



SANDHILLS NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL – Wendy Morris

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – Julie Gallant

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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.

May 22, 2024

Written by Students of Sandhills

2024-2025 Class Lists - Important Information for Parents

Meetings Monday, May 27

Parents may make an appointment, **if necessary**, to share student learning information that may affect student class placement for the 2024-2025 school year.

Parents requesting appointments must be aware of the following information:

- **Please call the school as soon as possible to book a 10-minute appointment.**
- All appointments will take place in person, by appointment with Mrs. Morris on **Monday, May 27.**
- All parent requests **MUST** be focused on the learning needs of the child that the school may not be aware of.
- **Requests for specific teachers will not be accepted.**
- **Requests that are made to put children with their friends will not be considered. There are simply too many students in the school to allow for friendship choices.**

Class lists are created with the best interests of all students in mind. We consider past history and specific student learning needs, among other criteria. Only make an appointment if it is truly necessary.

Teachers	Assignment
Mrs. Wendy Morris	Principal
Mrs. Julie Gallant	Assistant Principal /IE
Mrs. Vicki Pitre	Pre-Kindergarten
Mrs. Sarah Fyke	Kindergarten
Mrs. Shamim Sharif	Kindergarten
Mrs. Lucy Wiebe	Kindergarten
Miss Brittany Anderson	Grade 1
Mrs. Suzanne Fehr	Grade 1
Miss Natalia Henry	Grade 1
Miss Jennifer Jiang	Grade 1
Miss Nicole Walker	Grade 1
Mrs. Stephanie Acreman	Grade 2
Mrs. Cheryl Bueckert	Grade 2
Mrs. Ryane Cole	Grade 2
Miss Joanie Allison	Grade 2
Mr. Chen Wu	Grade 2
Miss Lori Cox	Grade 3
Miss Alicia Gross	Grade 3
Mr. Erik Nielson	Grade 3
Currently Advertising	Grade 3
Mr. Josh Krahn	PE
Mrs. Susan Fehr	Reading Intervention

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.

School Council Meeting Monday, May 27 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.

Gr. 1-3 SHES Track & Field Tuesday, May 28

Sandhills is planning a track and field day for all **grade 1-3 students** on **Tuesday, May 28**.

Track & Field events start at 9:00 am and run until 2:00 pm. **We are in need of parent volunteers.** If you are able to volunteer for this event, please email Mrs. Wiebe at stephaniew@fvsd.ab.ca or call the school at 780.928.3947. If you want to volunteer you are required to have your Vulnerable Sector Check and Intervention Record Check.

Please remember to ensure your child has the following:

- Outdoor running shoes
- A water bottle - labeled with their name
- A hat
- Sunscreen applied before they come to school
- A hoodie or jacket

We look forward to an enjoyable, active day!

Peter Puffin Concert Wednesday, May 29 at 1:30 PM



Peter Puffin is an award winning educator, and internationally acclaimed family entertainer who uses music to celebrate caring for the environment and each other, community building, and celebrating the wonderful world we live in! He has previously performed at SHES in the early 2000's. Some of his more popular songs include "Proud like a Mountain" and "Peace Like a River".

Parents are welcome to attend.

Choose Your Free Lunch Friday, May 31 Orders due Thursday, May 30 by 10:00 AM



Students will choose their **free** lunch for **Friday, May 31**. Lunch choices are: 1 KFC popcorn chicken, 1 slice of Cheese Pizza, 1 Ham & Cheese Sub or 1 Ham only Sub.

Students can only choose **1 food item** so please pack more lunch if they need it.

An order form will be sent home.



Kindergarten Year-end Celebrations June 12 & 13

Kindergarten Celebrations will take place on
**June 12 for ECS-M/W &
June 13 for the ECS-T/T class.**

Parents will be invited to the year end Kindergarten celebrations.

Details to follow.

Kindergarten Orientation

June 17, 18, 19

Kindergarten Orientation for all new Kindergarten students (2024-2025 school year) will take place on **June 17, 18 and 19**. You will receive a call in June with a time for your child to come for orientation.

If you have a child entering Kindergarten in the fall, please keep these dates available.

Year End Picnic and Last Day of Classes

Sandhills year end picnic will be held on

Thursday, June 20 and our last day of classes is **Friday, June 21**.

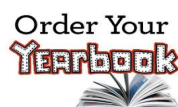


Parent Appreciation Tuesday, June 4 @ 10:00 AM

All parents are invited to join us in the Sandhills gym on **Tuesday, June 4, from 10 AM - 11 AM.**

Come for some refreshments, visiting, and to enjoy some performances by the students of Sandhills.

This event is to celebrate you! Please find alternate childcare for your preschoolers.



Pre-Order 2023-2024 Yearbooks

2023-2024 yearbooks are available to be pre-ordered for **\$20** each. You can order by filling out the form that was sent home or you can order online at **SchoolCashOnline.com**.

To guarantee a 2023-2024 yearbook please order by **June 13, 2024**. Yearbooks will arrive in the fall of 2024.

Library Books Due Friday, June 7

Please have your child return any library books they may have by Friday, June 7.



Last Day of School for Pre-K Friday, June 14



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.

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.

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 Empathy - Identifying Feelings

We're all learning to identify our own and others' feelings. Children can focus their attention on someone's face or body and on the situation for clues about how the person is feeling. Sometimes people's voices and the words they say also give them clues. If someone is yelling, it might be that the person is angry. If a person is using a very quiet voice, it might be that the person is scared or worried. This week, encourage your child to listen to people's voices for clues to figure out how that person might be feeling!



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).**