



# 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.*  
November 1, 2023

*Written by Students of Sandhills*



## Community Consultation with Superintendent Mike McMann Wednesday, November 8 at 7:00 pm

Topics of conversation will include: Collegiate update and school calendar. This evening will be your only opportunity to provide feedback regarding these topics and to ask any questions that you may have. Please plan on attending so that your parental voice can be heard.

### Clothing Borrowed from School

Parents, if your child has come home with school clothing on please return it as soon as possible.  
Thank you.



### MOM'S PANTRY

**Orders are due by Friday, November 3rd.**  
If you need additional order forms please write a note in your child's agenda. **Online orders are due Friday, November 3rd.**

### Cheese Pizza Sale - Friday, November 3.

**Orders Due - Thursday,  
November 2 by 10:00 am**



### Jersey Day - Friday, November 3

Come to school today in your favourite jersey. If you don't have a jersey, wear an older sibling's jersey or a team ball cap or hockey socks for other ideas. Have fun and enjoy the day.

### Daylight Savings - Sunday, November 5



Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour.

### Grade 3 Basketball Mondays (boys) & Tuesdays (girls) (3:00 - 4:00 pm)



Beginning **Monday, November 6**, the boys will have 4 sessions and beginning **Tuesday, November 7**, the girls will have 4 sessions. Permission forms were sent home **October 27** and need to be returned by **November 1**.

### Remembrance Day Ceremony -

**Wednesday, November 9, at 10:45 am**

Come and join us as we remember those who have fought for our country's freedom.

**Parents are welcome to attend.**



### Student boots & mittens

Parents, we have a number of children that come to school with the same boots and mittens. To ensure they return to the right student, please label your child's things. Thank you!



**Subway Sale**  
**Thursday, November 9.**  
**Orders Due - Wednesday,**  
**November 8, by 10:00 am**

**World Kindness Day - Tuesday,**  
**November 14**

Take the time to spread kindness, not only on this day,  
but each and every day throughout the year.

**Lifetouch Pictures Memo**

**Your child's school picture is now available  
to view online.**

In order to avoid handling fees please order  
online or return the filled-out envelope to Sandhills  
by **Wednesday, November 8.**

Simply go to [MyLifetouch](https://www.mylifetouch.com) to view your school  
pictures. Use the Portrait ID & Access Code in  
your picture package to view and order your  
school pictures online.

There are many different backgrounds and  
packages available to you. You can customize  
your packages - choosing different backgrounds  
and looks in a package.

To purchase only 1 sheet click on the link above,  
click on the Add Ons & Gifts Tab at the top - this  
will take you to the page of single print options.



**Lifetouch Retakes -**  
**Monday, November 20**

If your child was not in school on the  
original picture days their picture will be taken on  
**November 20 starting at 9:00 am** and you will be  
sent proofs of the pictures in 2 - 3 weeks, from  
which to order. ***If you feel your child needs  
retakes please send back their original pictures  
and new pictures will be taken.*** Please also let  
your child's teacher know if you want retakes, with  
a note in the agenda.

**PD Day - Friday, November 10**  
**School Closed**



**School will be closed**  
**Monday, November 13, in**  
**lieu of Remembrance Day.**

**Volunteers in Schools**  
**Intervention Record Checks &**  
**Vulnerable Sector Checks**

As per Fort Vermilion School Division policy, all  
parents attending a school field trip, volunteering  
on a regular basis, or working alone with students,  
must provide Sandhills with a clean **Vulnerable  
Sector Check** and a clean **Intervention Record  
Check**. Volunteers are responsible for ensuring  
that they give a copy of these checks to each  
school they want to volunteer at.

Checks will typically last for the length of time a  
parent has a student(s) enrolled in a particular  
school. A new record check must be obtained  
when a student enrolls in a new school or there is a  
break in the parents having a student in a particular  
school. If you are required to submit a new  
Vulnerable Sector Check or an Intervention Record  
Check it must be completed within the last 6  
months in order to be considered valid and  
acceptable.

The **Vulnerable Sector Check** can now be  
obtained, at the **Mackenzie County office, in**  
**La Crete, (Monday - Friday between the hours**  
**of 8:30 am - 4 pm - closed for lunch from 12-1).**  
Call first, on any given day, to ensure a staff  
member is available.

**In order to obtain an Intervention Record  
Check** you can contact High Level Children's  
Services by calling 780-926-4441 and they will  
email you a form. You can then email the form  
back with a scanned copy of government issued  
photo ID (either a drivers license, or passport).

At this point in time, we have been informed that  
the Intervention Record Check could take up to 30  
days.

**Sandhills Elementary School**  
**School Council Organization Meeting**  
**September 26, 2023**  
**8:05 pm**

**Present:** Wendy Morris, Julie Gallant, Melanie Wiebe, Martha Neustaeter, Tamara Gerbrandt, DeAnna Banman, Courtney Banman, Rosanne Driedger, Darren Froese, Terry Wiebe, Jelena Rountree, Aimee Peters

- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 8:05 pm
- 2. Review of Executive Positions on Council:** The roles of council, chairperson, vice chair and secretary were explained to the council members.
- 3. Call for nominations for chairperson:** Melanie Wiebe was nominated and accepted the position.
- 4. Motion to cease nominations:** A motion was made by Martha Neustaeter to cease nominations, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Wiebe. Melanie won by acclamation.
- 5. Call for nominations for vice chair:** Darren Froese was nominated and accepted the position.
- 6. Motion to cease nominations:** A motion was made by Aimee Peters to cease nominations, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rosanne Driedger. Darren won by acclamation.
- 7. Call for nominations for secretary:** Rosanne Driedger was nominated and accepted the position
- 8. Motion to cease nominations:** A motion was made by DeAnna Banman, to cease nominations, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Darren Froese. Rosanne in by acclamation.
- 9. Meeting days and times:** Meetings will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 pm.
- 6. Next Meeting Date:** October 23, 2023, at 7:00 pm
- 7. Meeting Adjourned:** 8:17 pm





# Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Week is **November 13 to 16!!**

**THE POWER  
of a  
SIMPLE  
GIFT**

## WHY PACK SHOEBOXES?

When you pack a shoebox, Operation Christmas Child works with churches around the world to deliver these gifts to children living in **war, poverty and disaster**. Each box is a powerful expression of **hope, joy and love—but that's only the beginning!**

Shoeboxes open the door for us to work with local leaders to address needs such as access to clean water, and improved farming methods. Most importantly, shoeboxes open the door for children hear about **God's Greatest Gift—Jesus Christ!** After receiving a shoebox gift, children are given the opportunity to participate in the **Greatest Journey Program**, an exciting Bible Study Program on what it means to follow Jesus Christ!

## HOW TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOX

**Deadline to Drop Off Your  
Fully Packed Shoeboxes at**

**Sandhills Elementary School**

**THURSDAY, November 16th**

**During school hours only**



- Find regular-sized shoeboxes
- Choose boy or girl
- Fill your shoeboxes with:
  - School supplies
  - Hygiene items
  - Toys & other gifts
  - Personal note
- Make your \$10 donation
- Drop off your shoeboxes

Make the correct age category:		
<input type="checkbox"/> 2-4 Years Old	<b>GIRL</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> 5-9 Years Old		
<input type="checkbox"/> 10-14 Years Old		
Make the correct age category:		
<input type="checkbox"/> 2-4 Years Old	<b>BOY</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> 5-9 Years Old		
<input type="checkbox"/> 10-14 Years Old		

## Reminder

Shipping Costs are  
\$10 per box



Empty shoeboxes and labels can be picked up at  
**Ridgeview Central School**  
**Suds R' Us Laundromat**  
**Canadian Dollar Store**  
**Goods Galore**  
**Apple Drugs**  
**Rona**  
**Buffalo Head Coop**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND OUR  
ANNUAL SHOEBOX PACKING PARTY**

**Thursday, November 16th**  
**starting @ 7pm**  
**at Ridgeview Central School!**

Reminder, all children  
need to be accompanied  
by an adult please.

**Volunteers are NEEDED to help with Setup!**  
**STARTS AT 3PM**



We'll be at the 2023 **Christmas Bazaar** for our  
**Annual Bake Sale & Pulled Pork Lunch!**



Come visit us on **Saturday, November 25th from 10am to 4pm (only)**

*And load up on some delicious baked goodies, just in time for Christmas!*

Did you know that you can now  
pack a shoebox online! Visit  
[www.packabox.samaritanaspurse.ca](http://www.packabox.samaritanaspurse.ca)

**If you wish to donate to  
help cover shipping  
costs and The Greatest  
Journey Program**  
you can do so by e-transfer to  
[lacreteocc@gmail.com](mailto:lacreteocc@gmail.com) or  
cheqs can be made out to  
OCC and sent to:

**La Crete OCC**  
**PO Box 2540**  
**La Crete, AB. T0H 2H0**