due - Wednesday, May 15, by 10:00 AM



School Closed Friday, May 17 Monday, May 20 and Tuesday, May 21

Kindergarten Preference Letters

For those that have registered a child for kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year, the day attendance preference letters have been mailed. Please check your mailbox. Attendance preferences are on a first come first serve basis. Be sure to get your letter in to the office as soon as possible.



Subway Sale, Friday, May 10 Orders due Wednesday, May 8, by 10:00 AM

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

Mother's Day Sunday, May 12



Jump Rope For Heart Update

We raised \$215.90 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation during JRFH. We reached our goal of 350,000 skips. Way to go Sandhills! As a reward for reaching this goal students received an extra recess on Friday, May 3.



Hot Dog Sale Friday, May 24

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

Sandhills Elementary School
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**
www.fvvsd.ab.ca/our-schools/shes

Sandhills Elementary School | 10202-94 Avenue, La Crete



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).**

Volunteers in Schools for Field Trips and Special Events

There are field trips and special events coming up in the next several weeks 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.

Second Step Spotlight Empathy - Showing Empathy



Students have learned that getting along with others helps make school a happier place. To get along with others, they need to have empathy for each other. Empathy is feeling or understanding what someone else is feeling. This week, encourage your child to be a feelings detective! They should try to notice how their friends, siblings, and/or classmates are feeling. Remind them to watch faces and bodies for clues!

Sandhills Elementary School
School Council Meeting
March 25, 2024

Present: Wendy Morris, Julie Gallant, Melanie Wiebe, Darren Froese, Courtney Banman, Terry Wiebe, Deanna Banman, Martha Neustaeter, Rosanne Driedger, Ken Wiebe

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm.
2. Approval of agenda: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Deanna Banman, seconded by Darren Froese
3. Reading and approval of minutes: Minutes from previous meeting read by Rosanne Driedger, approved by Terry Wiebe
4. Business arising out of the minutes:
 - Positive feedback on parent-teacher interviews being scheduled on one night for two consecutive weeks.
5. School report- Mrs. Morris & Mrs. Gallant
 - A. Connectivity-Second Step
 - i. Presentation
 - Second Step is the program that Sandhills uses to teach socioemotional skills to students
 - In the program students learn skills to help them listen, focus attention, use self-talk, be more assertive, show empathy and compassion, manage emotions, problem-solve and to make and navigate friendships.
 - Targeted activities are used to encourage the development of these characteristics.
 - ii. Newsletters
 - Information about the Second Step program is being added to the newsletters to keep the parents informed.
 - The Second Step program was reviewed by the school council a few years ago when it came into the school and we have found it a very good program.
 - iii. Tickets
 - Tickets called 'Bear hugs' are being handed out to students as they learn and apply the skills they learn in Second Step.
 - B. Staffing update
 - Mr. and Mrs. David and Tina Krahn have been hired to fill a custodian vacancy.
6. Chairpersons Report- Melanie Wiebe
 - Teacher appreciation week was discussed and planned for.
7. Additions to the agenda: no additions
8. Next meeting: April 29, 2024, at 7:00 pm
9. Meeting adjourned: at 8:06 pm

