

Sandhill E-News

Week of January 11, 2021

Message from Mr. Johnson:

Greetings Sandhill Families,

I hope all is well with you and your family. We had a great first week back from Winter Break!

As a follow up to the survey you received from the District regarding your family's choice for the remainder of the school year, we want to be sure that you have all the information you need to make the decision that is right for you and your family.

We recognize that this is a personal family decision and we want you to know that whether you select to continue forward as a "Virtual Viking," or have your child return to school in person, we are setting up both groups of students with opportunities for success.

The presentations shared below outline a few of the details that you may wish to review prior to making your decision.

There is much more information to come as we work to provide support for both our Virtual Vikings and Brick and Mortar Students. Future communications will provide you with details such as school supply lists, supply pick up dates, COVID protocols, student pick up/drop off, and much more.

[If you haven't responded to the survey, please do so now.](#)

Please contact the main office at 608-877-5400 if you have any questions or concerns.

Take good care,
Bob (Mr. Johnson)



Sandhill Elementary 3-5 Reopening



SASD Family Selection Form: January 25 to June

[Selection Form](#)

[District Reopening Page](#)

Grades 3-12 Reopening Plan Slides

Grades K-2 Reopening Plan Slides

Explaining the News to Our Children

As we process through the insurrection at the U.S. capitol, this quote from the [Facing History and Ourselves](#) website stands out:

"In his 1963 essay "A Talk to Teachers," James Baldwin wrote: "American

history is longer, larger, more various, more beautiful, and more terrible than anything anyone has ever said about it." In the events surrounding the recent presidential election in the United States, the essential truth of Baldwin's statement resonates anew."



While we know that our families have children that vary in age and knowledge, we as a district wanted to share the following bank of resources for our families to consider as we move through uncertainty as impacts of the insurrection unfold. This information may be helpful in conversations you may wish to have with your child.

Talking to Students about the News:

- [When Bad Things Are Happening](#) - When news breaks of disaster or violence, your students may want to discuss a crisis as it unfolds. (Teaching Tolerance)
- [Explaining the News to Our Kids](#) (Common Sense Media)
- [How to Talk to Children about Difficult News](#) (APA)
- [What To Say To Kids When The News Is Scary](#) (NPR)

Meal Program Changes effective January 21, 2021

Our district is able to continue serving free meals through the end of the 2020-21 school year, thanks to the USDA and National School Lunch Program. As we transition more grade levels back to in-person learning, we will no longer be able to support our current door-to-door meal delivery. Our final door-to-door meal delivery will be on Tuesday, January 19. Please [click here](#) to review the full meals communications which include options by grade level. Please review for program description and next steps for your child.



From the virtual desk of NHA:


If you are looking for some additional strategies to support your child's positive behavior choices, please consider joining us for a 1.5-hour, virtual workshop being held on January 26th or 28th from 6:30-8:00 pm. This [NHA January Workshops Flyer](#) has all the deets! We would LOVE to see you there!



Follow the link to get this week's NHA musing-
You have the power to [Unwrinkle the Heart](#) of a child and the Nurtured Heart Approach is the perfect way to start 2021!

To your Greatness, Humanity, and Significance.
Amy Ruck


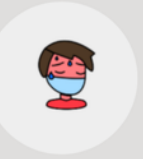

SELF-SCREEN QUICK SHEET



Before sending your student to school, you must screen them.

Answer the question: **Does my student meet one or more of the self-screen criteria listed?** If NO, you may send your student to school. If YES, follow the **Next Steps**.


SELF-SCREEN CRITERIA

-  Student has tested positive for COVID-19
-  Student is experiencing symptoms* of COVID-19
-  Student has had close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19


NEXT STEPS

1. Call your school's attendance line to report your student's absence.
2. Fill out the [Student COVID-19 Form](#) at stoughton.k12.wi.us under the "COVID-19" tab.
3. Contact your health care provider for next steps.

*Symptoms of COVID-19



- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fever equal to or greater than 100.4°F
- Chills
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting



Contactless Library Book Check Out

We are continuing to offer curbside pickup for library books. Students can still put books on hold through Destiny Discover on our E-Library website. When the books are ready, Mrs. Fingerson will reach out to students and families.

[Click here to request district technology support](#)

[Click here to request school lunches or meal delivery](#)

[2020-2021 SASD Calendar](#)

Past Newsletters:

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

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

[Week of 10/26/2020](#) [Week of 11/2/2020](#)

[Week of 11/9/2020](#) [Week of 11/16/2020](#)

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

**EVERY DAY
COUNTS START
TO FINISH**

