

Sandhill Elementary School

===== SANDHILL E-NEWS, NOVEMBER 4, 2019 =====

ELEMENTARY SCHEDULE

Monday, 11/4, B Day

Tuesday, 11/5, C day

Wednesday, 11/6, D Day

Thursday, 11/7 A Day

Friday, 11/08, B Day

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- November 4, Cherrydale Order Delivery
- November 4, Bridging Brighter Smiles Dental Clinic
- November 6, Art to Remember Orders Due
- November 8, Sandhill's Got Talent (Talent Show)
- November 11, Veteran's Day Observance (see below)
- November 12, 4th Grade Trip to the Overture Center
- November 21, Hearing and Vision Screening for Kindergarten
- November 21, Vision Screening for 2nd and 4th Grade
- November 26, End of the First Trimester

BULLYING INTERVENTION AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS WORKSHOP: KNOWLEDGE AND TOOLS FOR ALL PARENTS

Bullying and other types of mistreatment impact student achievement and are harmful to young people's social and emotional development. These are challenging issues for families to address, especially since parents/guardians or other adults are often unaware of the incidents that are happening.

Join us at the SASD District Office (320 North Street) on Tuesday, November 19th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for an engaging and informative workshop to gain an increased understanding of emotional and physical violence- especially relational aggression and cyberbullying- and their impacts.

This workshop will equip parents/guardians with knowledge and skills to respond effectively when they or their children witness or hear about mistreatment. Through a series of hands-on activities, parents/guardians will learn how to use communication skills and strategies to encourage their children to talk with them about difficult issues. This workshop is for any parent/guardian of school-aged youth (K-12). Interested community members are also welcome to attend.

Light refreshments will be served and there will be several door prizes. There is no fee for this event. If you plan to attend, please complete this [google form](#) to RSVP. If you have questions, please contact Anne Fimreite at anne.fimreite@stoughton.k12.wi.us or 608-877-5511.

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL) PARENT CONNECTION

In the past two weeks, our Sandhill students have begun talking about Bullying. The first thing the students discuss is what is bullying and how to recognize it. Bullying is when someone keeps being mean to someone else on purpose, the person it is happening to isn't able to make it stop, and it is unfair and one-sided. Examples of bullying include hurting someone's body or belongings, using words to hurt someone's feelings, leaving someone out on purpose, or getting others to be mean or exclude someone.

Students learn to recognize bullying with the clues above, but they also begin discussing the difference between bullying and peer conflict. If one of the examples above happens only once, that is not bullying. It is also not bullying if two students are doing the same thing to each other, or if the person it is happening to asks for the behavior to stop and it does. In these situations, the students are dealing with peer conflict and need to use their problem solving skills.

Students will continue to discuss bullying in the upcoming weeks and will learn how to refuse and report bullying to an adult.

HIGH SCHOOL SENATE VOLUNTEER AT SANDHILL...

A big thank you to the high school senate students for coming to Sandhill and to work on Halloween crafts with our students. 16 classes in whole participated in this Halloween fun.



STOUGHTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT SNOW/COLD WEATHER CANCELLATION PROTOCOLS

School district staff take decisions to delay, close, or dismiss school due to inclement weather conditions very seriously. As with most decisions that affect literally thousands of people, it will impact individuals differently. You may be interested in knowing what goes into the decision.

The most important consideration in the decision is children's safety. Can we safely transport children to and from school – and at what point in time is it the safest?

Many people and factors are involved. The process begins as early as 4 a.m. when Karen Johnson, Stoughton Area School District Coordinator of Transportation, and myself confer about weather conditions with information from national and local weather services. County and municipal road crews are contacted to assess road conditions and the extent to which they will be safe to travel at the time students are to be transported. A driver travels a rural route and is consulted for his/her input as to the safety of travel on the road. If plows are able

to have snow removed from the majority of bus routes, and there is no concern for high winds or a rate of snowfall that would prohibit keeping the roads clear, busses can operate safely. Few vehicles are safer than busses in winter driving conditions. If it is determined we cannot safely transport children to school, or cannot safely transport children home from school, then schools will be delayed, dismissed early, or closed. Our intention is that the final decision to close or delay school will be made by 6 a.m. at the latest. The district will use its Emergency Notification system, as well as local news outlets, to spread the word about school closings.

For cold weather, the main indicator is wind chill factor. If the wind chill factor generates a Wind Chill Warning (-35 sustained wind chill) we will close for the day, or consider a delayed start if the warning will be lifted in the mid-morning hours. We will consider closing schools with a Wind Chill Advisory at negative 25 degrees.

A decision to dismiss school early depends on additional criteria. This decision requires that notice go out to the public at approximately 11 a.m. in order to provide reasonable notice to parents. This is an important matter in our community as the employment rate among our families is high and literally hundreds of young children have no one at home in the afternoon to accommodate an early dismissal. Their safety from early dismissal to the point at which parental supervision is available is considered. In addition, we have excellent county and municipal road crews. Normal dismissal schedules allow more time for them to do their work clearing all roads in our 100-square-mile district and improving conditions for safe travel.

While district staff have the responsibility to alter the school day due to weather, no decision of ours overrides your judgment as a parent. If parents have sincere concern for the safety of their child, they can certainly keep their child home or pick them up from school early.

In the end, please rest assured that the ability to safely move our nearly 3,000 students to and from school is the primary determinant for closing, delaying, or dismissing school early. That safety is determined with input from many professionals who are committed to the safety of children – a responsibility that is not taken lightly.

How can you help as a Parent and Community Member?

- Please take a moment now to make sure we have the most up to date contact information for you and caregivers who wish to receive school closing announcements through [your Infinite Campus Portal account](#)
- Talk with your family about emergency weather procedures in the rare event that schools are closed early
- With wintry weather approaching, remember to slow down and drive safely, especially in school zones. Our custodial and maintenance crews work hard to remove snow from parking lots and sidewalks as quickly as possible
- Please help our students to remember to dress for the weather

Thank you for your cooperation and help.

INFORMATION FROM OUR SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER - FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

KOATS FOR KIDS

HOST A FAMILY

TOYS FOR TOTS

ALICE DRILL - REMINDER

Just a reminder, we will be having an ALICE drill on November 6th in the afternoon. Our staff and students have been preparing for the last several weeks. For more [information on the training](#), please click the link and/or contact your child's teacher or principal. You can also refer back to the information below.

MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR: UPCOMING SAFETY DRILLS

At the Stoughton Area School District, the safety and welfare of our students and staff are our highest priorities. That is why we practice a variety of safety drills throughout the school year: so that our students and staff know how to keep themselves safe in different kinds of emergencies.

Consequently, we wanted to let you know that during the first week of November our District will be working with the Stoughton Police Department to conduct active threat drills in all five Stoughton schools to ensure the safety of our students and to align with annual State requirements on school safety drills.

During these drills, our staff will be communicating with our students in an age-appropriate manner. Students will NOT be asked to practice any countering strategies during the upcoming exercises, and there will NOT be a simulated "shooter" during these drills.

Sandhill Elementary School is tentatively scheduled to have its active threat drill on Wednesday, November 6.

In preparation for these drills, our staff have been trained on how to prepare students to make this drill as smooth and stress-free as possible. Our staff will also have age-appropriate conversations with our students before and after the drill so they have a chance to ask questions. The drills will take place under the supervision of school staff and Stoughton police, and your child(ren)'s building principal also will send out a message to families as soon as the school's drill is complete.

It is unfortunate that we even have to talk about training for an active threat, but these kinds of safety drills help us evaluate our emergency operations plan, improve our response skills and prepare our students and staff so that we know what to do in the event of an actual emergency. If you would like resources to talk with your child(ren) at home about any of these types of issues, [I am including this link to a site that we believe could be helpful](#). You can also feel free to reach out to your child(ren)'s principal if you have any questions about our safety program or the upcoming drills. Our District staff are here for you.

Sincerely,

Tim Onsager, District Administrator
Stoughton Area School District

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

Our 3rd-grade team is organizing an assembly for our veterans. If you are a veteran or know a veteran, we would like to invite you to Sandhill on November 11th. Please see info below.

HONORING OUR VETERANS



Sandhill Elementary cordially invites
ALL Veterans and their families to join us for
an all-school assembly on:

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11
AT 9:15 A.M.**

As a small thank-you, we invite our Veterans to stick
around for coffee in the cafeteria, following the
assembly.

If you have a Veteran planning to attend, please
complete and return the bottom portion to your
child's teacher **by Wednesday, October 30.**

(Cut & Return to School)

Name of Veteran: _____

Branch of Service: _____

Child's Name: _____

Child's Teacher: _____

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Printable form to return to school.

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ART TO REMEMBER

[Art to Remember](#) is a fundraiser for Sandhill Working for Kids. Art work created by Sandhill students can be used to decorate various products like buttons, bookmarks, and aprons. There are many items to choose from. An order form was sent to your child's classroom. The turnaround for ordering is pretty quick. They are due by Wednesday, November 6th.

LOST AND FOUND

The lost and found collection has begun to grow. Please stop by the table at Entrance 1 (by the office) and see if any of the items belong to your family.



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 form. [Shout out Form](#). The information you share will be posted in our staff bulletin.

WANTED!!! PEOPLE UPLIFTING GREAT STUDENTS (PUGS) SIGN UP

Are you looking for a rewarding experience, a chance to help out students? Do know someone or are you related to someone that would be willing to volunteer that will positively impact students? We could use your help! Your interactions with the students will continue build their curiosity and love of learning. We greatly appreciate having you here! please sign up at the following link: <http://signup.com/go/WjkrMCE>.

ITEMS WE NEED FOR OUR NEW MATH

We are in need of some items for our new math curriculum. Please keep an eye out for the following items from home if you have them.

- Paper tubes-gift wrap size
- Paper tubes-paper towel size
- Paper tubes-toilet paper size (need a TON)
- Cans or jars that hold slightly more than 2 cups
- Cardboard boxes/cartons-larger than 8" x 9" x 12"
- 2 liter transparent containers
- 2 quart containers
- Gallon containers
- Pint containers (cottage cheese, etc)
- 8 ounce containers (yogurt, margarine, etc)
- Ounce containers
- 50 ml containers (travel size shampoo or lotion, etc)
- Plastic bottles, half liter
- Plastic bottles, varying capacity
- Plastic bottles (clear), 1 liter with top
- Plastic wrap, rolls

- 1/2 cup containers or bowls
- 1 cup containers or bowls
- 2 cup containers or bowls
- Half gallon milk or juice cartons
- 1 quart milk or juice containers
- Containers for pouring (pitcher with spout), larger than 1 liter
- Left over grass seed (need about 3/4 lb)
- Plastic or paper cups (various sizes)
- Egg cartons (1 dozen size)
- Ping pong balls

THE STOUGHTON AREA RESOURCE GUIDE PROVIDES A LISTING OF BASIC SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES SEEKING ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT.

STOUGHTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT HIRING BUS DRIVERS

Our District is now hiring regular and substitute bus drivers for our transportation team. We offer competitive pay, flexible hours and the opportunity to work with great kids. No experience? No worries. We will help you get trained and licensed. Interested? Call 608.877.5061.



Ready to apply?

To apply to be a **substitute bus driver**, click [HERE](#).

To apply to be a **regular bus driver**, click [HERE](#).



STOUGHTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT HIRING POOL LIFEGUARD, INSTRUCTOR, CASHIER

The Stoughton Swimming Pool at Stoughton High School currently has openings for a water safety instructor, lifeguards and cashier. [Click here for the complete list of openings at the pool and more detailed information about each job.](#) Questions? Contact Sally MacLaren-Meuer, Aquatics Program Director, at sally.maclaren-meuer@stoughton.k12.wi.us or 608.877.5627.

Is your Parent/Guardian Infinite Campus Portal account set up and active? Is your household information accurate? Please take a moment to verify by going to <https://stoughtonwi.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/stoughton.jsp>. This is a great tool to have to review your child's student information (attendance, grades, schedules, etc) as well as for registration and contact purposes. If you discover you do not have an account, cannot remember your login information or other related questions, please contact the Stoughton Area School District Infinite Campus Specialist, Joe Johnson at 608-877-5045 or joe.johnson@stoughton.k12.wi.us

DISTRICT ENEWS

Did you know that in addition to the e-Newsletters you receive from Sandhill, you can also sign up to receive a District e-Newsletter that includes student features, reminders about upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, community flyers, videos, photos and more? [Follow this link to sign up](#). You can opt out at any time.



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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).

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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](#)

