

Sandhills School

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Excellent Effort

School Mission: Sandhills Elementary School is a safe, fun place where our minds and bodies grow!
Written by the students of Sandhills

Sandhills Elementary School is excited to be hosting an Author Visit on Friday, October 13, 2017!

Sue Farrell Holler, from the Young Alberta Book Society, is a columnist, children's author and presenter. She is looking forward to visiting our school and sharing her passion with our students.



Sue Farrell Holler

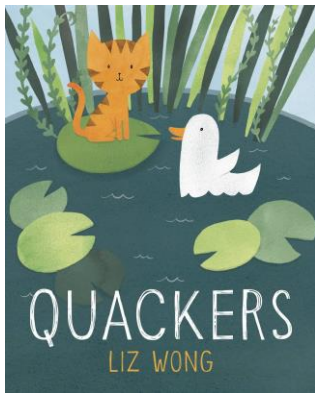
Born and raised on Cape Breton Island, Sue Farrell Holler can't remember a time when she didn't write. She traces the start of her writing career to elementary school when she regularly wrote to more than a hundred penpals in North America. A genuine love of writing led Sue to journalism school in Halifax, N.S. where she earned an honours degree from the University of King's College.

Sue has lived and worked in Nova Scotia, the Northwest Territories and Alberta with her work appearing in local, regional and national publications. For six years, she penned a popular and humorous weekly column about family life that first appeared in Sun Media newspaper GP Ink, then moved from 2010 to 2013 to the Daily Herald-Tribune.

Sue is most often inspired by real people, real places and real events. Her first children's book, *To the Post Office with Mama*, is a picture book based on a walk she took with her toddler son in the rural town of Sexsmith, Alberta. A few years later, she chronicled the adventures of another son in *To the Pool with Mama*, which is set at the Leisure Centre pool in Grande Prairie. Both picture books were published by Annick Press of Toronto.

Her first middle-grade novel was published in 2009 by Second Story Press of Toronto. Set on the Siksika First Nation in Alberta, *Lacey and the African Grandmothers* is a fictionalized story inspired by a true one. When Lacey hears of how women in Africa are raising their grandchildren because the parents are sick with or have died of AIDS, she contacts the Stephen Lewis Foundation asking if she can help.

Sue has two passions: writing and literacy. As well as writing for adults and children, she devotes most of her volunteer activities to improving opportunities for children to connect with stories and the people who write and illustrate them.



Jumpstart
Read for the Record

It is that time of year again! Sandhills Elementary School will participate in **Jumpstart's Read for the Record** celebration. Read for the Record is a national campaign that was put in place to inspire a love of reading in both adults and children. Read for the Record celebrations will take place **Thursday, October 19th**. At this time, not only students from Sandhills will enjoy reading **Quackers**, but children all across the country will be enjoying this book as well!

Picture Day
Wednesday, October 18 (Grade 1-3 & M/W ECS)
Thursday, October 19 (ECS T/T)

Our school picture days are Wednesday, October 18 for Grade 1-3 and ECS M/W, and Thursday, October 19 for ECS T/T.

Please note:

We are not doing pre-orders. Each child will have their photo taken and the proofs will be sent home in a few weeks. Once you have received these proofs, you will either order online or complete an order form and send it to school.

Further ordering information will be sent home with the proofs.



Colder Weather

As the weather gets cooler, we ask that students come to school dressed appropriately. Please send your child with clothing and footwear that will keep them warm during outside recess. Students spend 15 minutes outside during morning and afternoon recess and about 20 minutes at lunch time.

"Grand" Buddies for Grade 2

As part of learning to be a compassionate and contributing member of our community, grade two classes are involved in acts of service at the Heimstead and Long Term Care facilities in La Crete. Students are becoming more aware of how to be a blessing to others through crafting, singing, reading, gaming activities and lending a hand where ever needed while interacting with the residents. Our students are divided into 3 groups and have an opportunity to participate in 5 out of 7 field trips. We thoroughly enjoy reaching out and developing relationships with others in our community.