



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.
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Written by Students of Sandhills



Orders are Due Wednesday, February 5

Thank you to those who have already supported the Sandhills Fundraiser by placing an order from Mom's Pantry. Order forms were sent home with students last week. You can place online orders until **Friday, February 7.**

School Closed for Annual Teachers' Convention February 10 - 14

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



CARE Bear Assembly Friday, February 7 at 1:20 pm

Parents are invited to join Sandhills staff and students at their monthly CARE Bear Assembly at 1:20 pm. This month we look forward to class presentations from 1H, 1S and 2P. Our staff will also be performing a skit on Friendship and Cooperation. Parents are invited to attend.

Family Day - Monday, February 17

Schools will be closed on Monday, February 17 for Family Day. Regular classes resume for students on Tuesday, February 18.



SANDHILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



ECS (Kindergarten) Program Registration 2020-2021 School Year

**Tuesday thru Friday, February 18-21, 2020
Sandhills School Office
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Parents of children attending Kindergarten at Sandhills in the fall of 2020 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.



SANDHILLS After School Clubs

Sandhills will be offering a number of after school clubs starting this month through to early June. For planning purposes, we have provided a schedule of after school clubs to all parents. Permission forms for these clubs will be available to students approximately a week prior to the club starting.

Gr. K/1 Art Club - Tuesdays from February 4 to February 25

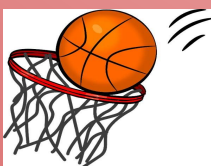
Gr. 2/3 Art Club - Thursdays from February 6 to February 27

Gr. 2 Basketball - Mondays from February 24 to March 30.

Gr. 3 Basketball - Wednesdays from February 19 to March 25.

Gr. 2/3 Drama Club - Tuesdays and Thursdays starting March 17 with an evening performance on Monday, May 11.

Gr. 3 Badminton will be offered in April and after school **Soccer** will commence in May once the fields have sufficiently dried up.



NEW Safe Arrival Procedure

Sandhills has a new safe arrival procedure that parents should be aware of.

For the safety and security of students the school phone out system will be calling parents when their child is absent without reason. The call will go out every morning at approximately 9:00 am.

We request that you either:

- Write a message in your child's agenda if you know in advance that your child will be absent.
- Call the school (780-928-3947) the morning (starting at 8:15am) of your child's absence and let the office know that your child will be absent.

You can also let us know that your child is sick, helping at home, travelling with you, has appointments, etc.

If you bring your child late please ensure that they enter the front school doors and sign-in at the office. Thank-you for your cooperation in this matter. We want to ensure your child is safe.

100 Day Celebration February 21st

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.



Colder Weather

With the cold temperatures 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!

