



# 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.*  
February 21, 2024 *Written by Students of Sandhills*

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2024-2025 School Year

**Will your child be in Kindergarten at Sandhills Elementary in Sept 2024?**

**Stop by the School Office and complete their registration form!**

**February 20 - 23, 2024 | 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

**Sandhills Elementary School Office**

Children **MUST** be **5 years old on or before December 31, 2024** to register, as per FVSD regulations. The following pieces of identification are required for official registration, please bring these documents with you:

- **Birth Certificate** OR **Canadian Citizenship** papers for your child;
- **Alberta Health Care Number**
- **Current Address / Legal Land Description**

Live in town? Bring your **house number** and **street/avenue** (ex. 10202 94 Avenue)

Live out of town? Bring your **rural 911 address** (green road sign)

Phone: **780-928-3947**

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10202-94 Avenue, La Crete



### Random Acts of Kindness Day

**Thursday, February 22**

Sandhills staff and students will participate in kindness activities, discussing and learning more about what it means to be kind to others. Students will each create a square for a paper kindness quilt that will be displayed.



### Hot Dog Sale Friday, February 23



Please write in your child's agenda if they will be having a hot dog.

## 100 Day Celebration Friday, February 23

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 wonderful and cooperative events planned for students. We will have an assembly, in the gym for all students, on **Friday, February 23, at 12:45 PM**, where we will participate in some activities as a whole school. **Parents are welcome to attend.** Students will also participate in events in their classrooms.



## 100 Day Celebration - Food Drive

Students are encouraged to bring in non-perishable food items. During our 100 Day assembly on **Friday, February 24**, we will organize food items into groups of 10 and skip count by 10's to practice our math skills. Our goal is to reach 100! After the assembly, food items will be donated to La Crete Support Services Food Bank.  
**\*\*\*Non-perishable food items cannot be outdated.\*\*\***

## 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.

## School Council Meeting

**Wednesday, February 28 at 7:00 PM**

If you have any items that you would like discussed at the meeting please contact our school council chair, Melanie Wiebe, at 780-502-4745, prior to the meeting.

## CARE Bear Assembly -

**Wednesday, February 28 at 2:00 PM**

Parents are invited to join Sandhills staff and students at their monthly CARE Bear Assembly at **2:00 PM** on **Wednesday, February 28**. Classes that will be presenting are **1H, 1A & 1F**.



**Healthy Snack -  
Tuesday, February 27 - PM**

**Cheese Pizza Sale Friday, March 1**   
**Orders are due Thursday, February 29**

## Sandhills Pre-Kindergarten (PUF) Program 2024-2025 School Year

The **Fort Vermilion School Division** offers a **Pre-Kindergarten (PUF) Program** to those children with a severe disability or moderate / severe language delay **who require additional support.**

**The intent 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 for the program:

- Children **MUST be 3 or 4 on or before December 31, 2024** to qualify for PUF funding.
  - Students that are 5 or older on December 31, 2024 are no longer eligible for PUF funding. They will be enrolled in kindergarten classes and have their needs supported within inclusive education.
- An **assessment by a qualified professional** of a severe disability or moderate to severe language delay must be provided to school authorities.

**Parents/guardians with questions are encouraged to contact the school and speak to Mrs. Gallant.**

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School Council Meeting Minutes  
November 27, 2023

In Attendance: Melanie Wiebe, Darren Froese, Courtney Banman, Aimee Peters, Deanna Banman, Tamara Gerbrandt, Jelena Rountree, Wendy Morris, Julie Gallant, Vicki Pitre

1. Meeting Called to Order at 7:06 pm
2. Motion to approve the agenda by Aimee Peters, seconded by Deanna Banman
3. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes moved by Jelena Rountree, seconded by Deanna Banman
4. No business discussed from previous meeting minutes.
5. School Report
  - a. Staffing: Mrs Driedger has been on leave and Miss Susan Driedger will be filling in until Christmas. Mrs Ryane Cole will be filling the position in Grade 2 after Christmas. There are also some changes to EAs. Mrs Madilynn Klassen is on leave and Miss Jalayna Buller is filling in. Miss Aimee Derksen has been hired as an EA position.
  - b. Field Trips: Classes are encouraged to take field trips. These trips need to be curriculum related or have a community help focus. Teachers are considering different venues for field trips that align with the new curriculum outcomes. Classes have been on various field trips this year such as Grade 3 classes went to the Gleaners and the Grade 2-3 classes presented a Remembrance Day program at the Heimstead Lodge and grade 2 classes will go caroling in December.
  - c. Report cards are going out on December 1. Parent Teacher interviews are December 5 and 7, 4:00-7:00. Parents can book appointments now. Mrs. Morris shared examples of the student literacy and numeracy profiles and explained how they are read.
  - d. FVSD Board Report: Mrs Morris will be reporting on SHES to the board of trustees. Mrs Morris reviewed what she will be presenting.
  - e. Christmas concerts: December 15 and 18 at 10:30am. School council will help set up and take down the stage.
  - f. Big Blue Blocks have arrived. Students have been using them in the gym to go over rules and how to use them to prepare them for spring when they will be used outdoors.
6. Chairperson's Report - Melanie Wiebe
  - a. Melanie is going to the School Council Chairs meeting on Wednesday. This is a meeting between school councils from across the division with the trustees.
  - b. There is a need for subs for teachers, EAs, and bus riders
7. Notes from the Board
  - a. No trustee present to report.
8. Additions to the Agenda
  - a. Staff Christmas Lunch: Some discussion was had over what to prepare for a lunch for the staff. Date was set for Dec 12.
9. Next Meeting: January 29, 2024 @ 7:00 pm
10. Meeting Adjourned @ 8:34 pm

