

Sandhill Elementary School

SANDHILL E-NEWS, APRIL 13TH, 2020

FROM THE DESK OF MR. FIMREITE

Dear Families,

Wow, another week is behind us. It seems like so much longer than just 2 weeks. I know that many of you have a lot on your plate, which may include working from home and helping students with virtual learning. We continue to encourage you to participate the best you can. Thank you for your efforts and please know that we are here to help in any way we can.



A few noteworthy items that I wanted to remind you all of. Please be sure to fill out the attendance link daily. We are continuing to track attendance. Also, please let the teacher know if your student is ill and will not be participating in virtual learning that particular day. This will help in having the absence excused. And lastly, please be sure to talk to your students about digital citizenship. Our LMC director, Mrs. Fingerson has provided families information and she has also provided guidance to students. Please look in the announcement tab for more information on digital citizenship.

Please be sure to share the "Sandhill Happy Video," which is new this week. The video shows what makes Sandhill staff members happy. Read about next week's theme below and who to share your pictures with.

An important reminder: Students should be logging on and taking attendance and checking announcements daily. Please reach out to staff if you have questions or your student needs a tutorial video sent to them.

Thank you!
Mr. Fimreite

COVID 19 AND DISTRICT UPDATES LINK



WORKING FOR KIDS MEETING

You are welcome to join our Sandhill Working for Kids Meeting on Monday, April 13th.

Monday, Apr 13 @ 06:00 PM

To Join Zoom Meeting - copy and paste the below link into your browser.

[https://renaissance.zoom.us/j/178214217?](https://renaissance.zoom.us/j/178214217?pwd=dEd5ckxlcVJkYUFLWHMxSVBhQ28vQT09)

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WHAT A GREAT 2ND WEEK AT SANDHILL! CHECK OUT WHAT MAKES US HAPPY IN THE VIDEO BELOW.

Sandhill Happy!!



CAPTURE PICTURES OF YOU WEARING SANDHILL GEAR!

This next week, we are going to focus our photos around Sandhill shirts as we show school spirit. Please take pictures of your student wearing a Sandhill shirt or be creative in

showing your support for the school. Send pictures to socialmedia@stoughton.k12.wi.us . If you would like, please feel free to send the picture to me as well at Jeff.fimreite@stoughton.k12.wi.us. Thank you all for participating in our theme weeks!

A MESSAGE FROM DR. ONSAGER - MEAL NOW CAN BE DELIVERED!

Good afternoon SASD Families,

This communication is in regards to daily school meals available to all children aged 18 and under and students aged 19-21 who have not yet graduated, regardless of free & reduced meal status.

Currently the district offers daily meal pickup at four locations via a sign up form. In an effort to better serve our students and support the current stay at home order, we will be moving to door to door delivery effective April 17, 2020. We will also provide meals for the weekend. This service will continue until school resumes.

Families currently picking up meals will be automatically moved to the new process below effective April 17. The district will call families already on our sign up list starting the week of April 13 to confirm and review the new process.

Families not signed up but who would like to may do so by clicking here. Please note a SEPARATE FORM for each child is needed to ensure each meal is included in our daily count. You will receive a confirmation phone call after submission which will review the delivery protocol.

If you do not receive a call within 24 hours, please contact Jenny McKenna at jenny.mckenna@Stoughton.k12.wi.us.

Door to Door Delivery Process

Deliveries will be made on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. Each household will receive a call from the district with the review of protocol.

Monday delivery will include: lunch for Monday; breakfast and lunch for Tuesday; and breakfast for Wednesday.

Wednesday delivery will include: lunch for Wednesday; breakfast and lunch for Thursday; and breakfast for Friday.

Friday delivery will include: lunch for Friday; breakfast and lunch for Saturday; breakfast and lunch for Sunday; and breakfast for Monday.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jenny McKenna at jenny.mckenna@Stoughton.k12.wi.us or leave a message at 608.877.5012.

Finally, I would like to thank ALL of our staff who are making this possible.

Sincerely,

Tim Onsager
District Administrator

PARENT INPUT FOR 2020-2021 CLASSROOM PLACEMENT

As most of you know, Stoughton elementary schools do not accept requests for a specific teacher when making class placements for the upcoming school year. We do, however, welcome a general description of the type of classroom environment in which you feel your child best thrives as a learner. If you would like to provide us with this type of information, we have a form for you to use.

There is a copy of this form below.

The due date for turning in this form is April 27, 2020.

PARENT INPUT FORM

GRADING FOR VIRTUAL LEARNING

[Here](#) is the Grading Guidance for Virtual Learning. We have been focusing on getting our K-5 students up and running before we make any decisions on what our grading will look like for the third trimester.



GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO A STAFF MEMBER!

If you would like to recognize a staff member here at Sandhill, please fill out the following [Shout out Form](#). The information you share will be posted in our staff bulletin.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED

FAMILY SURVEY - PLEASE HELP US BY SHARING SOME FEEDBACK

Below is a link to the virtual learning family survey. Thank you in advance for filling out the survey! Your help is greatly appreciated!

[Link to family virtual learning survey.](#)

HOW TO LOG INTO THE SANDHILL VIRTUAL LEARNING SITE - PLAY YOUTUBE VIDEO BELOW

The site will be available on Sunday at 8:00 p.m. Please let us know if you have questions or problems logging on. Feel free to contact me at 608-877-5401 or jeff.fimreite@stoughton.k12.wi.us

OPT-OUT VIDEO CONFERENCING

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Wisconsin ordered all public and private schools in the State of Wisconsin to close effective March 18, 2020. Per the Governor's Order, the schools shall remain closed for the duration of the public health emergency or until a subsequent order lifts the restriction. In light of the Governor's Order, our District will be communicating electronically with parents and using electronic means and virtual/online platforms to facilitate the provision of educational services.

To that end, your child's teacher may provide virtual lessons and/or discussions via video conferencing applications. Teachers will use Zoom, Schoology Conferences, or Google Meet to hold video conferences with students. Teachers will directly invite students to a password-protected video conference through a district-managed application. Students will accept the invite through their district-managed Google account. This is a direct connection and no additional log-in is required if students are already logged into their accounts. The video classroom is for school managed activities only.

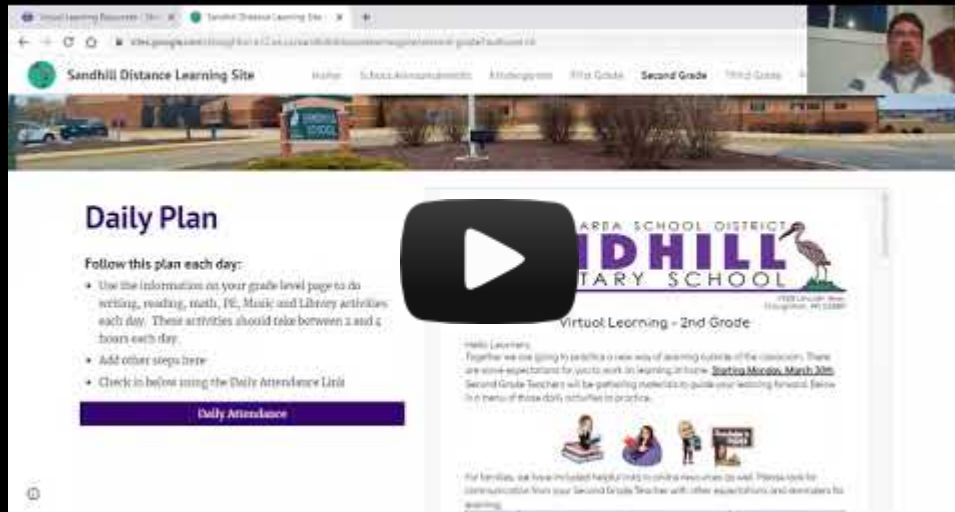
It will be the responsibility of the teacher to disconnect the video session once the lesson or check-in has been completed. Students should be located in a quiet environment which is free from distractions or items which may not conform to school rules and guidelines. Students must also wear clothing that conforms to the District's dress code, and comply with all other aspects of the District's Code of Conduct. To promote confidentiality of student information, if the video lesson or video meeting includes any other student, your student should not include other children or adults in your household in the lesson or meeting.

If you do not consent for your child to participate in video conferencing, please let us know by filling out this electronic form [linked here](#). Please note that there will be no penalization for opting your child out of participating in video conferencing. Your child can still participate in other assignments or activities associated with virtual learning.

In Partnership,

The SASD Administrative Team

Accessing your Virtual Learning Classroom



VIRTUAL LEARNING FOR OUR STUDENTS

- Please have your child(ren) login each day to complete lessons and activities according to your family's schedule. The number of hours needed will vary by age of the students.
- Let your teacher know if you or your child needs help with anything or if your child is struggling to complete assignments.
- Don't forget to check-in using the [Daily Attendance Google form](#) before the end of the school day. This form is how we are tracking attendance in the learning activities. You should complete one form for each child that participates in the Sandhill learning activities. We will record the attendance the following day in Infinite Campus .
- Participate in Zoom meetings as it works for your family. We LOVE seeing their smiling faces.
- Check the [Daily Announcements](#) to keep informed.

Tips for Virtual Learning

- Stay Positive!
- Set a routine for each day. This does not need to be a set schedule. The kids are used to having certain things in the morning and afternoon. Work with your child to see what works best for your family.
- Take breaks between lessons/activities.
- Designate a space for learning.

- Keep your materials in one place so things you need don't get lost.
- Remember to charge your Chromebook, laptop or tablet!
- Check in with your teacher if you need something :)

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS

As we embark on virtual school, please take the time to look over this guide to digital citizenship. Our Librarians are also working on a guide for students. [Click here for family guidance in digital citizenship.](#)



OFFICE HOURS WITH DISTRICT NURSE

Starting this week: "Office hours" with our District Nurse
Our District Nurse, [Laurel Gretebeck](#), is committed to supporting our students and families. Starting Monday, she will be holding daily office hours via phone and email, as well as checking emails periodically during the school day.
Office hours: Weekdays from 9 to 11 a.m., beginning Monday, March 30.

Contact information: laurel.gretebeck@stoughton.k12.wi.us ; (608) 352-9305.

PUPIL SERVICES TEAM

This may be a time of uncertainty and fear for many elementary school students, as well as caregivers. Technology also comes with its own frustrations. Please know that if you are seeking social-emotional or mental health support for your student, we encourage you to reach out to the elementary school pupil services team. They are available to assist with support, information, and resources. All pupil services staff are available by email Monday through Friday and will respond as quickly as possible. If they are unsure of the answer to your question, they will work to identify the appropriate resources for you.



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Ethan Anderson, School Counselor
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[Kayla McDermott, School Social Worker - More info below](#)

DAILY MEALS AND FOOD/PERSONAL ESSENTIALS PANTRIES IN STOUGHTON

Stoughton Schools will be providing families an opportunity to sign up for free nutritious grab-and-go lunch and breakfast meals for children age 18 and under at four locations.

- **When:** Weekdays starting Wednesday, March 18 through Friday, April 3rd **11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**
- **Where:** At the main entrances of: Kegonsa Elementary, River Bluff Middle School, Stoughton High School, Bayview Heights (corner of Charles and Norman at the top of the hill).
- **How:** Please fill out [this Google Form](#) to sign up for free meals. This form will help the district ensure that enough food is prepared for all students that need it. Students or parents/guardians should check in when arriving.

Stoughton Food Pantry.

520 S 4th Street, Stoughton

Hours: Monday-Wednesday 10am-2pm

Thursdays 10am-2pm and 4pm-6pm

Closed Friday

First Saturday of the month 9am-11am

Call for an appointment: 608-873-8103

United Methodist Food Pantry.

525 Lincoln Avenue, Stoughton

Hours: Tuesdays 9am-11am and 5pm-7pm

Wednesdays 9am-11am

Call for an appointment: 608-873-3273

Personal Essentials Pantry.

343 E. Main Street, Stoughton

Hours: 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month: 1pm-5pm

Call 608-620-3250



VIRTUAL LEARNING AT SANDHILL

Thank you all so much for your patience as the district develops support systems for virtual learning. By this time, most students should have received the necessary technology (hotspots and Chromebooks) to engage in virtual learning from home. If you still need to request technology, please contact your student's [principal](#).

Technology Support Request via the internet

If your student experiences technology issues during their virtual learning, we are here to help support. To submit a

technology support request, visit our district website (www.stoughton.k12.wi.us) and click on "Family" at the top of the page, and click on Virtual Learning Resources. From there, you will click on [Family/Student Technology Support Requests](#). If you have trouble finding the form link, view a step-by-step guide [HERE](#).

Technology Support Request via phone

If you do not have access to the internet, you can call (608) 877-5056, leave a detailed message describing the issue you are experiencing, and a member of the technology team will follow-up with you.

Chromebook Repairs

We will be open to exchange Chromebooks that are in need of repair by appointment only. After you complete the technology support form, you will be emailed instructions on how to make an appointment for repair.

On behalf of all the staff here at SASD, thank you for your continued support in making virtual learning an engaging experience for our students!

FUN ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES! CHECK IT OUT!

Please click [Here](#) are some fun, free activities for students including concerts and virtual field trips. This might be something for down the road as students are looking for some fun activities.



BRAINPOP - FREE TO SANDHILL STUDENTS

We now have access to all of the BrainPOP sites: [BrainPOP](#), [BrainPOP Jr](#), [BrainPOP ELL](#), BrainPOP [Français](#) + [Español](#) . Families and teachers may use the below user name and password to access the sites. There are many resources and activities for all subjects. Your student's teacher might have assigned activities as well for this site. Jump in and explore all of the sites.

User: Sandhillteach

Password: Sandhill#1

FROM OUR SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

We have been working hard to ensure you and your family will have the resources you need in the upcoming weeks. Please feel free to contact our Pupil Services Team if you need support or have questions.

Kayla McDermot, School Social Worker:

kayla.mcdermot@stoughton.k12.wi.us, 608-440-0270

I will have office hours daily between **9am and 11am**. I will be available to take phone calls or answer emails at this time. I will also be checking emails at 9am, 12pm, and 4pm starting Monday, March 30th.

Helpful Links:

For the most up to date information on district plans and procedures during school closure, please visit the district website. [SASD COVID 19 Updates](#).

If you have any questions regarding sign up for daily meals or technology, please contact Kayla McDermot.

Community Resources: Below is a resource guide (resources in Stoughton and Madison). We strongly encourage you to call the organization first in case any have made changes or closed due to COVID-19. [SASD Family Resource List](#)

Mental Health or Social/Emotional Support Resources:

- Mental Health Support 249-7188 www.namidanecounty.org
- SAMHSA disaster distress hotline 1-800-985-5990 or text TalkWithUs to 66746 to connect with a trained crisis counselor
- [211 United Way Info](#)
- [Stoughton Neighborhood Free Health Clinic](#) (services for 18 year old or older) offers phone consultations for health and wellness concerns and mental health services that can be requested for dial-in appointments -

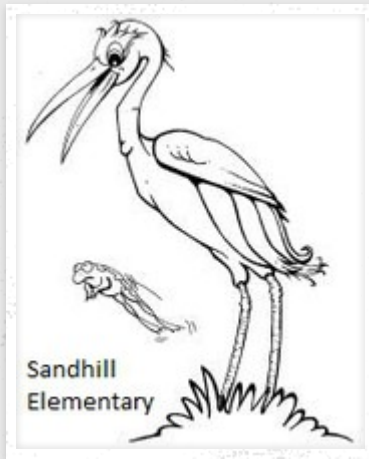
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- [Coping With Stress During Infectious Disease Outbreaks](#)
- [Talking to Children About COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\)](#)
- [Taking Care of Your Family during COVID-19](#)

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Text Signup Flyer

Download this document to get instructions to sign up for text alerts from the Stoughton Area School District (SASD).

[Download](#)
634.5 KB

OTHER INFORMATION

- [Be a Learning Hero](#) - Parent Information from the National PTA to support student learning at home and in the community
- [Community Events](#) link
- Sub Teachers are needed - To apply for a job with the Stoughton Area School District through [WECAN](#)