



# 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.*

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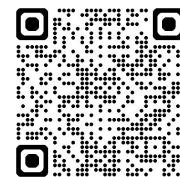
*Written by Students of Sandhills*

## Student Profiles

Thank you to those parents who have already updated their child's information in MyFVSD. In previous years your child would have brought home a student demographic form for you to fill out with any changes to your child's information. For the 2025-2026 school year the Fort Vermilion School Division (FVSD) is providing an online re-enrollment form where parents and guardians can review their child's information and sign the form. The online re-enrollment form is for students who attended an FVSD school last year and will be attending an FVSD school in the 2025-2026 school year.

You can sign in to MyFVSD at [my.fvsd.ab.ca](https://my.fvsd.ab.ca) to view students you are associated with and review their student profile.

There are two ways you can sign into MyFVSD:

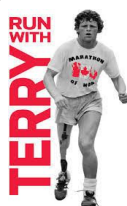


1. Using a Google (@gmail.com) or Microsoft (@outlook.com) email account that is attached to your contact at school.

2. Through text messaging which will require you to enter the Alberta Student Number (ASN) for one of the students you are associated with. A student's ASN can be found at the top of their report card.

**If you have any questions regarding this process please call the school office at 780.928.3947.**

## CARE Bear/Terry Fox Assembly at 11:00 & Terry Fox Run/Walk Picnic in the Park Friday, September 19



On **Friday, September 19**, parents are invited to join Sandhills staff and students at their monthly CARE Bear and Terry Fox Assembly at **11:00 am**. Parents are also welcome to join Sandhills staff and students in our Annual Terry Fox Run/Walk around the school yard (15 minutes). After the 15 minute Terry Fox run/walk, parents are invited to stay with their children to eat lunch in the park. **(Please bring your own lunch).**

We are encouraging students to bring a Toonie for Terry, before September 19, in efforts to raise \$300 which will be sent to the Terry Fox Foundation to help in the fight against cancer.

Thank you for your assistance in our efforts to assist with this tremendous cause which means so much to so many.

## Cross Country Divisionals

FVSD Divisionals Cross Country Meet for Grades 1-3 students will be on **Saturday, September 20 at Rocky Lane**. Events will start at 9:30 am.

Volunteers are needed. If you are willing to help please call the office at 780.928.3947.

Intervention Record Checks and Vulnerable Sector Checks will be required for anyone who wants to volunteer. See the information on the next page, regarding volunteering.

## Volunteers in Schools Intervention Record Checks & Vulnerable Sector Checks

As per Fort Vermilion School Division policy, all parents attending a school field trip, volunteering on a regular basis, or working alone with students, must provide Sandhills with a clean **Vulnerable Sector Check** and a clean **Intervention Record Check**. Volunteers are responsible for ensuring that they give a copy of these checks to each school they want to volunteer at.

If you are required to submit a new Vulnerable Sector Check or an Intervention Record Check it must be completed within the last 6 months in order to be considered valid and acceptable.

The **Vulnerable Sector Check** may be obtained at the Mackenzie County Office in La Crete (Monday - Friday between the hours of 8:30 am - 4:30 pm). **You are required to have a letter from FVSD in order to apply for your vulnerable Sector Check.** It can be picked up at the Sandhills office.

In order to obtain an **Intervention Record Check** you can go to the FVSD website and there is a fillable Intervention Record Check form you can access. On the FVSD website, type Intervention Record Check in the search bar, click on Required Record Checks, scroll to Intervention Record Check, Alberta Residents: How to Apply, Click on Intervention Record Check Form. Forward your completed form along with a copy of two (2) pieces of government issued ID (one with a photo) as a second attachment to: CS.IRCNorth@gov.ab.ca Examples of accepted forms of ID: driver's license, AB identification card, Treaty status card, AHC, firearms license, birth certificate, passport. Do not send a copy of your Social Insurance Number.

Alternately you can click on the following link to access the form. [Intervention Record Check](#) You can also contact High Level Children's Services by calling 780.926.4441 and they will email you a form.

## Food Sales

Food sales will begin in October. You can now purchase **\$10** or **\$20** snack cards by purchasing online at [SchoolCashOnline.com](https://www.schoolcashonline.com) or by sending cash to school with your child. Your child's teacher will write a note in their agenda when their snack card is running out. Thank you.



## Parent Information Night & School Council AGM & Elections

**Parents only** are invited to come out **Tuesday, September 23, @ 7:00 pm** for Sandhills School Council Annual General Meeting and Parent Information Night. Misbites made by the local company, The Donut Shop, and coffee will be served.

We look forward to the election of new School Council members to enhance Sandhills School as a whole and build upon the contribution that past School Council members have made.

**If you wish to let your name stand for election at the Annual General Meeting you have two options:**

1) **Nomination at the AGM** – at the AGM we will call for nominations of individuals to let their name stand in the election. If someone nominates you, you may accept and your name will be added to the ballot or you can decline the nomination. In order to be nominated by a person you *must be at the meeting to accept the nomination* and consent to having your name on the election ballot.

2) **Call the School** - People may have prior commitments and cannot make it to the meeting. If that is the case and you would like to let your name stand please call the school [780.928.3947] and inform us of your wishes to have your name on the election ballot. We will include your name on the election ballot.

## Orange Shirt Day Monday, September 29



## No School - Tuesday, September 30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

The Canadian government designated **Tuesday, September 30** National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, beginning in 2021. This responds to Truth and Reconciliation Call to Action 80, which states that the federal government will work with Indigenous people to establish a statutory day to "honour Survivors, their families, and communities, and ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process".

**Students can wear orange on Monday, September 29 to commemorate this day.**



## Hot Dog Sale Thursday, October 2 \$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.

## Lifetouch Picture Days - October 7 & 8

Our school picture days are Tuesday, October 7 for T/T Kindergarten & Grade 1-2 and Wednesday, October 8 for M/W Kindergarten & Gr. 3.

**NOTE:** If your child is not here on their scheduled day and will be here the other day please let the office know at 780-928-3947.



## Update

### Nut Safe School Policy

We are committed to providing all students a safe environment in which to learn. We consistently have some students attending Sandhills who have allergies. Some allergic reactions can be more serious than others. Peanut/Tree nut allergies can cause serious allergic reactions and we wish to prevent this from happening. **We ask that parents do not send food items to school that contain peanuts (this includes peanut butter) or nuts of any kind (students can bring Nutella for their own lunch).** This is especially important if you are donating a snack to a class for a celebration.

Every student's safety is of our utmost concern and we ask for your assistance in keeping students safe. Thank you for your assistance in this important matter.

## 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.**



## Second Step Spotlight

Each week, as part of their Health and Wellness Curriculum, Sandhills students learn about skills that can help them in school, at work, and in life, such as listening, focusing attention, making friends, and problem-solving. You can help at home by talking to your child about Second Step and helping to reinforce what they are learning at school. In each newsletter, we will highlight a Second Step skill so that you can help your child see how these skills can help them at home, too



### Skills For Learning - Listening

At our school, students work hard to be the best learners they can be. One skill for learning is to listen with attention. When students listen with attention, their eyes are watching the speaker, their ears are listening, their voices are quiet, and they are still. This week, encourage your child to be a great listener every day!

