



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.
September 24, 2019

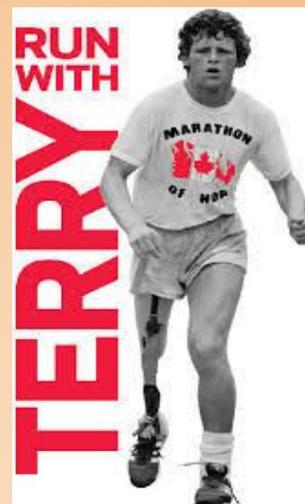
Written by Students of Sandhills

Annual Terry Fox Run

On Friday September 27, Sandhills students and staff will be participating in our Annual Terry Fox Run. Students and staff, along with any parents that would like to join us, will take part in a short assembly (1:20 pm start) followed by a run or walk around the schoolyard.

Students will spend 20 minutes walking or jogging around the Sandhills soccer field as an entire school. We are encouraging students to bring a Toonie for Terry in efforts to raise \$600 which will be sent to the Terry Fox Foundation to help in the fight against cancer.

Thank you for your assistance in our efforts to assist with this tremendous cause which means so much to so many.



“GRAND” Buddies for Grade 2

As part of learning to be a compassionate and contributing member of our community, grade two classes are involved in acts of service at the La Crete Continuing Care Center. Students are becoming more aware of how to be a blessing to others through crafting, reading, gaming activities and lending a hand wherever needed while interacting with the residents. Each class will have five opportunities to participate in Grand Buddies. We look forward to reaching out and developing relationships with others in our community.

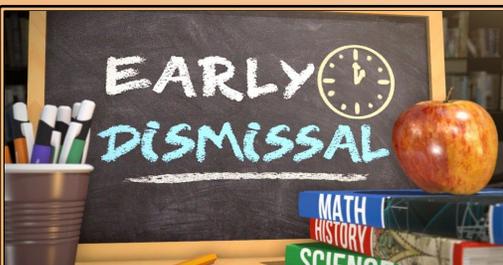
Open House - October 1, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Please come with your child to meet their teacher and see the exciting changes that have taken place at Sandhills School.

Door prizes will be awarded for each classroom.

Complete a School Tour to enter for additional prizes.

Refreshments will be served.



Early Dismissal - Thursday, October 3

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, October 3.**

Running Club/Cross Country Divisionals

This year's Cross Country Divisional Meet will happen at Rocky Lane School on Wednesday, October 2nd. Mr. Feener has been organizing the Running Club during lunch recess each day and students who have been working hard during running club may be invited to participate at the cross-country divisionals. We will be sharing a bus with Ridgeview Central School.

If your child is selected to participate, they will be bringing home a permission form that will need to be filled out and brought back to Mr. Feener by Thursday, September 26. We are in need of parent volunteers, so if you are available please indicate this on the permission form. *Volunteers must have their Vulnerable Sector Check as well as their Intervention Record Check completed.*

SANDHILLS SCHOOL COUNCIL 2019-2020



(Front Row L to R): Gilbert Morris (Principal), Stephen Wieler, Jason Knelsen (Chair), Dale Krahn, Bryan Rempel (Vice-chair), Marty Doerksen **(Back Row L to R):** Bethany Porter (Teacher Representative), Rachel Dika (Assistant Principal), Tracy Neudorf (Snack/Lunch Coordinator), Rachel Krahn, Nettie Krahn (Snack/Lunch Coordinator), Janice Driedger, Linda Neufeld

Picture Day - October 16 & 17

Our school picture days are
**Wednesday, October 16 for ECS
M/W & Grade 1-3 and Thursday,
October 17 for ECS T/T.**



Sandhills School Council Meeting - September 30

Parents are welcome to join us. If you have any items that you would like discussed at the meeting please contact our school council chair, Jason Knelsen, at 780-821-9242 prior to the meeting.

Winter Bussing

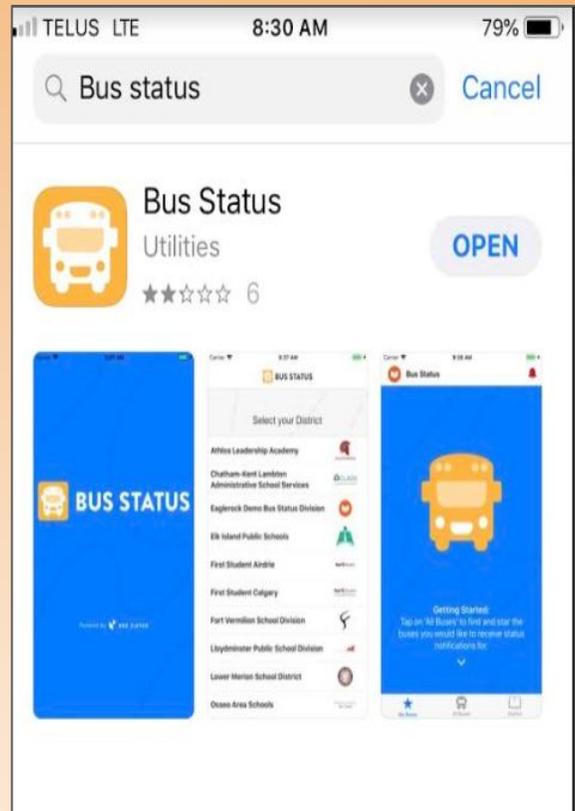
Worried about winter busing? There's an app for that!

Winter is coming. And with it, the snow, and the cold, and the uncertainty for many families about whether the school bus will be running late or not at all. Thankfully, there's an app for that!

Fort Vermilion School Division's new bus app is called "Bus Status" and replaces a previous app service used by FVSD. The new app functions in much the same way as the old one did, but with a new look.

Bus Status makes keeping tabs on FVSD buses a breeze. Parents and guardians can select the bus routes they want to follow and receive notifications in the event those routes are delayed or cancelled.

Bus Status is so easy to use. Just download the app and open it up. You will be asked to select the school division you want to follow. Select "Fort Vermilion School Division" from the list and you are on your way!



Once you have selected FVSD, you will see a list of all of the buses running in the division. To receive notifications on a specific bus (or buses), simply star the one you are interested in and you will begin to receive push notifications on your phone whenever there is an update to the status of those buses!

Not only will you be receiving up-to-the-minute updates on the buses you need to know about, but you won't have to wade through a lot of information on other buses that you don't need. And you can select as many buses as you need to be notified about, in case you have children riding different FVSD buses!

Bus Status displays busing information in three colours:

ON TIME: This is a green banner showing the bus is running as scheduled.

DELAYED: This is a yellow banner to let you know a bus is running late. It will also tell you approximately how late the bus is running (if possible), or identify another bus which has been sent in place.

CANCELLED: This is a red banner and is displayed if the bus is cancelled that day with no plans to pick up the students in place.

The app is available for free from iTunes or Google Play, and you can also reach it through the FVSD website by clicking on the iTunes or Google Play links to take you directly to it. If you do not have a Smartphone, you can still keep tabs on the latest bus updates by visiting the FVSD website at fvsd.ab.ca.



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