



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.

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Written by Students of Sandhills

KFC Sale, Thursday, January 9 (\$3.00)
Orders Due Tuesday, January 7 for Kindergarten T/T and Wednesday, January 8 for Grade 1-3 and Kindergarten M/W, by 10:00 am



Note: This includes 1 small popcorn chicken & small fries for \$3 - ketchup provided. Feel free to send condiments with your child, provided they can put them on themselves.

Second Step Spotlight Empathy - Showing Compassion



Here at our school we want to put our empathy into action. This is called showing compassion and this can happen at home too. When students are able to understand how someone else is feeling and do something to show they understand, they are showing compassion towards that person. Listening, saying kind words, and helping are three ways to show compassion. Take a moment to chat with your child about how they can show compassion to someone at school or at home.



Kindergarten Grad Lifetouch Pictures January 9 & 10

Grade 3 Hockey Card Trading Club - Tuesday January 14, 21 & 28

Hockey Card Trading Club will begin next week, Tuesday, January 14 and will run every Tuesday up to and including Tuesday, January 28 from 11:45 - 12:15. **Please don't send valuable cards.**



Subway Sale (\$3.00)

Thursday, January 16
Orders are due Wednesday, January 15 by 10:00 am

Healthy Snack Wednesday, January 22



Ham and Cheese Pizza Sale (\$2.00)

Thursday, January 23
Orders Due Wednesday, January 22 by 10:00 am



Science Fair/Club

Science Fair Club will start this month. Anyone interested in doing a science fair project should start thinking of a question to investigate. Some examples could be:

- What type of soil is best for growing beans, flowers, cucumbers?
- What brand of soap works best for cleaning oil, ketchup, dirt?
- How is electricity produced? Can I produce electricity with different kinds of fruit?
- How are crystals formed? What forms the best crystals?

Most of the club time will be spent at home with an adult to guide and assist with the project. Mrs. Cheryl Bueckert and Mrs. Stephanie Wiebe will guide the process by having check-in club meetings after school about twice a month. Projects may be done in partners that are in Sandhills, grade 1-3. This month's check-in club meetings will happen **January 16 and 30, from 3:00 - 4:00.**

Grade 3 Basketball Mondays (boys) & Tuesdays (girls)

(3:00 - 4:10 pm)



Beginning **Monday, January 13**, the boys will have 4 sessions and beginning **Tuesday, January 14**, the girls will have 4 sessions. Permission forms were sent home in December and were due back by **Thursday, December 19**. If your child did not receive a permission form and they would like to join basketball please give the office a call at 780.928.3947.



Classroom Supervisors Needed

Sandhills is in need of casual classroom supervisors as well as casual EA supervisors. You can choose to sub in a number of areas such as: Educational Assistant, Support Staff, Special Needs Assistant, Teacher, Library and Bus Supervisors. Applications are available to be filled out at Sandhills office.

In order to be added to our sub list, interested persons need to have a current Intervention Record Check and Vulnerable Sector Check.

Cold Season

We are in the midst of cold season. Please keep your child home if they have a fever or are coughing excessively.



School Council Meeting Monday, January 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.

Polar CARE Bear Club

Did you know that each year Sandhills students miss approximately 15-20 days of outdoor recess due to temperatures falling below -25C? That's up to four weeks of recess! Students learn better when they've had fresh air and exercise!

This year we would like to try something new to reduce the number of indoor recesses we have. The Polar CARE Bear Club will allow students to go outside in colder weather (up to approximately -30C,) with parent permission. On cold days, students with permission will be able to choose if they would like to go out or stay inside and if students feel cold while they are outside, they will be allowed to come in. Supervisors will check that students are wearing a toque, mittens, ski pants, a warm jacket, sweater and a scarf/buff or balaclava to keep their face covered.

If you would like for your child to be a Polar CARE Bear, please send the permission slip back to school.

CARE Bear Assembly Wednesday, January 29 at 9:15 am



Parents are invited to join Sandhills staff and students at their monthly CARE Bear Assembly on **Wednesday, January 29 at 9:15 am**. Classes that will be presenting are **2J, IM/W & 2C**.

