



SANDHILLS NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL – Wendy Morris

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – Julie Gallant

FVSD TRUSTEES – Tim Driedger & Benj Friesen

Care

Accountability

Respect

Excellent Effort

School Mission: *Sandhills Elementary School is a safe, fun place where our minds and bodies grow.*
December 13, 2023

Written by Students of Sandhills

Red & Green Day - Thursday, December 14

Come to school today in red and green colored clothes. If you don't have red or green clothes, color a Christmas picture and give it to someone special. Have fun and enjoy the day!



**Kindergarten Grad
Lifetouch Pictures**
January 8 & 9

Hot Dog Sale - Friday, January 12 - \$1.50



Please write in your child's agenda if they will be having a hotdog. Ketchup and mustard are the condiments that will be available.

Christmas Concert Class Performances

Students will be performing on the following days:

Kindergarten T/T will perform on
Friday, December 15

Kindergarten M/W will perform on
Monday, December 18

Grade 1-3 will perform both days

*****It's the same concert both days so
parents only need to attend one.*****

A reminder of the Sandhills Christmas Concerts

Friday, December 15 at 10:30 am
Monday, December 18 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
- *The Sandhills School driveway will be reserved for those that require special assistance.*

Parking in the front driveway will be controlled by a parking attendant to ensure the emergency access area is not blocked.

**A clear fire access lane must be
maintained at all times.**

**A "Grand Finale Light Show" with
all students and staff will end our
concert. Please plan to stay until
the very end.**





Second Step Spotlight

Emotions Management -
Managing Learning Challenges



Using their Calming-Down Steps helps students be better learners! There are many opportunities to practice their calming-down skills at school and at home. They may have a strong feeling when they have to wait, or when they make a mistake, or when they have trouble finishing a difficult task. These are great moments to practice using their stop signal, naming their feelings, and calming down. When children calm down their emotions, it helps them focus and learn.



KFC Sale, Friday, January 19 Orders Due

Thursday, January 18 by 10:00 am

Note: This includes 1 small popcorn chicken & small fries for \$3 - ketchup provided. Feel free to send condiments with your child, provided they can put them on themselves.

Scholastic Book Fair

This year's book fair brought in a total of \$6081.50. Coming back to the library in rewards is \$2863.71. The amazing volunteers were: Aimee Peters, Samantha Schmidt, Trudy Albert, Amber Fehr, Anna Harder, Judy Wall, Christina Friesen, Carolyn Peters, Jen Janzen, Courtney Banman, Hilda Dyck, Anna Marie Wiebe.



Christmas Holidays

Wednesday, December 20 to Sunday January 7
Classes resume on Monday, January 8



**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
from all the staff at Sandhills Elementary School!**

**Sandhills Elementary School
School Council Meeting
October 23, 2023**

Present: Wendy Morris, Julie Gallant, Vicki Pitre, Melanie Wiebe, Courtney Banman, Aimee Peters, Tamara Gerbrandt, Martha Neustaeter, Terry Wiebe, Jelena Rountree, Rosanne Driedger

1. Call to order:

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm.

2. Approval of agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Jelena Rountree, seconded by Aimee Peters.

3. Reading and approval of minutes:

Minutes from previous meeting read by Rosanne Driedger, approved by Terry Wiebe, seconded by Courtney Banman.

4. Business Arising out of the minutes:

No business came up.

5. School report- Mrs. Morris & Mrs. Gallant

A. School Council Binder Organization: Gave binders to the new council members & noted the binders that needed to be collected from old members.

B. Staffing Report: All staff positions have been filled.

C. Community Consult- Collegiate Model & Calendar: The focus of the meeting will be on the collegiate model & the idea of a shortened school year. Council members were encouraged to invite parents & friends to come out to the meeting with Mike McMann & use their voice.

D. 90-minute Busing Delay Policy: When there is extreme weather in the morning the buses will be delayed 90 minutes from the usual pick-up time. If the weather improves in 90 minutes the buses will still run & if not, they will be cancelled.

E. Intervention Start Up: SHES main focus is on reading, writing & numeracy. Grade 2 & 3 have started reading intervention. There are 32 students in grade 2 & 17 students in grade 3 are in the program. Grade 1 will start later in the year. Grade 2 math intervention has started as well with 22 students in intervention. There is a decline in math scores from grade 2 to grade 3 in SHES and across the province. Studies are still being done to figure out why that is.

6. Chairperson's report: Melanie Wiebe reviewed the school council operating procedures. One community member is allowed to be on council. We will come up with suggestions & discuss at the next meeting.

7. Trustee report: There was no trustee present.

8. Additions to the agenda: No additions added to the agenda.

9. Next meeting: November 27, 2023, at 7pm

10. Meeting adjourned: Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:55 made by Jelena Rountree

