

SANDHILL E-NEWS

WEEK OF 10/19/2020

MESSAGE FROM MR. JOHNSON:

Hello Everyone!

We have many exciting updates and new events to share with everyone! We're so excited to see everyone at our upcoming parent teacher conferences, school pictures, and materials pick-up times! In the next few sections of this newsletter, we have many details and areas to sign up for these events.



As always, we appreciate all that you do to support our students during enhanced virtual learning and throughout the many other aspects of their lives. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns you have. Enjoy the beautiful fall weekend.

Bob
(Mr. Johnson)

CELEBRATING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

Monday was a very important day, Indigenous Peoples' Day! Indigenous Peoples' Day is a holiday that celebrates and honors Native American people and commemorates their histories and cultures. It is celebrated across the United States on the second Monday in October.

While honoring our Native American people is important on Indigenous Peoples' Day, we also know *how important* it is to teach native history throughout the year.



In our new Wit and Wisdom curriculum students learn Native American culture/history in the following grades.

- **1st grade:** Module 4 they have an opportunity to delve into a Native American Cinderella Story (Algonquin People)
- **2nd grade:** The American West (Specific study of Plains Indians)

- **3rd grade:** America's First People (overlap with Wisconsin History textbook)
- **4th grade:** Myth Making (highlighting poetry from Native Americans from the Pacific Northwest)
- **5th grade:** The very first module of Wit and Wisdom delves into "cultures in conflict" and specifically teaches the story of the Nez Perce, students are fully primed for understanding the historical context of the day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 21 - Parent Teacher Conferences - 1-8 PM
- October 22 - Parent Teacher Conferences - 4-8 PM
- [October 26 - School Pictures and Materials Pick-Up - 12-8 PM](#)
- [October 27 - School Pictures and Materials Pick-Up - 12-8 PM](#)
- [October 28 - School Pictures and Materials Pick-Up - 12-4 PM](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Parent-teacher conferences will be held virtually in 20 minute sessions through zoom links. Please look for signup geniuses from your child's teacher in the upcoming week. The dates and times our staff members are available to meet will be:

- October 21 from 1:00-8:00 PM
- October 22 from 4:00-8:00 PM



We're so excited to see our families!

Please reach out if these times or dates do not work for your family and we are happy to accommodate your needs.

CLICK YOUR TEACHER'S NAME BELOW TO SIGN UP FOR A CONFERENCE!

Kindergarten:

- [Ms. Klefstad](#)
- [Ms. Zietsma/Korish](#)
- [Ms. Eckrote](#)
- [Ms. Ott](#)

First Grade:

- [Ms. Albert](#)
- [Ms. Nichols](#)
- [Ms. Werneth](#)



- [Mr. Wermuth](#)

Second Grade:

- [Ms. Zeh](#)
- [Ms. Ross](#)
- [Ms. Girard](#)
- [Ms. Kittleson](#)

Third Grade:

- [Mr. Dunnihoo](#)
- [Ms. Laux](#)
- [Ms. Paulson](#)
- [Ms. Aures](#)

Fourth Grade:

- [Ms. Salter](#)
- [Mr. Manzo](#)
- [Ms. Hacker](#)
- [Ms. Barberino](#)

Fifth Grade

- [Ms. Crone](#)
- [Ms. Dreyer](#)
- [Ms. Erickson](#)

MAPEL

- [Music: Ms. Shimon](#)
- [Art: Ms. Ergas](#)
- [P.E.: Ms. Reese & Mr. Gueths](#)
- [Emotional Learning/Counseling: Mr. Anderson](#)
- [Library/eBook Fair: Ms. Fingerson](#)

Reminder: Conferences will only be held with your student's homeroom teacher unless otherwise discussed with your student's teachers.



SCHOOL PICTURE AND MATERIALS PICK-UP UPDATES

We are happy to announce that we will be providing an opportunity for school pictures for students in grades 1-5. As the year progresses, we will be working to schedule retake days for

grades K-5.

School pictures for students in grades 1 through 5 will take place at the elementary school they attend, NOT the high school like we have done at registration. Picture opportunities will be October 26 and 27, 12 pm - 8pm and on October 28, 12pm - 4pm.

Please review the following picture procedures, which were developed with safety as our top priority:

- Families must:
 - Sign up for a time slot
 - Arrive no more than 5 minutes before your scheduled picture time
 - Park in the school parking lot
 - Bring only one parent per household and only students in grades 1-5
- Families must adhere to district COVID-19 protocol found [here](#), including wearing masks and self-screening for symptoms of COVID-19 before entering the building.
- After parking, the parent and child(ren) should visit the check-in station in the Sandhill Office to receive ID cards for each child. You will then be directed to your holding line.
- At the photographer's station you will hand the photographer the student's card before the photo is taken. Students may remove their mask briefly for pictures but must immediately put it back on.

Picture Order Forms

- Picture order forms may be picked up during your scheduled time but orders WILL NOT be accepted on site
- Pictures may be ordered on line prior to picture day or up to 11.5 months after picture day
 - If you not order a package prior to picture day a proof will be mailed home to you by the end of November. In the case of dual households, the primary household will receive the proof.

Materials Pick-Up

- At Sandhill Elementary, new instructional materials that are needed for upcoming curriculum will be ready for all grades, regardless of if students are getting their school picture taken.

[Sandhill Sign Up](#)

Sandhill School code to order online EVTS974T4

CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR A SPOT

FROM THE DESK OF DR. ONSAGER: FALL CHECK-IN SURVEY

Dear SASD families,

As the first two months of school come to a close, we first want to thank you for your patience, understanding, and support as we continue school in a virtual environment. In an effort to improve your and your child's experiences in the upcoming months, we are asking you to provide us with feedback on your child's virtual learning in September and October. Your input will help us improve virtual learning, as it is possible that we may need to continue schooling in this format. Please fill out [this Fall Check-In](#) for each child in your home by Monday, October 26.

Three versions of this Fall Check-In are being sent districtwide: one to all families, one to students in grades 3-12, and one to educators and educational assistants. Each school has a one-month plan for reviewing the data and feedback we receive and presenting it to staff with actionable steps to improve virtual learning. Feedback from our families, students and educators/educational assistants also allows us to compare of enhanced virtual learning this fall to our emergency virtual learning in the spring. Families can expect to see an overview of the feedback we collected and the related action steps at our November 16 Board of Education meeting.

The Student Check-In for your children in grades 3-12 will be sent to their school email address on Friday, October 16. Students will have time to complete their brief reflection next week.

Thank you for your honest feedback and your commitment to your children's education.

Sincerely,
Dr. Tim Onsager
District Administrator

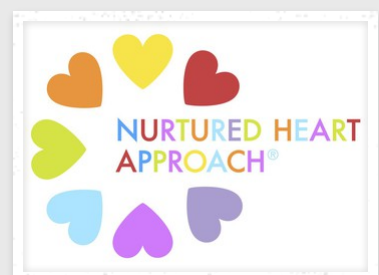
FALL CHECK-IN SURVEY

FROM THE VIRTUAL DESK OF NHA:

This week's, [Holding Space](#) entry, shares a strategy to help your child become more independent, and a better communicator and problem solver.

To Your (and your child's) GREATNESS, SIGNIFICANCE & HUMANITY...

Amy, Sara Jane, Maggie, and Karla



ART TO REMEMBER

This year we are participating in our annual Art to Remember fundraiser, but with some changes. This fundraiser allows families to purchase their child's artwork on products, with the funds benefitting Sandhill. This year's fundraiser is completely **optional, and virtual**.



Ms. Ergas has created a [Google Doc](#) that walks you through the steps to participate. Here is a [link](#) to a video that will show you some project ideas you could create

The final deadline to have your child's work uploaded and ordered is **11/16/2020**.

Please contact Ms. Ergas at natalie.ergas@stoughton.k12.wi.us with any questions!

SANDHILL IS HOSTING VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR

The Follett Book eFair is here with great books to purchase during Parent Teacher Conferences. Explore our online book fair and help your child find their next favorite book.

To access our Follett Book eFair click on the following link:



[https://efairs.follettbookfairs.com/guest/home?
classCode=ZY223](https://efairs.follettbookfairs.com/guest/home?classCode=ZY223)

Orders due by: **October 24, 2020**

Follett will ship your books to Sandhill School after our eFair is complete. We will notify you and arrange for book pickups. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Fingerson at julie.fingerson@stoughton.k12.wi.us.

For every purchase made, we will earn up to 40% back in rewards to help support the purchase of books for our school library!



**CLICK HERE TO REQUEST DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY
SUPPORT**

CLICK HERE TO REQUEST A HOTSPOT

**CLICK HERE TO REQUEST DOOR TO DOOR MEAL
DELIVERY**

2020-2021 SASD CALENDAR

PAST NEWSLETTERS:

[Week of 8/17/2020](#) [Week of 8/24/2020](#)

[Week of 8/31/2020](#) [Week of 9/7/2020](#)

[Week of 9/14/2020](#) [Week of 9/21/2020](#)

[Week of 9/28/2020](#) [Week of 10/5/2020](#)

[Week of 10/12/2020](#) [Week of 10/19/2020](#)





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