



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.*

April 15, 2025

Written by Students of Sandhills

Parent Appreciation In Sandhills Gym Wednesday, April 16 10:00-11:00 am

Come for some refreshments, visiting and to enjoy some performances by the students of Sandhills (2W & 3N). All parents are invited. (Please make other arrangements for preschoolers).



****Morning Drop-off****

Morning drop off time begins at **8:30 am**. Please do not drop off students earlier as there is no supervision.

Thank you to Parents and School Council

Thank you to Sandhills parents for the amazing snacks brought in for staff and to School Council for the delicious lunch provided.

There are some pans/trays that snacks were brought in on that need to be picked up.



Easter Break April 18 - 27

Last day of school before Spring Break is **Thursday, April 17**. Classes will resume **Monday, April 28**.

Happy Easter!



Subway Sale Thursday, April 17 (\$3.00)

Orders are due by 10:00 am, on **Wednesday, April 16**.



2025-2026 Class Lists - Important Information for Parents Meetings Thursday, May 1, 2025

Parents may make an appointment, if necessary, to share student learning information that may affect student class placement for the 2025-2026 school year.

Parents requesting appointments must be aware of the following information:

- **Please call the school as soon as possible to book a 10-minute appointment.**
- All appointments will take place in person, by appointment with Mrs. Morris on **Thursday, May 1**.
- All parent requests **MUST** be focused on the learning needs of the child that the school may not be aware of.
- **Requests for specific teachers will not be accepted.**
- **Requests that are made to put children with their friends will not be considered. There are simply too many students in the school to allow for friendship choices.**

Class lists are created with the best interests of all students in mind. We consider past history and specific student learning needs, among other criteria. Only make an appointment if it is truly necessary.

Spring Thaw



Due to much of the playground being under water, students need to wear rubber boots and splash pants until the playground is dry enough.

CARE Bear Assembly Wednesday, April 30 at 12:45 pm

Parents are invited to join Sandhills staff and students at their monthly CARE Bear Assembly at **12:45 pm**. Classes that will be presenting are **FM/W, 1F and 3A**.



Bicycles and Bike Helmet Reminder

All students who ride their bike, skateboard or scooter to school must have a bicycle helmet on. Bikes are parked at the front of the school. Children without helmets will not be allowed to ride their bikes home. We care about your children and want to do our part in ensuring their safety. **Thank you for your support.**

Jump Rope For Heart Update

We raised \$262.50 for the Heart & Stroke Foundation during JRFH.



School Council Meeting Monday, April 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.



Did You Know?

The month of **May** has **21 school days** (including Ascension Day). May is an important month of learning, year end assessments and fun! It is important that students are getting to bed on time and that they are attending school every day!



Hot Dog Sale Thursday, May 1 \$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.



Bus Driver Appreciation Week May 5- 9

Our drivers do their best to ensure student safety each and every school day. Have your child do something special for their bus driver to show appreciation. Bus Drivers are invited to Sandhills for coffee and cinnamon buns on Thursday, May 8 at 2:00 pm



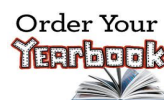
Hats on For Mental Health Wednesday, May 7

In support of mental health awareness, students and staff are encouraged to wear a hat.

Second Step Spotlight Problem Solving Pick the Best Solution



The final Problem-Solving Step is P: **Pick** the best solution! Once children have named the positive and negative consequences of each solution they thought of, they can pick the solution that works best. It's easy to remember our Problem-Solving Steps because they spell the word "step," S, T, E, P. Using the Problem-Solving Steps will help children get along better with their friends and family. This week, if you see your child has a problem, encourage them to "STEP it up" and use the Problem-Solving Steps.



Pre-Order 2024-2025 Yearbooks

2024-2025 yearbooks are available to be pre-ordered for **\$20** each. You can order by filling out the form that will be sent home or you can order online at **SchoolCashOnline.com**. To guarantee a 2024-2025 yearbook please order by **May 16, 2025**. Yearbooks will arrive in the Fall of 2025.



KFC Sale Thursday, May 8

Kindergarten T/T orders due by on **Tuesday, May 6**. All other orders are due by 10:00 am, on **Wednesday, May 7**.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2025-2026 School Year

Will your child be in Kindergarten at Sandhills Elementary in Sept 2025?
Stop by the School Office and complete their registration form!

Sandhills Elementary School Office
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Children **MUST be 5 years old on or before December 31, 2025** 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**

Sandhills Elementary School
10202-94 Avenue, La Crete



NEW! Online
Registration Form



Sandhills Pre-Kindergarten (PUF) Program 2025-2026 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, 2025** to qualify for PUF funding.
 - Students that are 5 or older on December 31, 2025 are no longer eligible for PUF funding. They will be enrolled in kindergarten classes and have their needs supported within inclusive education.
- Parents **MUST provide** one of the following:
 - An assessment by a qualified professional of a moderate to severe language delay, OR
 - Medical documentation indicating a diagnosis of a severe disability



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

Phone: **780-928-3947**

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