

# Sandhill E-News

Week of September 6, 2021

## A Message from Mr. Johnson:

Hi Sandhill Families!

It was so great to see everyone at school in person! For some it's been 3 months, for others, it's been up to 17 months. We're excited to see all of them, regardless. If you want a sneak peek into what the week looked like, check out the video below!



Thank you for your continued patience and staying in your vehicles during arrival and departure. We're still working on our efficiency, but so far I've been very impressed with our progress. Please remember that the Drop-Off and Pick-Up lines will likely be slow the first few weeks. We're looking to be a well oiled machine in short time!

Speaking of impressed. I continue to be impressed by our parents. Thank you for being so supportive of our school. Whether it is through our WFK (parent group), individual donations (of time and/or materials), and/or watching your child's symptoms closely. By continuing to watch your child's symptoms and being proactive by notifying us, we're able to keep as many students in school as possible. I appreciate you and your efforts.

**Remember, there is NO SCHOOL on Monday, September 6th for Labor Day. We're excited to be back at school with you on Tuesday. School starts at 7:45 AM.**

Have a great long weekend.  
Bob/Mr. Johnson

## This Week's NHA Message:

Welcome to the new school year!

To kick off the year, we wanted to share information about the most magical thing we've ever used with our own children and for supporting students in the classroom- The Nurtured Heart Approach. Although it was developed to support children with extreme behavioral challenges, it works for all children! All it takes is a little practice.



NHA is more than just a parenting or behavior-management strategy; it is a philosophy for creating healthy relationships. It is about capturing everyday moments truthfully and reflecting them back to children in ways that celebrate great decisions, judgment and wisdom. It is about gently but steadfastly refusing to give energy to negative behaviors while never failing to enforce rules in a simple, powerfully effective way. (Glasser, Transforming the Intense Child Workbook (2016) pg 13)

The creator of the NHA explains the basic [HERE](#) in a mere 5:04 minutes.

If you are interested in taking the free course that Howard Glasser, creator of the NHA, talks about in the video, click [HERE](#).

If you aren't interested in the course, no worries, we will be sharing information, stories, videos and other tidbits related to NHA with you each week during this forced family time.

To your GREATNESS, HUMANITY AND SIGNIFICANCE!!!

Amy Ruck, [Karla Cornell-Wevley](#), & Sara Jane Lee

## 5th Grade Orchestra Information

Dear 5th grade families,

As 5th graders, your student has the opportunity to learn a string instrument (Violin, Viola, or Cello). This class meets twice a week after school **at River Bluff Middle School**. If your child is interested in learning how to play a string instrument, please complete the google form via this short URL or the QR code below. Transportation is available, please indicate your student's needs in the google form.

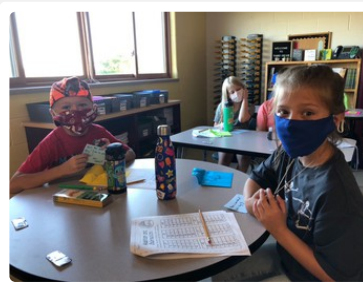


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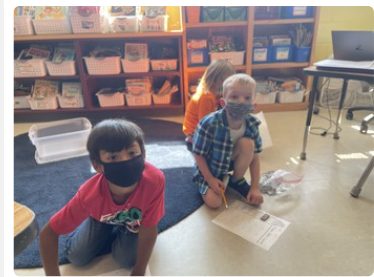
Transportation will be provided from the Elementary Schools to River Bluff for all students. Transportation home after the class is requested through the google form linked above.

Additional information can be found on the 5th grade website: [SASD 5th grade Orchestra Website](#)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at: [erika.meyer@stoughton.k12.wi.us](mailto:erika.meyer@stoughton.k12.wi.us)



## A Sneak Peek of the First Week at Sandhill



## Relaunching our COVID-19 Dashboard

We will be relaunching our SASD COVID-19 next week on our [COVID Health & Safety page](#).



## Extra Clothes

Please send an extra set of clothes for your child to wear in an emergency (soiled from food or the playground or a toileting accident). We have a VERY limited supply of clothes in the health office.

## District News

### No Fever Reducers, Cough Drops, Etc. for the school year

Unless your child has a known health condition such as an injury or migraine that would require a pain reliever (like Tylenol or ibuprofen), we are asking that you do not provide these during this school year



please have your child's healthcare provider sign the medication form and indicate a specific timeframe. In addition, if your child needs to have cough drops at school, the medication form will also have to be signed by your child's healthcare provider and indicate a specific timeframe.

### **We Are Allergy Aware**

We are a nut-aware district and ask that our students and families be aware and considerate of the medical needs of our students. We strongly discourage sending any nut or nut products to school with your children.



### **TRANSPORTATION**

Route information was sent to families last week. Information is emailed individually to each household. Parents with questions or concerns should submit a [Transportation Support Form](#) found under Quick Links on our main web page.

### **MORE THAN JUST FREE MEALS**

Per the USDA meals will again be free for the 2021-22 school year, but it is still important to fill out the Application for free and reduced meals (if you have not already done so or received an automatic approval letter). Why? Because this approval may make you eligible for future pandemic EBT benefits. It also ensures continued funding for the school district.

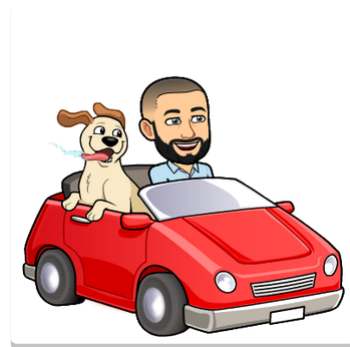
Meals will be available to school aged children, attending in person learning on school days only.

- Students may choose to participate in breakfast and/or lunch daily.
- No sign up needed.
- Morning milk in the classroom is NOT included. Milk is \$.40 per day or free for students who qualify for free/ reduced meals. Payments are only accepted through the Infinite Campus Portal - no checks or cash.
- Please check your Infinite Campus Portal account to ensure funds are available or to add funds to account

## **Arrival/Departure Procedures**

### **Arrival Procedures**

- Our staffing out front starts at 7:30 AM, so students should not be dropped off earlier than that time.
- Use the circle drive for a quick drop off only (1 lane, single file). Pull all the way forward to the red sign and have your student exit from the passenger side. (Please do not get out of your vehicle unless absolutely necessary. A staff member will help your child out of the vehicle - Getting out slows down the traffic flow.)
- If you want to park and walk your student up to the school, please park in a space in the staff parking lot or on the street. Do not abandon your vehicle in line.
- The front circle is reserved for school buses and daycares until after 7:45 AM



### **Drop Off after 7:45 AM (Start of School)**

- Parents/guardians may drop students off at the front door or the main office (with masks on).

### **Mid-day Arrival/Departures**

- Parents/guardians may call the main office or come to the front door and push the silver button. After speaking with the office, the student may enter the school or will be escorted out to you.

### **End-of-Day Procedures**

- The school day ends at **3:00 PM**
- Students will exit from the same door they entered.
- Students taking the bus will leave first (staggered by grade level).
- Parents/guardians picking up their student(s) in the circle drive should stay in their vehicle. A staff member will ask who you are picking up and get the student to your vehicle.
- If you would like to park and pick up your student from school, please park in a parking spot in the staff parking lot or on the street. Please be a good example for our students and walk safely by looking both ways and using the crosswalks.

**\*PLEASE BE PATIENT AND DRIVE SLOWLY TO KEEP OUR SANDHILL FAMILY SAFE\***

## **Arrival and Departure: Only Staff and Students in the building during arrival/departure**

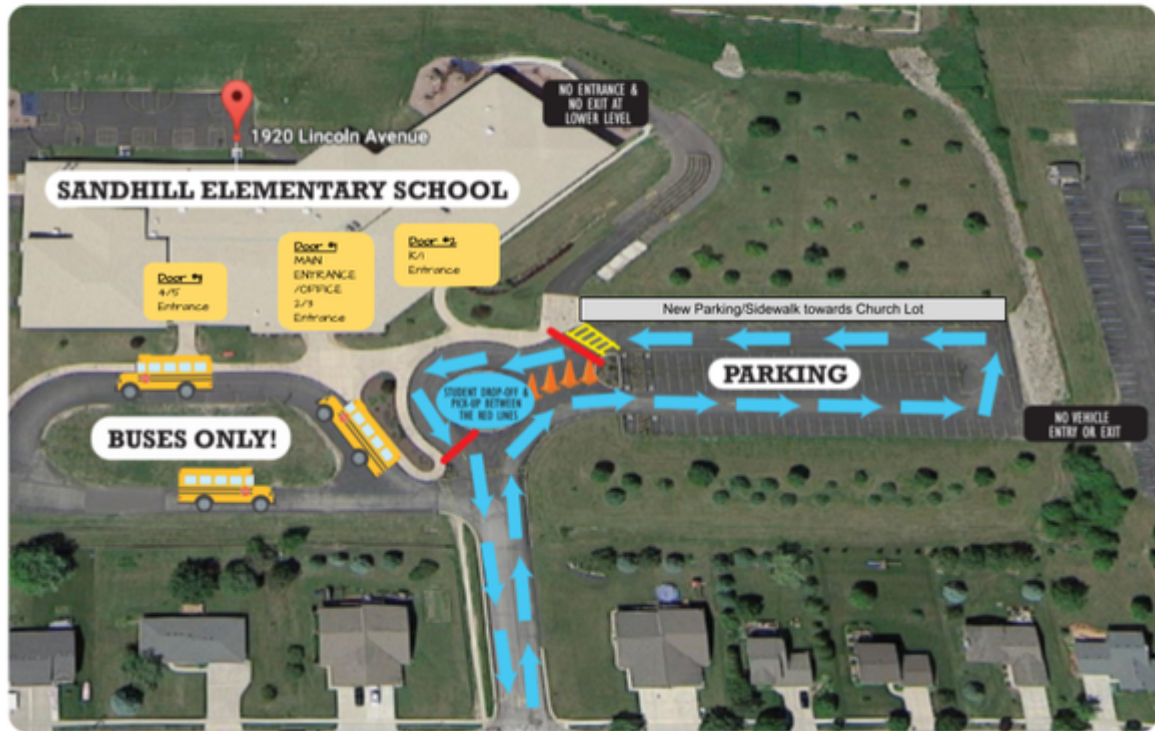
While we had hoped to return to more business, as usual, we are again going to use last year's procedures with arrival and dismissal. After much deliberation, both at the school and district level, Sandhill Parents/Guardians will continue to drop off and wait for their children outside the building. Teachers and assistants will be in full force ready to help all students find their classrooms. We promise to take good care of them. Thank you for your continued trust.



Expect more details about doors and drop off next week!

# SANDHILL ELEMENTARY

## PICK UP/DROP OFF TRAFFIC PATTERNS



### Sandhill Elementary School



# SELF-SCREEN QUICK SHEET



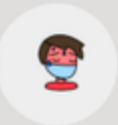
## Before sending your student to school, you must screen them.

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 been instructed to stay home due to being a close contact

### NEXT STEPS

1. Keep your student at home.
2. Call your school's attendance line to report your student's absence.
3. Fill out the **Student COVID-19 Form** at [stoughton.k12.wi.us](http://stoughton.k12.wi.us) under the "COVID-19" tab.
4. 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



What's for breakfast/lunch?

2021-22 School Supply Lists

Who is my teacher?!



## 2021-22 School District Calendar

## Family Resources



Engage all students in rigorous, accelerative, universally designed, grade-level standards-aligned instruction and assessment within a community that ensures equitable access and promotes physical and emotional well-being across instructional environments




### Contact Information


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