SANDHILL E-NEWS

WEEK OF APRIL 12, 2021

Message from Mr. Johnson:

Hi Sandhill Families!

Our students did such a great job entering Phase III of our reopening plans! Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders seamlessly transitioned to every day instruction. I'm so proud of them!



This upcoming week we have Wisconsin state Forward Testing (more information below). In person Vikings have received information about this from their classroom teachers, and our Virtual Vikings have received information via email from our School Assessment Coordinator and School Counselor, Mr. Anderson.

Please look for a message from your child's teacher regarding their plan for classroom instruction during Forward Testing. <u>Students in grades K-2 will have class as usual and do not</u> <u>need to worry about these details as they do not participate in Forward Testing.</u> Tentatively, instructional plans for Virtual Vikings (Zoomies) in grades 3, 4, and 5 are:

- 3rd Grade: On Monday (4/12) & Tuesday (4/13) Virtual Vikings will only log into their regularly scheduled Zoom meeting from 12:00-1:05 PM. Since in person students will be taking the Forward exam throughout the morning, please have your student work on their Target Time Slide and the additional Learning at Home slide. 3rd grade resumes their regular schedule on Wednesday.
- **4th Grade:** Virtual Vikings are invited to attend science and social studies from 1:10-1:40 PM each day this week.
- **5th Grade:** The only class obligations on Monday and Tuesday for Zoomies are to complete their in-person testing. 5th grade resumes their regular schedule on Wednesday.

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

Have a great weekend, Bob (Mr. Johnson)

JOIN THE WFK MEETING - 4/12 AT 6:30

Password: 450126

Classroom Snacks

All of our classrooms have a morning snack break. Please send a healthy snack for your child to help sustain their energy levels between breakfast and lunch.

2021-22 School Year Calendar

The 2021-22 School Year Calendar is now available. Please <u>click here</u> to be directed to our calendar web page.

Forward Exam

Sandhill students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will be participating in the Wisconsin State Forward Exam **April 12th - April 16th** (With make up times the following week). Participation in State assessments can help determine the impact the pandemic has had on academic achievement and equity. Equitable testing is important because clearly knowing the performance of all students is the first step in closing achievement gaps. We must know exactly which gaps exist, the size of the gaps, and the persistence of the gaps.

In-person assessment is the only viable method for the state assessments. Proctored, on-site testing ensures standardized administration that includes equitable access to technology and optimal testing environments, test security, and validity.

Enclosed is a *Forward Exam Information for Families* brochure that gives more information about the assessment. The Forward Exam measures the knowledge and skills students should have for their grade-level. Their performance on the assessment will not affect their grades. Please make sure students are well-rested and encourage your student to take the





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test seriously and do the best they can. The results of these tests will be used to help school staff make decisions that best support students going forward.

REMINDER: We Introduced Speak Up, Speak Out

Before spring break we introduced Speak Up, Speak Out districtwide at SASD. SUSO is a Resource Center with a threat reporting system (or tip line) available to students, families, school staff and community members. It runs 24/7 and is completely free. To view the materials we presented, click <u>here</u>. Learn more at <u>speakup.widoj.gov</u> or on our <u>flyer</u>.



Plus, if you caught the news this week, you may have seen NBC15's story about Speak Up, Speak Out. Check it out <u>here</u>.

Antiracism Project: April

April's antiracist resources are HERE!

Check them out here.



Summer EXCEL Returns

The Stoughton Area School District is excited to offer summer programming again for grades 4K-8 beginning June 14, 2021. Summer EXCEL offers a variety of 4K-8 enrichment and academic courses. Summer EXCEL provides your child the



opportunity to continue practicing their math and reading skills by signing up for both 9-day sessions. Our enrichment courses are sure to keep your child engaged with new learning. Check out the course catalog on the <u>Summer EXCEL web site</u>. Registration will begin in mid-April. Classes are scheduled on a first come, first served basis.

From the virtual desk of NHA:

Greetings...

This is an invitation to join us for some learning around The Nurtured Heart Approach! This <u>NHA April Workshop Flyer</u> has all the deets for our 1.5-hour, virtual workshop being held on Tuesday, April 27th from 6:00-7:30 pm. We would LOVE to see you there!



Alternately, sign up for the workshop directly @ <u>NHA April Sign</u> <u>Up</u>. Still wondering what the impact of NHA? Check out this

<u>NHA Overview</u> for some stories from folks who have been practicing and reaping the benefits of NHA.

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

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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

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or
 Sore throat
- difficulty breathing Fever equal to or
- greater than 100.4°F Chills
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- 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.

SCHOOL LUNCH SIGN-UP

VIRTUAL STUDENT TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

Past Newsletters:

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