Sandhill E-News

Week of February 22, 2021

Message from Mr. Johnson:

Hi Sandhill Families!

I hope all is well with you and your family. There seems to be warmer weather ahead. If your in-person Viking is one who is good at finding puddles, a change of clothes may something smart to pack. :)



As a reminder to earlier district communication, parent teacher conferences were moved to March 10th and 11th from 2:00-8:00 PM on both days.

Parent Teacher Conference and Picture Day information is below.

Continue watching the school district Facebook page for our fantastic Sandhill community members. SPOILER ALERT: some Sandhill students may make appearances doing read alouds. Other big news at Sandhill: It was the 100th day of school! Our students are 100 days smarter and there were a number of celebrations of that success.

If after checking out the content in our E-Newsletter you are still left with questions or concerns, please contact the main office at 608-877-5400. We are always happy to chat with you.

Monday is a B Day.

Take care, Bob (Mr. Johnson)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! MARCH WFK MEETING - March 8 @ 6:30 p.m.

Molly Grotenhuis (Instructional Coach) and Diane Pinnow (Reading Specialist) will talk with us about Wit and Wisdom, the new language arts/literacy curriculum being used this year. Also, bring your questions for Principal, Bob Johnson. We'll spend some time on Q&A with him, focusing on topics that will address issues of relevance to all families.

Fun from 2nd Grade!

Room 2's Kindness Crew wanted to share some special messages in honor of Random Acts of Kindness day (2/17) and Random Acts of Kindness week (2/14-20).

Thanks for sharing Miss Kittleson!

Room 2 Kindness Crew



School Pictures are COMING SOON!!!

Great news!! We have scheduled school picture times for all grade levels during the month of March. Taking school photos will allow you to order portraits if you have not already done so and will ensure your student is in their school yearbook. Given our tight timelines for yearbooks, there will be NO RETAKE days.



Picture Procedures

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

Families must:

- Sign up is required for all, EXCEPT Hybrid Vikings in grades 6-8.
- Arrive no more than 5 minutes before your scheduled picture time.
- Grades K-5: Bring only one parent per household and only students in grades K-5.
- Grades 6-11: Only students receiving pictures should enter the building. Enter the building without parents and/or siblings not receiving pictures.
- Adhere to district COVID-19 protocol found <u>here</u>, including wearing masks and self-screening for symptoms of COVID-19 before entering the building.

Upon entering the building, please visit the check-in station for next steps. When it is your turn, present your child's ID card (grades K-5) to the photographer OR state your student ID (grades 6-11). Students may remove their mask briefly for pictures but must immediately put it back on.

Ordering Pictures

Because school pictures will be running on a tight schedule, please make every effort to order pictures <u>online</u>. If you need to submit an order via check or cash, please be prepared to complete your order form quickly while at school and submit directly to the photographer. <u>Order online here</u> with your building Picture Day IDs indicated below.

Grades K-5

Pictures for students who were unable to join us in the fall will be after school by sign up only.

Sandhill Times: Tues. March 23, 2pm - 6pm Sign Up Required Here Picture day ID EVT7PFDBM

Parent Teacher Conference Sign Ups:

Kindergarten

- <u>Ms. Eckrote</u>
- Ms. Klefstad
- Mrs. Ott
- Mrs. Zietsma

First Grade

- Mrs. Albert
- <u>Mrs. Nichols</u>
- Mr. Wermuth
- Mrs. Wermuth

Second Grade

- Mrs. Girard
- Ms. Kittleson
- Mrs. Ross
- <u>Ms. Zeh</u>

Third Grade

- Mrs. Aures
- Mr. Dunnihoo
- Ms. Laux
- Ms. Paulson

Fourth Grade



Parent

- Mrc Parborino

- Ms. Hacker
- <u>Mr. Manzo</u>
- Mrs. Salter

Fifth Grade

- Mrs. Crone
- Mrs. Dreyer
- Mrs. Erickson

Multi Grade Level Staff

- Mr. Anderson
- Ms. Ergas
- Mrs. Grotenhuis
- Mrs. Pinnow
- Ms. Reese/Mr. Gueths

From the virtual desk of NHA:

Check out <u>Nutshell and Challenges</u> for a challenge that will strengthen your relationships and build your child's inner wealth!

To your (and your child's) GREATNESS, Humanity, & Significance!!! Amy

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Black History Month Read Alouds on Facebook

One way we are honoring Black history and culture this month is by sharing stories that feature Black characters. Nightly in February we will post a new read aloud to <u>Facebook</u> at 7 p.m. Join us in celebrating Black history, culture, and stories.







COMMUNITY VIEWING & DISCUSSION

PART I: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22 PART II: MONDAY, MARCH 8 PART III: MONDAY, MARCH 22 FROM 6:30 TO 8:30 P.M.

oughton.k12.wi.us/explore-sasd/equity

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REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Register Here

The Antiracism Project: February

The purpose of this districtwide project is to advance our district's Educating for Equity efforts by providing resources, information, and/or opportunities to support recognized national or local events and classroom curriculum. Our LMS team is researching special events for



each month of the school year and helping educators find connections for use inside the classroom and within the community.

In February, our team chose two dates to recognize: National Freedom Day (Feb. 1) and Chinese New Year (Feb. 12). The LMS team will has compiled the following resources for your review with your children during the month of February:

ELEMENTARY

- <u>National Freedom Day</u> (Brief explanation of what National Freedom Day is and how you can celebrate)
- Freedom in Congo Square (Available in all elementary libraries)
- <u>The Civil Rights Movement</u> (From Freedom Flix)
- You're in: The Other Side and Ruby Bridges (From BookFlix)
- Freedom Books for Kids
- You're in: Sam and the Lucky Money and Chinese New Year (From BookFlix)
- Lion dancer : Ernie Wan's Chinese New Year (Available from all elementary libraries)
- Bringing in the New Year by Grace Lin (Available from all elementary libraries)
- Celebrating Chinese New Year

- Learn about Chinese New Year
- Read about National Freedom Day Origins



21-22 4K Registration Flyer

21-22 4K Registration Flyer Spanish

2021 Summer Excel Getting Ready for 4K

Mask Up, SASD - New Face Covering Information & Reminders

SASD students, families and staff,

Mask wearing remains imperative to preventing the spread of COVID-19 within our community and is required in all of our buildings and vehicles.



We pay close attention to Public Health Madison & Dane County (PHMDC) requirements and recommendations and want to make sure our families and staff are informed. Yesterday PHMDC further defined which masks to wear and not to wear in Emergency Order #13, which takes effect on Wednesday, February 10.

The following information is directly from Public Health Madison & Dane County and we have indicated SASD-specific information in purple.

Face Coverings Defined

A face covering...

- is defined as a piece of cloth or other material that is worn to cover the nose and mouth completely.
- <u>must be secured to the head</u> with ties, ear loops, or elastic bands that go behind the head and must fit snuggly but comfortably against the side of the face.
- <u>must be made with two or more layers</u> of breathable fabric that is tightly woven (i.e., fabrics that do not let light pass through when held up to a light source).
- <u>does not include</u> bandanas, **ANY neck gaiters**, face shields, goggles, scarves, ski masks, balaclavas, shirt or sweater collars pulled up over the mouth and nose, or masks with slits, exhalation valves, or punctures.

Please make sure you and your children are wearing face coverings that comply with Dane County's latest order starting Wednesday, February 10. Any student or staff member wearing a face covering that does not comply with the standards above will be provided a mask for the day.



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.

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

NTTAC

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

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.

School Lunch Sign-Up

Virtual Student Technology Support

District A/B Calendar

Past Newsletters:

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