



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.
June 12, 2020*

Written by Students of Sandhills

Sandhills Elementary School Year End Farewell 2020

Students along with a parent (no siblings please) are invited to attend a **YEAR END FAREWELL** on **Friday, June 19, 2020**. Tables will be set up outside in the front of the school and each student will have the opportunity to talk to their teacher at a designated table. We wanted to give everyone the opportunity to touch base and say their farewells before the summer break and this will allow for that while still adhering to social distancing guidelines set out by the government. Only one student will be allowed to talk to the teacher at a time and those waiting will have to stand behind the designated “lines” outlined in front of each table. The day will begin at 9:30am and parents/students can arrive based on assigned time slots.

Please arrive at your assigned time (last names are not in alphabetical order):

- 9:30 - Last names beginning with B & C
- 10:00 - Last names beginning with D
- 10:30 - Last names beginning with E, F & J
- 11:00 - Last names beginning with G & H
- 11:30 - Last names beginning with K, L & M
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch Break
- 1:00 - Last names beginning with N & S
- 1:30 - Last names beginning with P & O
- 2:00 - Last names beginning with R, T, U, & Z
- 2:30 - Last names beginning with W

Parents may also return library books, visit the lost and found table, purchase a Sandhills yearbook or if you have not already, register your ECS child.

PARKING: Parents are asked to **park single file in the bus lanes** and walk to the schools from there. Those going to Ridgeview will use the back walkway behind the water treatment center.

Come on out to see your teacher, get a pencil from Mrs. Peters, a freezie from Mr. Feener and pick up your report card.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday, June 19!

Farewell to the following Sandhills Staff

Most years we have staff leaving for a variety of reasons and this year is no different. We are grateful for the diligent work and contribution the following staff have made at Sandhills Elementary School and wish them well. This year the Sandhills family will be saying goodbye to **Mr. Ryan Feener, Miss Emily Kelly, Mrs. Jamee Harder, Miss Megan Hoddinott, Mrs. Linda Neufeld, Mrs. Leanna Sexton and Ms. Kat Smith.** Best wishes to all!

Sandhills 2020-2021 Staff List

Teachers	Assignment		Support Staff	Assignment
Mr. Gilbert Morris	Principal		Mrs. Liz Klassen	School Secretary
Mrs. Rachel Dika	Assistant Principal/IE		Mrs. Twila Olson	School Secretary
Mrs. Maureen Borges	ECS-Early Intervention		Mrs. Trudy Peters	Librarian
Mrs. Robyn Carey	ECS-Kindergarten		Mrs. Becky Banman	ECS Speech Assistant
Mrs. Sarah Fyke	ECS-Kindergarten		Miss Susan Bueckert	Speech Assistant
Mrs. Monika Kerr	ECS-Kindergarten		Mrs. Shelly Banman	Educational Assistant
Miss Kendra Booker	Grade 1		Mrs. Helen Buller	Educational Assistant
Miss Natalia Henry	Grade 1		Miss Amanda Cameron	Educational Assistant
Mr. Kevin Janzen	Grade 1		Miss Kaitlyn Fehr	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Tawni Penner	Grade 1		Mrs. Gitty Giesbrecht	Educational Assistant
Miss Samantha Straub	Grade 1		Miss Shaelyn Goertzen	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Stephanie Acreman	Grade 2		Mrs. Tina Janzen	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Cheryl Bueckert	Grade 2		Mrs. Erin Klassen	Educational Assistant
Miss Allison Chaisson	Grade 2		Miss Johannah Loewen	Educational Assistant
Miss Chantelle Peters	Grade 2		Mrs. Agnes Martens	Educational Assistant
Miss Bethany Porter	Grade 2		Mrs. Ann Schapansky	Educational Assistant
Miss Lori Cox	Grade 3		Mrs. Connie Wiebe	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Morgan Derksen	Grade 3		Miss Jeannie Wiebe	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Julie Lauzon	Grade 3		Mr. George Boehlig	Head Custodian
Mr. Chris White	Grade 3		Mrs. Elizabeth Dyck	Custodian
Miss Deborah Wynter	Grade 3		Miss Martha Teichroeb	Custodian
Miss Kari Dalke	K-3 PE		Mrs. Juanita Noel	Custodian
Mrs. Susan Fehr	PE & Reading Intervention			



School Supply Lists, Class Photos & Classroom Placements

will be available in the report cards envelopes on June 19th.
Report Cards can be picked up at the Year End Farewell on
June 19th.

Report cards not picked up will be mailed home.

Kindergarten Recognition



Dear Parents,

Although school has been closed early, we want to recognize the year of learning our ECS students have had. Please join us at our YEAR END FAREWELL on **Friday, June 19th at your designated time** in front of the school for an informal time to meet and say goodbye. There will be a photo booth, as well as Grad caps and gowns (parents will be responsible for getting students ready) for each ECS student to take a photo. The ECS teachers will be available for pictures! Grad certificates will be placed in report card envelopes which will be available at that time.

Mrs. Carey, Mrs. Fyke, Mrs. Sexton



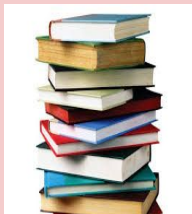
2020-2021 Class Lists

Class Lists for the 2020-2021 School year will not be posted on the school doors. Your child will receive a note in their final report card telling you in which class they will be in. 2020-2021 ECS students will receive a phone call later in the summer stating their day and class.

Lost & Found Table

A lost and found table will be set-up at the Year End Farewell on Friday, June 19th. Please drop by during your assigned time to see if your child has a item that was left at the school

Library Books

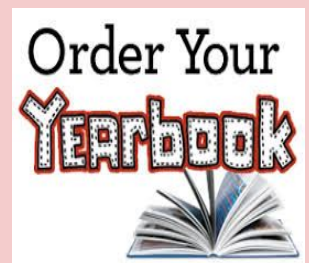


The deadline to have books returned to the library has passed. In the event that you have not returned your child's library books or baggy books, please do so as soon as possible. A library bin has been set-up outside the front doors, from 9 am to 3 pm Monday through Friday. **You can also drop your books off when you bring your child to the Year End Farewell and report card pick up date on Friday, June 19.**

Thank you for encouraging your children to read.

Pre-Order 2019-2020 Yearbooks

2019-2020 yearbooks are available to be pre-ordered. It is available to you through **SchoolCashOnline.com**, our website and facebook page. If you choose to order online you do not need to return the form. If you are not ordering online you are able to place your order on June 19 at the school farewell. To guarantee a 2019-2020 yearbook the due date has been extended to **June 19, 2020**. Yearbooks will arrive in the fall of 2020. The cost of each book will be \$15.



2020 Early Intervention (PUF) Changes

Starting in the fall of 2020, Alberta Education has changed the criteria for early entry of pre-kindergarten students. As a result, students with mild to moderate delays in speech and/or language no longer qualify for PUF funding. Please read the new FVSD guidelines (italicized below) regarding the Pre-Kindergarten (PUF) Program (formally known as Early Intervention at Sandhills). Should you have any questions about whether your child now qualifies, please contact our Inclusive Education coordinator, Mrs. Rachel Dika at the school.

NEW FVSD Pre-Kindergarten (PUF) Program Guidelines

The Fort Vermilion School Division offers a Pre-Kindergarten (PUF) Program to those children with a severe disability or severe language delay who require additional support beyond that offered in a regular ECS program. The intention of the program is to provide early intervention to address the specific needs of the individual child and better prepare him/her for schooling.

To be eligible,

- 1. Children must be a minimum age of 2 years 8 months and less than 4 years 8 months of age on September 1. Students over 4 years 8 months are no longer eligible for PUF funding.*
- 2. An assessment by a qualified professional of a severe disability or severe language delay must be provided to the school.*

Due to limited personnel and budget restraints, children will be prioritized and a waiting list will be created based on the following:

- ⇒ Priority will be given to those children who are a minimum of 3 years 8 months of age on September 1 with a severe language delay, followed by children who are 3 years 8 months with a severe disability.*
- ⇒ Next priority will be given to children who are a minimum of 2 years 8 months of age as of September 1 with a severe language delay, followed by children who are 2 years 8 months with a severe disability.*

*Children that qualify under these guidelines will be enrolled in the Sandhills Pre-Kindergarten class and have their needs supported under the direction of a qualified teacher. It is our goal to have students placed in programs by **September 30, 2020**.*

*The deadline for application into the 2020-2021 FVSD Pre-Kindergarten (PUF) Program, is **December 1, 2020** (space permitting).*

If you have any questions regarding the Pre-Kindergarten (PUF) Program in your community, please contact the Inclusive Education Coordinator at your school.



For Next Year

2020/2021 ECS Registration

This is a reminder to parents of new ECS students that Sandhills is still taking registrations for the 2020/2021 school year. New registrations can be made at any time prior to the school year starting. Please contact the school for more information. Parents will receive a call from the school in late June or early July to let you know your child's teacher as well as the days he/she will be attending.

Our orientation for new ECS students is currently being planned for Monday, August 24. Please save the date as details will be provided later in the summer.

School Supply Lists

You are welcome to shop for supplies or re-use supplies as you have done in the past. You can also **order online** from Write-On Stationary **by July 1, 2020**. This is an optional service.

FOR ONLINE ORDERS FROM WRITE-ON STATIONARY:

- Go to www.write-on.ca
- Click on "PARENTS - Order Here"
- School Name: Sandhills Elementary School
- Choose your grade and place your order
- Complete your order by clicking 'PLACE ORDER'
- You will receive an automatic email confirmation to confirm your order has been received
- VISA, MC, AMEX, Visa Debit and Interac online accepted



Why Is Summer Reading So Important for Kids' Success?

Summer reading is especially important with the early school closure. If you would like to see your child maintain their current grade level skills and possibly push them forward to develop new skills we suggest the following:

1. *Complete any current workbooks or printing books that are incomplete.*
2. *Ensure your child has access to books.* We have a selection of free books that you can choose from at the school. Make a weekly visit to the La Crete Community Library as it is now open by booking an appointment.
3. *Create A Summer Reading Challenge by keeping a reading log.*
4. *Read with your child.*
5. *If your child struggles with reading, audiobooks are a good choice.*

Back to School Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Grade 1-3 and T/T ECS students will be back to school on Tuesday, September 1, 2020. M/W ECS students will start school on Wednesday, September 2, 2020.

