



SANDHILLS NEWSLETTER

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Care

Accountability

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Excellent Effort

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

December 3, 2019

Written by Students of Sandhills

OCC Shoebox Update



The La Crete Operation Christmas Child team would like to extend our most heartfelt gratitude to all the schools in our area for participating in the 2019 shoebox season! We had another very successful year and that's thanks to you!

And a very special thank you to Ridgeview Central School for once again being a fantastic collection center for our shoeboxes!!!

This year, the community of La Crete was able to send a total of **3,335 shoebox** gifts, (341 boxes from Sandhills) to our processing center in Calgary! From there, the Canadian shoeboxes are headed to **El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Senegal, Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Guinea and Sierra Leone.**

We wish everyone a very joyous Christmas season and blessed New Year! We look forward to working together again in 2020!

Amanda, Chrissy, Tina, Betty and Wendy
(La Crete OCC team)



PARENT
TEACHER
INTERVIEWS

Parent-Teacher Interviews December 3 & 4

This is a reminder that parent-teacher interviews begin this evening, **December 3 from 5 - 8 pm** and tomorrow, **December 4 from 4 - 7 pm.** If you still need to book your 15 minute appointment, please call the office at (780) 928-3947.

Early Dismissal Thursday, December 5 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, December 5.**



Scholastic Book Fair December 2 to 5

Scholastic Book Fair has arrived at Sandhills!! What better way to promote reading to our students than by supporting this important literary event!

The Book Fair will be held on **December 2 - 5.** It will be open to students and parents during school hours Monday to Thursday and Tuesday and Wednesday during Parent/Teacher interviews.



Sandhills Author's Lunch

This year, as a celebration of our commitment to improving literacy, grade 1-3 students will have the opportunity to participate in an Author's Lunch. Students will be the authors sharing a special piece of their writing with Mr. Morris or Mrs. Dika. Students will be treated to a lunch consisting of a 4" ham/cheese sub (they select their toppings), a chocolate chip bear paw cookie and a juice drink. Students are still required to bring their own healthy snacks on these days. Classroom teachers will notify you through a parent letter and your child will write a note in their agenda when they will participate in the Author's Lunch. Both myself and Mrs. Dika look forward to having lunch and listening to your child share a piece of writing. Our Grade 3 classes will have their Author's Lunch during the months of November and December.

Grade 3 Craft & Bake Sale Friday, December 6

Come out and support the Grade 3 classes as they have their Craft and Bake sale from 12:15 - 1:30 pm. Proceeds from the sale will be donated to La Crete Support Services.



Colder Weather

As the weather gets cooler, we ask that students come to school dressed appropriately. Students will be outside on all school days when the temperature outside is -25°C or warmer.

Please send your child with clothing and footwear that will keep them warm during outside recess. Students spend 15 minutes outside during morning and afternoon recess and about 20 minutes outdoors at lunch time.

During the cold months students will likely have at least one PE class outside. When this class is before or after a recess break, students can be outside for up to 50 minutes at a time.

We want the children to enjoy their outdoor activities and stay warm!

Christmas Sweater Day Friday, December 20



Today's the day to come dressed in your Christmas sweater. Dress up a plain old sweater or wear one that you already have. Have fun and let your imagination be your guide.



CARE Bear Assembly Friday, December 6

Parents are invited to join Sandhills staff and students at their monthly CARE Bear Assembly at 8:45 am. Classes performing this month are 3C & 3H.

Mark your Calendar SHES Christmas Concert

Wednesday, December 18 at 10:30 am
Thursday, December 19 at 10:30 am

Parking During Concerts

Parking for special events is a continuing challenge as we have over 270 families with children in our school. The following designated areas will be available for parking.

- Sandhills/Ridgeview bus loading zone
- Sandhills School parking lot (some spaces available)
- *The Sandhills School driveway will be reserved for those that require special assistance. This area will be directed by a parking attendant. We ask for your cooperation in this matter.*

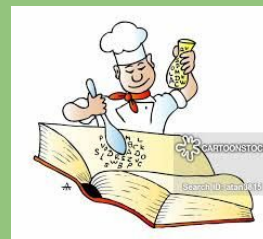
Parking in the front driveway will be controlled by a supervisor to ensure the emergency access area is not blocked. **A clear fire access lane must be maintained at all times.**

A "Grand Finale" with all students and staff will end our concert.



Sandhills Cookbooks

We also have cookbooks for sale for \$10 each. They would make a great Christmas gift for the chef or baker in your life.



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 6 - 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. Feener. 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. Feener, 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.

In order to provide Gr. 1-3 students an opportunity to skate, Sandhills relies heavily on the support of parent volunteers to assist with the tying of skates. If you are able to volunteer please complete the Parent Volunteer section on your child's permission form or call the school 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

	Friday, December 6	Monday, December 9	Tuesday, December 10	Wednesday, December 11	Thursday, December 12
9:10 –10:00 am (Bus departs at 8:50 am for rink)		2S/2B	2K/2P	2S/2B	2K/2P
10:00 – 10:50 am (Bus departs at 9:40 am for rink)		1D/1H	1B/1J	1D/1S	1H/1J
10:50 – 11:40 am (Bus departs at 10:30 am for rink)	1S/1B	3H/3L	3C/3W	3H/3L	3C/3W

