



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.
February 5, 2019*

Written by Students of Sandhills

CARE Bear Assembly - Wednesday, February 6 at 9:40 am

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

Parent-Teacher Interviews - February 6 & 7

If you have not already done so, please call the school at 780-928-3947, to book your 15 minute appointments. Appointments can be booked for Wednesday, February 6 from 5 - 8 pm and Thursday, February 7 from 4 - 7 pm

School Closed for Annual Teachers' Convention February 11 - 15

Part of a teacher's professional responsibility is that he/she attends an annual convention to review new teaching strategies, curriculum and resources. It is also an opportunity for teachers to link with teachers outside the FVSD.

Schools will be closed February 11 and 12, which are designated as days off in lieu of parent/teacher interviews for staff. Wednesday, February 13 the school will be closed. Teachers in the Fort Vermilion School Division will attend the Northeast Teachers' Convention in Edmonton, February 14 and 15.

Family Day - February 18

Schools will be closed on Monday, February 18 for Family Day. Regular classes resume for students on Tuesday, February 19.



**Celebrating
100
Days!!!**

100 Day Celebration - February 21

100 Day signifies the halfway point of the school year and we will mark the day with a school wide celebration.

The 100 Day Organizing Committee has a wonderful day of fun and cooperative events planned for students. The morning will begin with an assembly in the gym for all students where we will participate in some activities as an entire school. Students will also participate in events as a class group at stations in the gymnasium.

Grade 3 Food Drive



Beginning this week and continuing until Friday, February 22, grade 3 students will be organizing a food drive in order to collect donations for the La Crete Food Bank. Please check food items best before dates to ensure that all donated food can be used. Any past due foods must be disposed of by the food bank. At the 100 Day Celebration on Thursday, February 21, we will count how many food items were donated by each grade and there will be a display in our “We Care” hallway, by the office, which will show a heart signed by students for each food item they brought. Thank you for caring!

Ideas for Food Bank Donations

Kids love these donations:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Crackers/Cookies | <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Fruit | <input type="checkbox"/> Bar and Liquid Soap |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cereals (Hot or Cold) | <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Vegetables | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrushes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spaghetti/Pasta | <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Soup/Broth | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothpaste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Tuna | <input type="checkbox"/> Mashed Potatoes | <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry Detergent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peanut Butter | <input type="checkbox"/> Stuffing Mix | <input type="checkbox"/> Macaroni And Cheese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jams/Jelly | <input type="checkbox"/> Powdered Eggs | <input type="checkbox"/> Pancake Mix |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yams | <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee | <input type="checkbox"/> Comb/Brush |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Chicken | <input type="checkbox"/> Juices | <input type="checkbox"/> Disposable Diapers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Meat/Beef | <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure | <input type="checkbox"/> Baby Wipes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beef Stew | <input type="checkbox"/> Baby Formula | <input type="checkbox"/> Baby Powder |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rice | <input type="checkbox"/> Bottled Water | <input type="checkbox"/> Tissues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Towels | <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet Paper | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Plates |

Student Projections 2019-2020

Each spring, school principals look ahead to the next school year to determine how many students will attend classes in the fall.

The process begins in February with projected student numbers sent to Central Office. The approximated number of students help us to determine staffing projections for the upcoming school year.

If you know that your children will not be attending Sandhills next year, please contact the office to let us know 780-928-3947. If you know of families that plan to move to La Crete with children and may be attending Sandhills, please let us know. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!



Vulnerable Sector Check/Intervention Record Check

As per Fort Vermilion School Division policy, all parents attending a school field trip as well as when working alone with students must provide Sandhills with a clean Vulnerable Sector Check and a clean Intervention Record Check.

The Vulnerable Sector Check may be obtained at the Fort Vermilion RCMP Detachment and Intervention Record Check may be obtained at the High Level Children's Services office.

SANDHILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Notice of: ECS (Kindergarten) Program Registration for the 2019-2020 School Year

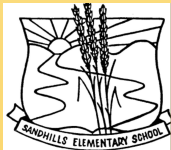
**Tuesday thru Friday, February 19-22, 2019
Sandhills School Office
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Parents of children attending Kindergarten at Sandhills in the fall of 2019 are requested to register their child at the school office during the dates and times listed above.

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 enrollment.

To register your child, parents must bring the following 3 pieces of information:

- **Your child's Birth Certificate or Canadian Citizenship Papers**
- **Alberta Health Care Number**
- **Current Land Description:**
 - **For in-town residences please have your house # and street/avenue (e.g. 10202 - 94 Ave).**
 - **For out-of-town residences please have your legal land location (e.g. NW 15-105-19).**



We look forward to meeting you and your child.

Next Sandhills School Council Meeting

Monday, February 25th @ 7:00 PM

Reminder - February Skating Schedule Begins This Week

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. The second part of this year's program will take place **February 20 - March 1**. Your child's skating days are also listed on the February calendar.

Information that you should be aware of:

- Hockey **will not** be a part of the skating program. No sticks please.
- Students will be transported to the arena and back by school bus. They will be accompanied by an adult supervisor.
- 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.
- Students are not allowed to wear boots on the ice.
- If your child does not own skates there are a limited number of skates and sizes available at the school. Your better option would be to try and find a pair that your child can borrow.

We welcome parent involvement in the skating program. Please indicate on your child's permission form or call the school office at (780)928-3947, if you would like to volunteer with tying of student skates.

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.

| SKATING SCHEDULE | Wednesday, February 20th | Friday, February 22nd | Monday, February 25th | Wednesday, February 25th | Friday, March 1st |
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| 9:05 – 9:55 am (Bus departs at 8:50 am for rink) | 3C | 3D | 3H | 2B | 2P |
| 9:55 – 10:45 am (Bus departs at 9:40 am) | 1J | 1B | 1D | 1H | 1S |
| 10:45 – 11:35 am (Bus departs at 10:30 am) | 2K | | | 2S | 3W |