



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.*
May 27, 2025 *Written by Students of Sandhills*



Farewell to the following Sandhills Staff

Most years we have staff leaving for a variety of reasons, and this year is no different. We are grateful for the diligent work and contribution the following staff have made at Sandhills Elementary School and wish them well. This year the Sandhills family will be saying goodbye to the following teachers: Mrs. Vicki Pitre, Mr. Chen Wu, Mrs. Stephanie Acreman, Mr. Josh Krahn, Miss Jennifer Jiang, Miss Cox and Mrs. Julie Gallant.



Congratulations to Miss. Lori Cox on a successful teaching career. Thank you for teaching the students of the Fort Vermilion School Division for the past 29 years. Enjoy your retirement!

Library Books

Due Tuesday, May 27

All library books were due today. If you have library books at home please send them to school ASAP.



Ascension Day

Thursday, May 29

Busses will not be running.

Student Shoes

Please send your child to school in running shoes for outside activities. Broken glass is a common occurrence in our grass and sand areas in spring. We work diligently to keep the playground glass free but there are times when glass pieces are missed.

Gym classes will occur both inside and outside. Students need running shoes to be able to participate fully. Thank you for your assistance as we continue to keep your children safe!



Friday, May 30

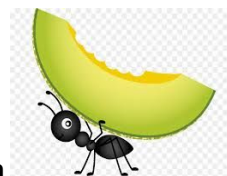


**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

If you are able to volunteer at the Picnic Lunch,
please contact the school office at 780.928.3947, by
June 4.



Sandhills Elementary School
Year End Fun Day & Picnic Lunch
Thursday, June 5, 2025



Students, parents and families are invited to attend a
Year End Picnic Lunch on Thursday, June 5, 2025

Schedule of Events:



9:10 - 11:50 a.m. - Games and Activities

11:50 - 1:00 p.m. - Picnic Lunch

1:30 CARE Bear Assembly & Slide Show



Sandhills Elementary School will be providing hot dogs, watermelon and juice boxes.

Hot dogs will be grilled by our school council.

All events/activities will be held outdoors. Please dress accordingly.

Feel free to bring a lawn chair or picnic blanket!

We hope to see you there!



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 28, 2025**.

Yearbooks will arrive in the
Fall of 2025.



Lost & Found

Parent, please take the time to browse
our lost and found table for items that
may belong to your child. Any items not
claimed by the end of the day of school
on June 6, will be taken to the Care &
Share.

Kindergarten
Year-end Celebrations and
last day of classes June 2 & 3

Kindergarten Celebrations will take place on
June 2 for ECS-M/W &
June 3 for the ECS-T/T class.

Parents will be invited to the year end Kindergarten
celebrations. Details to follow.

Kindergarten Orientation
June 4 & 5

Kindergarten Orientation for all new
Kindergarten students (2025-2026
school year) will take place on **June 4 &**
5. If you have not received a call with a
time for your child to come for orientation
please call the school. If you have a child
entering Kindergarten in the fall, please
keep these dates available.

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



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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Second Step Spotlight Problem Solving Making Amends



Everyone makes mistakes sometimes. When a child hurts someone's feelings, it's important to take responsibility. Taking responsibility means admitting what they did, apologizing, and offering to make the situation better. This is called making amends. It can be hard to take responsibility, but it's the right thing to do, and it helps everyone feel better. This week, if you see your child make a mistake, encourage them to find a way to make amends.



Report Cards Go Home Friday, June 6

Report cards will be sent home on **Friday, June 6**. Pre-K report cards will be sent home on **Friday, May 30**. Report cards for M/W Kindergarten classes will be sent home **Monday, June 2** and T/T Kindergarten report cards will be sent home on **Tuesday, June 3**.

2025-2026 Class Lists An important Informational Item!

You will be notified of who your child's teacher will be for next year in your child's report card. Parents of next year's Kindergarten children will be notified by phone in mid to late June, as to which teacher and which days (M/W or T/T) their child will be attending school.



School supply lists and class placements will be available in the report card envelopes on **June 6th**.

Why Is Summer Reading So Important for Kids' Success?

Reading is especially important during the summer break. If you would like to see your child maintain their current grade level skills or continue to improve their reading skills we suggest the following:

1. *Ensure your child has access to books.* Make a weekly visit to the La Crete Community Library.
2. *Create A Summer Reading Challenge* by keeping a reading log.
3. *Read with your child.*
4. If your child struggles with reading, *audiobooks are a good choice.*
5. *Complete any workbooks or printing books* that your child has brought home.

Back to School Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Grade 1-3 and T/T Kindergarten students will be back to school on Tuesday, September 2, 2025. M/W Kindergarten students will start school on Wednesday, September 3, 2025.



Sandhills Elementary School
School Council Meeting
March 31, 2025

Present: Julie Gallant, Vicki Pitre, Melanie Wiebe, Aimee Peters, DeAnna Banman, Terry Wiebe, Jelena Rountree, Rosanne Driedger

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm.
2. Approval of agenda: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Jelena Rountree, seconded by Terry Wiebe.
3. Reading and approval of minutes: Minutes from the January meeting approved by Aimee Peters, seconded by DeAnna Banman
4. Business arising out of minutes – No business arising
5. School report- Mrs. Gallant
 - a. Connection team update
 - b. Pre-K- Vicki Pitre
 - o PODD: Pragmatic Organization Dynamic Display
 - o a way for students with speech needs to learn to communicate effectively
 - o PODD encourages students to communicate & helps give them a voice
 - c. Staff
 - o new staff is being hired to fill positions for the 2025/2026 school year
 - d. Clubs
 - o Grade 1 and 2 sports were offered after school
 - o Time and weather permitting hope to offer soccer and gymnastics for a couple weeks in May
 - e. 40 days left of school – many events, little time
 - o Parent appreciation Event - April 16 from 10am-11am.
 - o Bus Driver Appreciation Week May 5-9
 - o School Track & Field will occur during Physical education classes; qualifying students will attend FVSD Track and Field Day at RCS on May 30.
 - o Kindergarten -Celebration: June 2 and 3
 - o 2025/26 Kindergarten Orientation: June 4 and 5
 - o Pre-K celebration: June 3
 - o FVSD Assessments & Year End Report Card Assessments
 - o Year End Picnic & Fun Day – June 5
6. Chairperson Report – Melanie Wiebe
 - Byron Peters went to the Chairpersons meeting
 - Planning to celebrate Teacher Appreciation week before Spring Break
7. Additions to the agenda: no additions
8. Next meeting: April 28 at 7:00 pm
9. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm