



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.
March 26, 2019

Written by Students of Sandhills

hello Spring



Pizza Orders Due - *Thursday, March 28*

Cheese Pizza sale is on **Friday, March 29.**

CARE Bear Assembly - *Monday, April 1 at 10:40 am*

Parents are invited to join Sandhills staff and students at their monthly CARE BEAR Assembly. Literacy Spotlight will be classes 2B, 2S and 3W.



Spring Break April 13 - 23

Last day of school before Spring Break is Friday, April 12. Students will be back to school Wednesday, April 24.



Spring Thaw

Due to much of the playground being under water, students will be spending recesses on the cement pad, sidewalks and bus lanes until the playground is dry enough to play on.



Divisional Science Fair Results

Hello Science Fair Fanatics! The results are in from the Divisional Science Fair. Congratulations to the following Sandhills students:

Grade 1-3 Study

Silver: Reese & Myelle Gallant (Pop, Pop, Pop!)

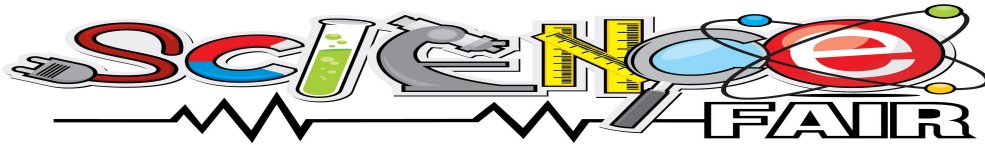
Bronze: Zachary Doerksen & Roman Loewen (What Makes A Tsunami)

Grade 1-3 Experiment

Gold: Renee Wiebe & Bella White (We've "Bean" Watering)

Silver: Josiah Unrau (Magnificent Buzzer)

Bronze: Brenden Dick (Fading Colours)



Bicycles/Scooters/Skateboards/ Ripstiks and Bike Helmets



A reminder to parents and students regarding safety travelling to and from Sandhills School.

- **All students who ride their bike, scooter, skateboard, or ripstik to and from school must have a bicycle helmet on.**
- When on school grounds students must walk their bicycles, scooters, skateboards and ripstiks to and from the bicycle rack located in front of the school.
- **In the event that a student arrives at school on their bike, scooter, skateboard, or ripstik without a bike helmet, parents will be notified to come and pick up the item.**

We care about your children and want to do our part in ensuring their safety.

Thank you for your support.

Sandhills will be hosting a Preschool Fair and Speech Screening Day on April 9.

All parents with a child who is **3, 4 or 5 years old (by December 31, 2019)**, are encouraged to attend this **FREE**, drop in event. This event will occur from **9:30am - 2:30pm**.

Speech Language Pathologists will be on hand to provide a speech and language screener. Screeners consist of saying words with specific speech sounds, re-telling a story, explaining vocabulary and understanding basic concepts.

Ages & Stages Screening will also be available. The Ages & Stages screener looks at how your child is developing in the area of movement skills.

If you have a child who is experiencing delays in speech, language or movement, we would like you to attend. Please contact Rachel Dika at the school (780-928-3947), if you have any questions about this event.

Sandhills Elementary School School Council Meeting Minutes February 25, 2019

In Attendance: Dale Krahn[Vice Chair], Linda Neufeld [Secretary], Tracy Neudorf, Bryan Rempel, Stephen Wieler, Mary-Jane Driedger, Robyn Carey [staff member] Gilbert Morris [Principal], Rachel Dika [Assistant Principal]

Regrets: Tim Driedger [Trustee], Jason Knelsen [Chair], Frank Zacharias, Nettie Krahn

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** 7:01 PM
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda – Mary-Jane Driedger, 2nd by Stephen Wieler
3. **Reading and Approval of previous minutes:** Motion to approve January 21, 2019 minutes - Tracy Neudorf, 2nd by Bryan Rempel
4. **School Report - Mr. Morris**

- a. *Guided Math - Presented by Megan Hoddinott (Gr. 3) and Bethany Porter (Gr. 2)*

Miss Hoddinott and Miss Porter presented how a teacher teaches using a guided math approach. Math class begins with a 10-15 min lesson (e.g. how to add 2 digit numbers using place value) as a whole group. After that, in small-groups students rotate through different centers (math games, math journals, math practice) with one of the centers being guided math instruction with the teacher. Different learning levels and styles are addressed through this method.

- b. *January SHES Budget was presented to council.*
- c. *School Generated Funds was reviewed.*

Fundraising efforts for our new playground structure were as follows:

- Mom's Pantry has raised approximately \$2,200 this year.
- The school was running low on Sandhills cookbooks so a number were ordered in the fall. At this point in time, we are at a loss of approximately -\$200 through this fundraiser.

Due to the increased number of students ordering hot dogs, pizza and ice cream, sales in this area has seen a growth of approximately \$1000 since the beginning of the school year. Profits for lunch sales go back into the lunch program for purchasing new equipment, food expenses or school picnic related expenses.

- d. *Parent/Teacher Interviews*

52% of students had a parent/guardian attend the PT interviews at the beginning of February. In the fall, 74% of students had a parent/guardian attend PT interviews.

- e. *After School Clubs*

Sandhills will have the following after school clubs for students during the months of March/April/May:

- Drama for grades 2-3
- Choir for grades 1-3
- Basketball for grade 2-3

Badminton (Grade 3) and Soccer (Grades 1-3) will start in late April / early May.

5. **Chairperson Report - No items.**

6. **Next Meeting:** March 18, 2019 @ 7:00 PM

7. **Meeting Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm – Bryan Rempel, 2nd by Stephen Wieler

Preschool Fair & Speech Screening

April 9
Sandhills Elementary School
9:30 am - 2:30 pm

DROP-IN & FREE!!

Speech Screening

Ages & Stages Screening

Opportunity to Connect with Preschool Services & Programs
in your Community!

Children turning
3 or 4 before
Dec. 31, 2019 will
be given priority

For more information call Carrie at 780-841-5657

