



# SANDHILLS NEWSLETTER

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**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

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 25<sup>th</sup>. At this time, not only students from Sandhills will enjoy reading this year's book, **Maybe Something BEAUTIFUL**, but children all across the country will be enjoying this book as well!



This year's book selection, **Maybe Something Beautiful**, by F. Isabel Campoy and Theresa Howell, and illustrated by Rafael López, celebrates the magic that can happen when a community comes together to create something beautiful and bring about change — a fitting metaphor for a campaign that features thousands of events in communities across the country each year. Classroom teachers will be reading this book to their classes at various points during the day.

## Sandhills Author's Lunch

This year, as a celebration of our commitment to improving literacy, grade 1-3 students will have the opportunity to participate in an Author's' lunch where they will be the authors sharing a special piece of their writing with Mr. Morris or Mrs. Dika. Students will be treated to a lunch consisting of a 4" ham/cheese sub (they select their toppings), a chocolate chip bear paw cookie and a juice drink. Students are still required to bring their own healthy snacks on these days. Classroom teachers will notify you through a parent letter and your child will write a note in their agenda when they will participate in the Authors' lunch. Both myself and Mrs. Dika look forward to having lunch and listening to your child share a piece of writing. Our first Author's lunch occurred today!



# Operation Christmas Child

Participate in a unique project where you and your family have the opportunity to reach out to needy children around the world.

To begin, decide whether your gift will be for a girl or boy and their age category: (2-4), (5-9) or (10-14). Labels are available at the school to mark your selection.

The next step is to fill a box or a plastic container with a variety of gifts. The school has a limited supply of shoeboxes, however, you may use any small box, shoe box, or plastic container. Local businesses have plastic containers at reasonable prices. Many businesses are also offering a discount for the items purchased for the shoebox project. You may ask the cashier for the discount at the time of purchase.

Examples of appropriate gifts are: small toys, stuffed animals, school supplies, hygiene items, flashlights, clothing, small blankets, towels, watches, or small books. **Please do not include the following:** candy, chapter books, toy guns, knives or war-related items, chocolate, toothpaste, perishable or canned items, breakable or used items, medicines of any kind or liquids such as shampoos, lotion, or bubbles.

**Filled boxes may be dropped off at the Sandhills School library on or before Thursday, November 15.**

Last year Sandhills contributed **220** boxes! Thank you to all of you for your contribution toward this worthwhile project!

Enclose \$7.00 for shipping and handling for each box or container sent. If you are sending more than one, you may include all the money in any one of the boxes. Cheques should be made payable to "**Samaritan's Purse**". Tax deductible receipts will be issued for donations over \$10.00 if you include your name and address. The school has envelopes available for this purpose.

Please call Sandhills at 928-3947 if you have any questions.

**The annual packing party is scheduled for Friday, November 16 at 7:00 pm.** Come and join the fun!! Volunteers are needed at the Annual Packing Party to help with set up, clean up, organizing, and sorting. Please contact Betty Peters at 780-928-2508 if you have questions.

It has been exciting to see shoeboxes already coming in! We encourage you to prepare a shoebox if you are able to. After the deadline date, all shoeboxes will be organized and shipped away to less fortunate children around the world. This year, shoeboxes will be going to Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, El Salvador, Gambia, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Nicaragua, Senegal, Sierra Leone, and Ukraine.



## Healthy Snacks Thursday, October 25

Thanks to Farm Credit Canada, Sandhills will be providing a healthy snack to all students once per month. Please refer to the monthly calendar for the specific dates the healthy snack will be offered to your child. This month, our healthy snack (fresh carrots and snap peas) will be offered to students on Thursday, October 23.

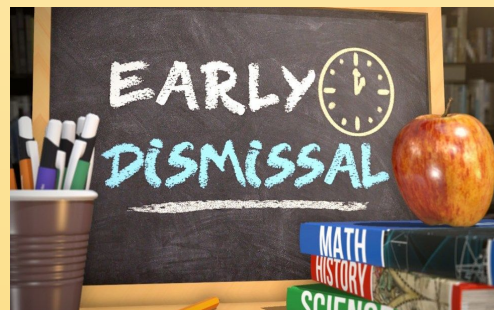


## CARE Bear Assembly Wednesday, October 31

Parents are invited to join Sandhills staff and students at their monthly CARE Bear Assembly at 10:30am. CARE Bear council, the Literacy team and the Healthy Active Living Team will be presenting and sharing on this day.

## Early Dismissal Thursday, November 1

Fort Vermilion School Division has scheduled monthly staff meetings for schools and as a result Sandhills students will be dismissed at 1:50 pm on **Thursday, November 1**.

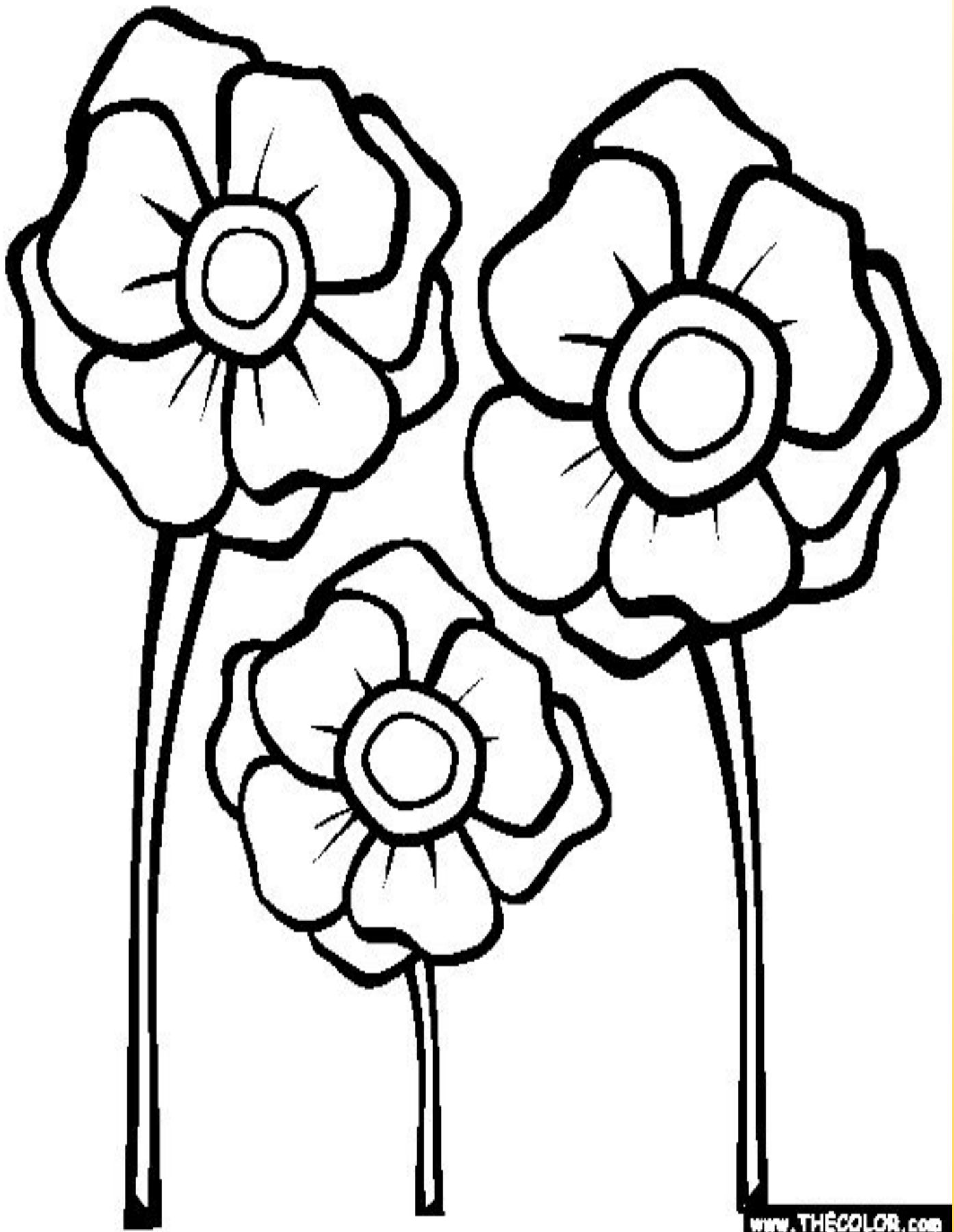


## NO SCHOOL - Friday, November 2

There will be no school for students on Friday, November 2 due to a professional Development day for all Sandhills Staff. On this day, Sandhills staff will be attending professional development in High Level on inclusive education strategies.

## Memory Books, Sandhills Cookbooks and

We would like to inform you that we have a few extra copies of 2017-2018 memory books available for \$10 each. They will only be available while supplies last. We also have cookbooks for sale. Books 1 - 3 are \$10 and book 4 is \$12.



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