



# 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.  
May 6, 2019*

*Written by Students of Sandhills*

## Grade 3 Badminton

Please note that after school badminton for grade 3 students has been split into a boys and girls days due to high numbers. Please refer to the schedule that was sent home with your child.



## Hats On For Mental Health Day - May 8

In support of mental health awareness, students and staff are encouraged to wear the craziest, wackiest, largest, smallest or most creative hat they can think of.



## SHES Book Exchange - May 6-10

From Monday, May 6 - Friday, May 10, students can bring in lightly used books, on a daily basis, to exchange for other lightly used books. A book exchange will occur each day, in classroom 3C, from 2:10 - 3:10 pm.



## Education Week Activities - May 6-10

Refer to the backside of the May calendar for a list of activities occurring during Education Week. Please note that any events highlighted in yellow are invitations open to everyone. Those events highlighted in green are grade level invitations to parents only.

We hope to see you this week!

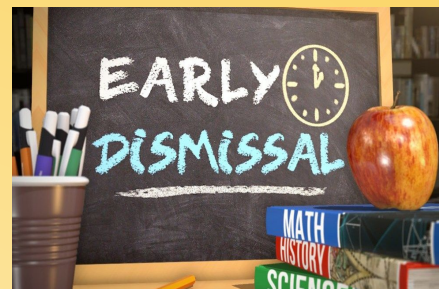


## SHES Drama Club Performance May 9 at 7:00 pm

Come and join us in the Sandhills School Gym on Thursday, May 9, at 7:00 pm, to watch the drama production of "It's A Hit" put on by the Sandhills Drama Club.

## Early Dismissal Thursday, May 9 at 1:50 pm

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, May 9.**



## Jump Rope For Heart

A reminder that Jump Rope for Heart student pledge envelopes need to be returned to the office by **Friday, May 10.** Please be sure to sign and date your child's envelope before returning.

## Kindergarten Orientation

The second day of 2019-2020 Kindergarten Orientation will take place **Friday, May 10.** There will be no regular Kindergarten on this day. ECS Early Intervention will occur.

If you have not registered your child, please stop by the school office during the hours of 9:00 am-3:00 pm.



## All Parents are invited!

Please join us in the Sandhills gym on **Thursday, May 23 from 10AM – 11AM** for our annual

## Parent Appreciation Tea.

Come for some refreshments, visiting, and to enjoy some performances by the students of Sandhills.

## Our ART SHOWCASE

will also be occurring at this time so please be sure to attend.

**This event is to celebrate you! Please ensure that you find alternate childcare for your children.**

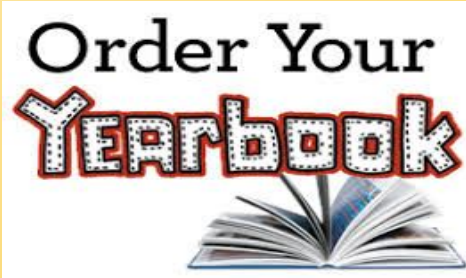
## Victoria Day - May 20 No School

Schools will be closed **Monday, May 20** for Victoria Day. Regular classes will resume on **Tuesday, May 21.**



## Pre-Order 2018-2019 Yearbooks

2018-2019 yearbooks are available to be pre-ordered. You can order by filling out the form that will go home this week or you can order online at **SchoolCashOnline.com.** To guarantee a 2018-2019 yearbook please order by **June 20, 2019.** Yearbooks will arrive in the fall of 2019.



## After School Soccer *Tuesdays & Wednesdays beginning May 14*

We have a large number of students participating in soccer and so we ask that students participating have a note in their agenda reminding the child and teacher that they have soccer.

**If students are not participating (for example, not their soccer day, or they did not register for soccer), they may only stay if they have a parent or guardian supervising them.** Supervision of additional students is not the responsibility of the coaches, as they are concentrating on coaching the soccer teams. We thank you for your cooperation as we ensure the safest conditions possible for all children during this fun after school activity.

If soccer is canceled due to inclement weather, students will remain at school and parents can still pick them up by 4:15 pm.

Refer to the schedule on the calendar for your child's soccer days. **K-1** is ECS and grade 1 students, and **2-3** is grade two and three students. If it is an ECS soccer day and it is not your child's school day, it is your responsibility to bring your ECS child to the Sandhills gym by 3:15 pm.

Soccer is over at 4:15 pm each day. Please be on time to pick up your child.



## Student Shoes

Please send your child to school in appropriate footwear [**runners NOT flip-flops**] for outside activities.

Broken glass is a common occurrence in our grass and sand areas in spring. We work diligently to keep the playground glass free but there are times when glass pieces are missed.

Mr. White has both inside and outside gym classes in May and June. Students need appropriate footwear to be able to participate fully in gym class. Flip-flops are not allowed for either inside or outside gym. Students have permission to wear flip-flops in their classrooms.

Thank you for your assistance as we continue to keep your children safe!



## Toys from Home

We ask that students do not bring toys from home to play with on the playground. Toys can go missing or get broken. Thank you for helping.

## Cookbooks

Sandhills School has 4 different cookbooks for sale. Each Volume is \$10.00. They can be purchased in the Sandhills Office.

**Sandhills Elementary School**  
**School Council Meeting Minutes**  
**March 18, 2019**

**In Attendance:** Jason Knelsen [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], Dale Krahn [Vice-Chair], Andrew Neustaeter, Frank Zacharias, Nettie Krahn

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** 7:02 PM
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda – Stephen Wieler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary-Jane Driedger
3. **Reading and Approval of previous minutes:** Motion to approve February 25, 2019 minutes - Tracy Neudorf, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bryan Rempel
4. **School Report - Mrs. Dika**
  - a. *AAC (Augmentative and Alternative Communication) in the Early Intervention Classroom - Presentation by Mrs. Borges*
    - Mrs. Borges explained how gestures, symbols, spoken word, body language, written word and core word are all forms of communication.
    - The Early Intervention classroom supports children that struggle with communicating by providing augmentative and alternative methods of communication.
    - Council was very supportive and impressed with the ECS Early Intervention program.
  - b. *La Crete SHES Speech Screener Day - April 9*
    - Parents of 3-4 years are encouraged to attend with their child to have a speech screener completed. This screener will allow Speech Language Pathologists to advise whether or not a full speech assessment is required. In turn, this assists SHES in preparing for September 2019.
  - c. *FVSD Divisional Calendar shared with council*
    - The 2019-2020 FVSD Divisional calendar is available on the FVSD website.
  - d. *Care Bear Expectations*
    - SHES staff have reviewed and updated the CARE Bear expectations and expectations were shared with the council. The CARE Bear expectations outline how students are to behave in the various settings around the school (e.g. playground, library, gym, hallways, washrooms, etc.).
5. **Chairperson Report - Mr. Knelsen**
  - Grade 7's are moving to La Crete Public School
6. **No Trustee Report**
7. **Next Meeting:** April 29, 2019 @ 7:00 PM
8. **Meeting Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 pm – Mary-Jane Driedger