



SANDHILLS NEWSLETTER

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

April 29, 2025

Written by Students of Sandhills

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.

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.**

Pre-K Information Session for the 2025/2026 School Year - Thursday, May 8

On **Thursday, May 8 at 10:00 am**, our Pre-K program will have a short presentation and open house. We invite parents of 3 and 4 year-old children with language or special needs to come out and see if the Pre-K program is a good fit for their child. There will be time to ask questions, tour the classroom and meet some of our staff. Please help spread the word!

Very Important



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.



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!



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

Second Step Spotlight Friendship Skills Inviting to Play



At our school it's important to notice and have empathy when other kids are being left out. Inviting other students to play is a caring thing to do. When children invite others to play, they will get to know them better. This week, encourage your child to notice if anyone is being left out at recess and remind them that they can invite that person to join in and play!

Sandhills Track & Field



May is a busy month at Sandhills! Many things are going on, as a result we have decided to host our school track and field event during our daily Physical Education classes. Students will have an opportunity to learn and participate in each track and field event. The top students in each event, in grades 1-3, will be eligible to participate in the FVSD Track and Field meet at Ridgeview Central School on May 30th. If your child is selected, a permission slip will be sent home.



Hats on For Mental Health Wednesday, May 7

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

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.

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](https://www.schoolcashonline.com). To guarantee a 2024-2025 yearbook please order by **May 28, 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 will be held on May 8 from 9:00 - 3:00.

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

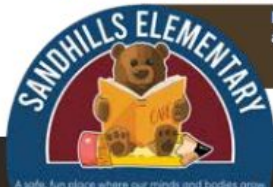
Children **MUST** be 5 years old on or before **December 31, 2025** to register, as per FVSD regulations. The following pieces of identification are required for official registration, please bring these documents with you:

- 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)



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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.

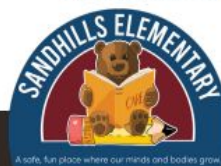
To be eligible for the program:

- 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.

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