



SANDHILLS NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL – Gilbert Morris

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – Rachel Dika

FVSD TRUSTEE – Tim Driedger

Care

Accountability

Respect

Excellent Effort

School Mission: Sandhills Elementary School is a safe, fun place where our minds and bodies grow.
November 27, 2018

Written by Students of Sandhills

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair held in the Sandhills Library on November 19 - 22 was a huge success! Total sales amounted to \$4,541.25 of which \$2,588.51 goes back to the library for books.

Coloring Contest Winners were:

ECS - Drea Krahn, Kylie Wieler & Delila Wall

Grade 1 - Tamika Loewen, Kassidy Driedger & Peyton Martens

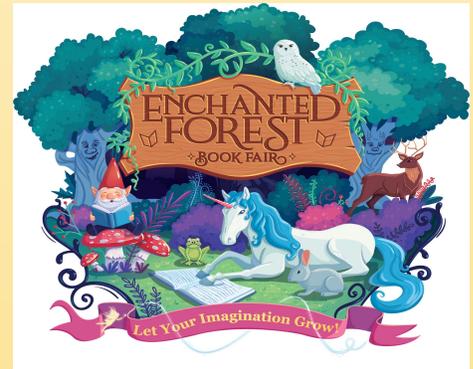
Grade 2 - Hailey Peters, Hayden Dridger & Candice Neufeld

Grade 3 - Jesaiah Guenther, Brianna Klassen & Kaelib Friesen

\$25 Scholastic Winners: Ethan Janzen and Logan Gerbrandt

Guessing Contest Winner was Jayden Krahn who guessed 730 candies in the jar. Actual was 738.

Special thanks to the wonderful volunteers: Leona Unger, Dorothy Unrau, Trudy Friesen, Mary Jane Driedger, Anne Krahn, Helen Buller, Connie Friesen, Diana Driedger, Gitty Giesbrecht, and Jacquie Friesen.



CARE Bear Assembly Friday, November 30

Parents are invited to join Sandhills staff and students at their monthly CARE Bear Assembly at 9:50am.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Update

Thank you for your donations to the Samaritan's Purse for Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes. We collected 304 boxes this year, 84 more boxes than last year! That's a lot more smiling faces around the world when children open their shoebox and receive the Message of God's love.



SHES December Skating

As part of the Physical Education Program at Sandhills, we arrange for our **grade 1, 2, & 3** students to have the opportunity to go skating at the La Crete Arena. This year's program will take place **December 3 - 12**. Your child's skating days are also listed on the December calendar.

Information that you should be aware of:

- Each class will have **two** skating sessions at the arena.
- The students will participate in a semi-structured lessons (dependent on ability) that will be taught by Mr. White. Hockey **will not** be part of the skating program.
- Students will be transported to the arena and back via a FVSD bus. They will be accompanied by Mr. White, the classroom teacher or parent volunteers.
- Please send a note in the agenda if your child is willing to share their skates with a sibling, cousin, or friend.
- As per regulations set out by the FVSD Transportation Supervisor, **skates must be placed in a cloth or synthetic bag in order to be transported on the bus. Plastic or paper bags are not sufficient for this purpose.**
- **All students will be required to wear a CSA approved hockey helmet when skating.** Unfortunately, bicycle helmets do not carry CSA approval. **For safety reasons, students will not be permitted on the ice wearing bicycle helmets.**
- Students may bring their own hockey helmet as long as the helmet has a CSA approval sticker, or alternately, wear an approved helmet provided by the school.
- As a preventative measure, **all** school helmets will be sprayed after each use with **R & CII**, a safe chemical compound that deters the transmission of head lice.

We welcome parent involvement in the skating program. If you are interested in volunteering to assist children with tying their skates, please contact the school secretary at 780-928-3947.

Please pay attention to the scheduled times as the arena is only available during certain times throughout the week. Thank you and we are eagerly looking forward to skating.

DECEMBER SKATING SCHEDULE

	Monday December 3	Wednesday December 5	Thursday December 6	Monday December 10	Wednesday December 12
9:05 – 9:55 am (Bus departs 8:55 am for rink)	2B	3C	1J	1H	3W
9:55 – 10:45 am (Bus departs at 9:40 am)	2P	3D	1B	1D	
10:45 – 11:35 am (Bus departs at 10:30 am)	2S	3H	1S	2K	



- Mark your Calenders -

SHES Christmas Concerts

Wednesday, December 19 at 10:30 am

Thursday, December 20 at 10:30 am

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank-you to the many parents that came out to our PT interviews last week. 74% of our students had a parent/guardian visit their teacher over the two evenings. Teachers appreciate your support as they learn more about your child's strengths and needs through PT interviews. As parent-teacher interviews only occur twice per year, we encourage you to keep the lines of communication open with your child's teacher. All teachers have email and are willing to respond to your requests whether it be through email, phone or in person conversations.

Sandhills Elementary School School Council Meeting Minutes October 15, 2018

In Attendance: Linda Neufeld, Nettie Krahn, Stephen Wieler, Bryan Rempel, Andrew Neustaeter, Tracy Neudorf, Frank Zacharias, Jason Knelsen, Robyn Carey (staff member) Gilbert Morris (Principal), Rachel Dika (Assistant Principal)

Regrets: Dale Krahn, Mary-Jane Driedger

A. Meeting Called to Order: 7:01 pm

B. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda – Frank Zacharias; 2nd by Nettie Krahn

C. Reading and Approval of previous minutes: Motion to approve previous minutes - Tracy Neudorf, 2nd by Andrew Neustaeter

D. Principal's Report:

1. School council reviewed the School Council Operating Procedures. A few points to note:
 - a. If there are less than 5 council members available to attend the meeting, the meeting will be cancelled.
 - b. Section 11. Vacancies - A motion was made to remove the section "*Any vacancies of the School Council will be advertised to the parent community. Elections for vacant positions will be held at the next regular meeting of School Council.*" from #11 - Jason Knelsen, 2nd by Nettie Krahn.

The proposed new wording for #11 will be tabled and talked about at the next meeting.

The changes to section 11 Vacancies would have to be voted upon and approved at the next AGM (Fall of 2019) for this Operating Procedure to take effect.

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3. School Generated Funds (SGF) account was reviewed by council. It was noted that approximately \$16000 is available for playground/school improvement purposes.
 - a. Mr. Morris highlighted the various accounts (fundraising, cookbook sales, Feed the Children and Heart & Stroke). Some accounts are specific to SHES staff, e.g. coffee fund for purchasing coffee and social committee for purchasing gifts, flowers, cards, etc for weddings, births, deaths in the family, sickness, etc. SHES staff personally contribute to this fund.
 - b. Any additional fundraising at Sandhills will be utilized to improve our outside areas (playground, sports fields, sitting areas) or within the school. See minutes in chairperson's report #1.
4. Mr. Morris requested that council give suggestions as to what presentations they would like to have at school council meetings. These presentations would be short (about 10 -15 minutes) and reflect things happening in the school. Examples include things such as teaching methods, schools policy on discipline, etc.

E. Chairperson's Report:

1. Fundraising at Sandhills - The school will set up a meeting between our chairperson, Mr. Knelsen and the Care Bear Council to discuss what the students would like to see at Sandhills for outdoor or indoor equipment.
2. Communication Items:
 - a. Council members are to contact the chairperson if they have any additional items for the agenda, prior to the meeting.
 - b. Parent questions or concerns must first go to the person (staff member) that the concern involves, then to administration if the concern has not been resolved.
3. Jason Knelsen asked about the safety precautions that were in place to protect the students at Sandhills. Mr. Morris responded with the following:
 - a. Sandhills staff supervise students during all recess times. While outside, staff wear reflective safety vests to identify they are a supervisor.
 - b. All doors, with the exception of the front doors, are locked by 9:00 am each morning.
 - c. Any suspicious person on school grounds or within the school is to be reported to the the school office by all SHES staff.
 - d. Parents/visitors are to sign in and out when leaving the building. In the future, visitors will also provide a reason for the visit.

Mr. Knelsen also requested that students to be taught safety awareness early in the school year.

F. Trustee Report: Mr. Dridger not in attendance

G. Additions to the Agenda

1. Hot Lunch - A request came in from the Hot Lunch Committee about the possibility of getting an additional oven for Hot Lunch. Mr. Morris will be in contact the Maintenance Department about the best course of action in getting an additional oven.

H. Next Meeting: November 19, 2018 @ 7:00 pm

I. Meeting Adjourned: 8:55 PM