

Sandhill E-News

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

A MESSAGE FROM MR. JOHNSON:

Hi Sandhill Families!

We had another great week of school!

Our district continues the theme of Learning and Belonging. So far I've mentioned Responsive Classrooms, Zones of Regulation, and Second Step as strategies that we use to help students learn and give them a sense of belonging. A key method to helping students learn and belong is by using a high quality standards aligned reading and writing curriculum that gives students diverse perspectives. Thus being able to "see" themselves in the curriculum. In the Stoughton Area School District and at Sandhill, we use Wit & Wisdom (Our ELA curriculum) to engage students with significant works of art, including paintings, illustrations, prints, sculpture, architecture, and photographs, that provide diverse access points to a topic so learners at all levels can build strong literary skills.

More about Wit & Wisdom: [*Wit & Wisdom*®](#) is a comprehensive K–8 curriculum that has transformed English language arts (ELA) instruction in classrooms across the nation. Great Minds® believes that classrooms are places where students and teachers encounter wit, wisdom, wonder, rigor, and knowledge, and that literature, history, art, and science all have a place in ELA instruction. By providing a framework for inquiry, *Wit & Wisdom* helps students build rich layers of knowledge. It inspires teachers and students to experience complex texts and ideas on a deeper level by fostering the questioning spirit that will shape the next generation of great writers, thinkers, and leaders. Take a look below to see what the scope and sequence of Modules and Essential Questions are.

We did our back to school conferences a little differently this year than we have in years past. We would love to know what you thought through [taking a short survey](#).

Thank you so much for all you do to support our students, teachers, and community.

Have a great weekend.

Bob/Mr. Johnson



2021 BACK TO SCHOOL CONFERENCE FEEDBACK

Handout 5: K–8 Module Topics and Essential Questions

	Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 4
K	<i>The Five Senses</i> How do our senses help us learn?	<i>Once Upon a Farm</i> What makes a good story?	<i>America, Then and Now</i> How has life in America changed over time?	<i>The Continents</i> What makes the world fascinating?
1	<i>A World of Books</i> How do books change lives around the world?	<i>Creature Features</i> What can we discover about animals' unique features?	<i>Powerful Forces</i> How do people respond to the powerful force of the wind?	<i>Cinderella Stories</i> Why do people around the world admire Cinderella?
2	<i>A Season of Change</i> How does change impact people and nature?	<i>The American West</i> What was life like in the West for early Americans?	<i>Civil Rights Heroes</i> How can people respond to injustice?	<i>Good Eating</i> How does food nourish us?
3	<i>The Sea</i> Why do people explore the sea?	<i>Outer Space</i> How do people learn about space?	<i>A New Home</i> How do stories help us understand immigrants' experiences?	<i>Artists Make Art</i> What is an artist?
4	<i>A Great Heart</i> What does it mean to have a great heart, literally and figuratively?	<i>Extreme Settings</i> How does a challenging setting or physical environment change a person?	<i>The Redcoats Are Coming!</i> Why is it important to understand all sides of a story?	<i>Myth Making</i> What can we learn from myths and stories?

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5	<i>Cultures in Conflict</i> How do cultural beliefs and values guide people?	<i>Word Play</i> How and why do writers play with words?	<i>A War Between Us</i> How did the Civil War impact people?	<i>Breaking Barriers</i> How can sports influence individuals and societies?
6	<i>Resilience in the Great Depression</i> How can enduring tremendous hardship contribute to personal transformation?	<i>A Hero's Journey</i> What is the significance and power of the hero's journey?	<i>Narrating the Unknown</i> How did the social and environmental factors in the unknown world of Jamestown shape its development and decline?	<i>Courage in Crisis</i> How can the challenges of a hostile environment inspire heroism?
7	<i>Identity in the Middle Ages</i> How does society both support and limit the development of identity?	<i>Americans All</i> How did World War II affect individuals?	<i>Language and Power</i> What is the power of language?	<i>Fever</i> How can times of crisis affect citizens and society?
8	<i>The Poetics and Power of Storytelling</i> What is the power of storytelling?	<i>The Great War</i> How do literature and art illuminate the effects of World War I?	<i>What Is Love?</i> What is love?	<i>Teens as Change Agents</i> How do people effect social change?

MEALS REMINDER – MID-MORNING MILK BREAK

As a reminder, the daily mid-morning milk break for elementary students is \$0.40 per day and is not a part of the USDA free meals program.



To check your food service account and/or add funds, please log into your [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#). If you currently do not have a portal account, please email jenny.mckenna@stoughton.k12.wi.us.

Students approved for free or reduced meals receive morning milk at no charge. If you feel you may qualify, please submit an electronic application via your Parent Portal account or print and complete the application found on the [Food Service Web Page](#). With questions, please contact our food service director Jacob Kleven at 608.877.5419.

BRIDGING BRIGHTER SMILES

Bridging Brighter Smiles is a non-profit organization that provides school-based oral hygiene services and education to children. No child is ever turned away due to a lack of financial resources.

Bridging Brighter Smiles will be at Sandhill on Wednesday, September 22 and Thursday, September 23rd. If you would like your child to be seen, please fill out the [enrollment form](#).



PICTURE RETAKES

Picture retakes will take place at Sandhill on October 7th.

Students that took pictures in August will have their picture packages delivered to school and sent home with them.



COVID-19 INFORMATION

- Where can I get tested for COVID? See our new COVID-19 Testing Resource Sheet on our [COVID-19 Health & Safety page](#).
- Our SASD COVID-19 Dashboard is available to the public on our [SASD COVID-19 Dashboard](#) page. We've updated the dashboard each week of the school year since November 2020.



OUR ANTIRACISM PROJECT IS BACK: SEE SEPTEMBER'S RESOURCES

The purpose of the Antiracism Project is to advance our district's Educating for Equity efforts by providing resources, information, and opportunities to support recognized events, locally, nationally and internationally.

View this month's resources [here](#).



We take the medical needs of our students seriously. We ask that our students and families consider the medical needs of others before sending ANY nut or nut products to school with your children. Please swap out food items containing nuts for other healthy snacks.



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.



THIS WEEK'S NHA MESSAGE:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021

BIKE OR WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Stoughton PD will be participating in Sandhill Elementary Schools bike/walk to school event. We will have our bike patrol officers on their bikes throughout the area to help escort kids to school.

See you there!

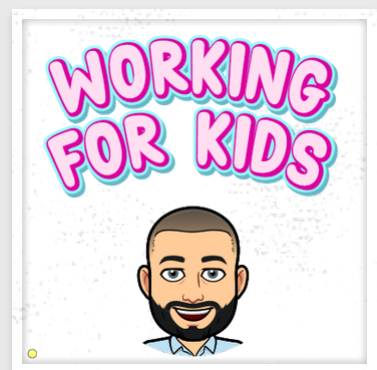


WORKING FOR KIDS UPDATES:

Looking for super-easy ways to support our Sandhill community?

- **AMAZON SMILE**

If you are an Amazon shopper, please remember to do all your Amazon shopping through the Amazon Smile program so that Sandhill receives a portion of the money spent!. It doesn't cost you anything extra - you just need to use this link to start your shopping: smile.amazon.com/ch/27-0786272



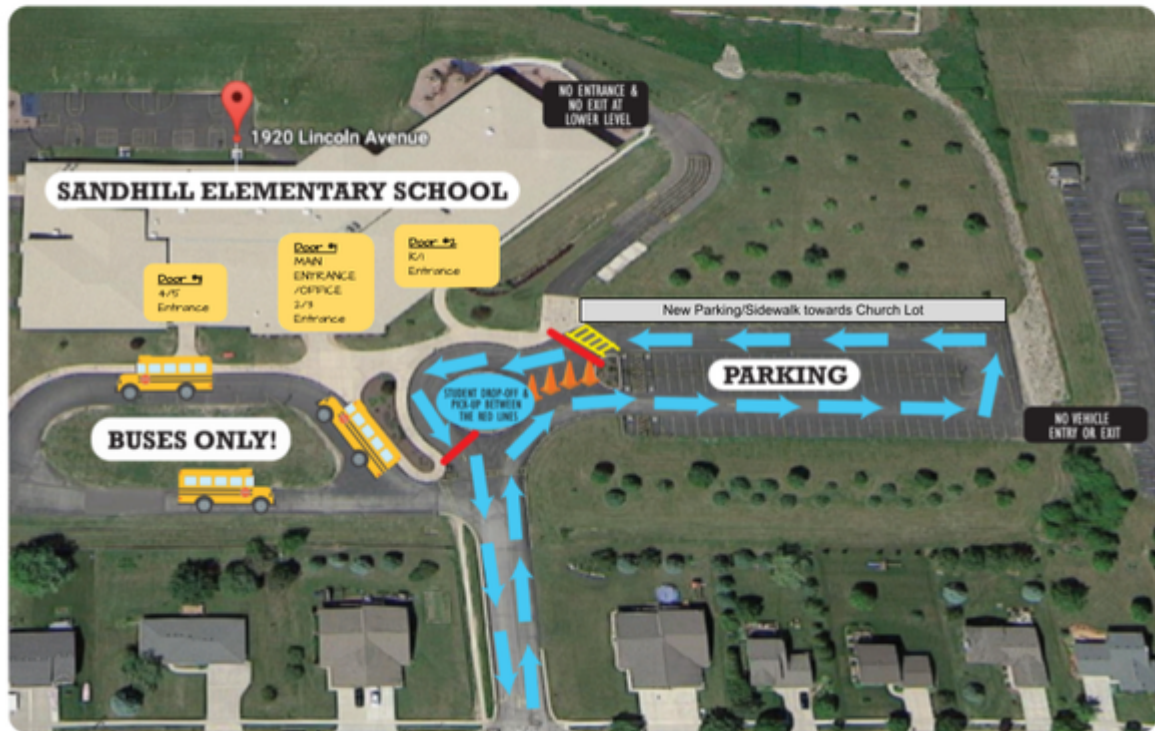
- **Box Tops for Education**

The Box Tops for Education program has gone digital! Please consider using the new Box Tops app on your phone and select Sandhill School as your school. Anyone who scans their receipt with Box Tops on it this month gives us a chance to double our earnings!

<https://www.boxtops4education.com/>

SANDHILL ELEMENTARY

PICK UP/DROP OFF TRAFFIC PATTERNS



DISTRICT FOOD SERVICE PAGE (INCLUDING MENUS)

FAMILY RESOURCES

2021-22 SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR



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



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