# Sandhill E-News

Week of February 21, 2022

## A Message from Mr. Johnson:

Hello Everyone -

Thank you so much for attending conferences. It was so nice to be able to connect in and chat with so many of you.

Working For Kids, thank you for supporting our staff all year long - but this week, thank you for feeding us!

Exciting times are ahead with Spring Break, Daylight Savings Time, and warmer weather all on the horizon. As always, please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Enjoy the long weekend! Bob/Mr. Johnson

## School Reminders

## **Revisiting Bus Expectations**

We are seeing an uptick in disrespectful and unsafe behaviors on our buses. To address this, both Ms. Eisenschink, our Dean of Students, and Mr. Johnson, Sandhill Principal, rode the bus each day the week of 1/31/22.

While riding the buses, both Ms. Eisenschink and Mr. Johnson revisited and retaught our bus expectations. During the week, students proved that they could do an excellent job of following the expectations on the bus.



Going forward we will continue to use progressive discipline. This may include warnings, bus suspensions, and in school consequences.

Thank you for reminding your bus riders to follow the Stoughton Way on the bus by Respectful, Responsible, and Safe.

## What is STAR? An Update from Dr. Ahlgren:

Dear Families,

The Stoughton Area School District uses the STAR assessment to help us better monitor student success in reading and mathematics. This electronic assessment is administered three times a year in September, January and May to students in grades 1-11. We use the information



from this assessment to help us design learning experiences that best meet the needs of your child. Schools will share outcomes from the January Star assessment with families over the next few weeks.

<u>What is STAR?</u> STAR is one measure of your student's performance and progress or growth in school. Just like how the doctor measures your child's height and weight at your annual visits to see how they have grown, STAR does the same sort of thing, except STAR measures your student's growth over time in reading and mathematics. The scores measure your student's performance compared to other students at the same grade in the United States.

It is important to remember that STAR is one assessment of your student's knowledge and skills. It is only through multiple assessments and checks for understanding that we are able to develop a clearer picture of your student's current level of academic performance as well as their growth over time in the areas of reading and mathematics.

If you have any questions about your child's performance, please contact your child's teacher directly. If you have any questions about our approach to assessment, or about the process of the Star assessment, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Kate Ahlgren Director of Curriculum & Instruction

## Sandhill Yearbooks

You can order a Sandhill 21-22 yearbook using the <u>Lifetouch web site</u>. The Yearbook ID Code is 13445122. The order deadline is March 28, 2022. There are paper order forms in the office.



## 2nd Grade Curriculum Spotlight - Module 3 - Civil Rights Heroes



## **Included Texts:**



## **Stopfinder Invitations to Roll Out**

The transportation department is beginning its rollout of Stopfinder, a communication-based parent app designed for all things transportation. **First up are our Sandhill riders!** Families of Sandhill riders will receive an email invitation on Monday, February 21 to download and create an account on the Stopfinder app. It is essential that you get set up on this app because it will be our tool for all future transportation-related communications. For a Stopfinder refresher, visit our <u>webpage</u>.



## Working For Kids Updates:

#### **RECESS & LUNCH VOLUNTEERS!!!**

It has been a pleasure having volunteers come into school during the day to help out with lunch recess and lunchroom duty! The Sandhill staff has greatly appreciated the extra sets of hands and the students have enjoyed seeing parents and grandparents help out, as well! Here are the sign-ups for the next couple of months. There are plenty of times available!

Lunch Volunteers - January 2022 Lunch Volunteers - February 2022 Lunch Volunteers - March 2022

#### **KINDNESS WEEK**

For the first time, Working For Kids will be hosting a Kindness Week Monday, March 7 - Thursday, March 10 to promote positivity and kindness to both others and to ourselves. Please stay tuned for ways to volunteer as planning gets underway!

#### AMAZON SMILE

Looking for a super-easy way to support our Sandhill community? 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: <u>smile.amazon.com/ch/27-0786272</u>

#### Box Tops

The Box Tops program is all digital and is another fast and easy way to support Sandhill! Please consider using the Box Tops app on your phone and select Sandhill School as your school! All you have to do is take a picture of your receipt and Box Tops automatically credits Sandhill for qualifying items purchased! <u>https://www.boxtops4education.com/</u>

Make it a great week! The Sandhill Working for Kids Group

## **School District Updates**

## **Antiracism Project: February Resources**

We're highlighting two events in February: Chinese New Year and Black History Month. <u>View this month's resources here.</u> 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.



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## This Week's NHA Message:

Greetings...

You may have noticed that I'm a bit passionate about the Nurtured Heart Approach! Consider this your OFFICIAL invitation to discover for yourself the transformative power at an upcoming March workshop! Give us 1 ½ hours and we'll give you the chance to change your relationship with your children and everyone else in your life. Yup! It's that good!



We will be hosting in-person workshops, with a zoom link for those who prefer to attend virtually, at the Administrative Offices (320 North Street) on:

- Wednesday, March 2nd, 5:30-7:00 pm &
- Tuesday, March 15th, 5:30-7:00 pm

Sign up here: NHA March 2020 Sign Up- https://bit.ly/3JoRh4J

Still not sure? Check out this <u>NHA Overview</u>- (<u>https://bit.ly/3rXezFu</u>) for some stories from folks who have been practicing and reaping the benefits of NHA.

More thorough deets can be found in the NHA March 2022 Workshops Flyer- (https://bit.ly/34xU3FJ) .

We can't wait to see you!

To your **GREATNESS**, Significance, and Humanity Amy

## Online enrollment for 4K opens on February 14th in Infinite Campus.

#### **Registration and Enrollment**

In-person "drive-thru" 4K site selection is **Tuesday, March 8th,** at Kegonsa Elementary School, 1400 Vernon Avenue Stoughton. Check out the <u>4K website</u> for more information.



Go to Sign Up Genius for more information on how to sign up for our drive-thru enrollment event

## **COVID** Reminders from Health Staff:

Complete the Student COVID-19 Form **immediately** when the student is tested. Do not wait for the test result.

If your student has symptoms of COVID-19, get them tested and <u>keep</u> them home until their test results come back.



## Your vigilance helps keep our students safe -COVID-19 Information

Where can I get tested for COVID? See our new COVID-19 Testing Resource Sheet on our <u>COVID-19 Health & Safety page</u>.

Our SASD COVID-19 Dashboard is available to the public on our <u>SASD</u> <u>COVID-19 Dashboard</u> page. We've updated the dashboard each week of the school year since November 2020.



**COVID symptoms? Call in and stay home!** We know your student doesn't want to miss school, but if your student has symptoms of COVID-19, they must stay home to avoid infecting others. Our <u>Self-Screening quicksheet</u> lists COVID symptoms and what to do if your student has one or more. Remember to screen your child for symptoms every morning and night.

**Using the Student COVID-19 Form:** If a student tests positive for COVID-19, has symptoms of COVID-19 symptoms, or has been identified as a close contact, start by keeping your student at home, calling your school's attendance line, completing the <u>Student COVID-19 Form</u>, then contacting your health care provider. We will help you through the process.

SASD COVID Health & Safety page (Data Dashboard)



District Food Service Page (Including Menus)

Family Resources

2021-22 School District Calendar

## **Past Newsletters**

August 16, 2021 August 23, 2021 August 30, 2021 September 6, 2021 September 13, 2021 September 20, 2021 September 27, 2021 October 4, 2021 October 11, 2021 October 18, 2021 October 25, 2021 November 1, 2021 November 8, 2021 November 15, 2021 November 22, 2021 November 29, 2021 December 6, 2021 December 13, 2021 Winter Break January 3, 2022 January 10, 2022 January 17, 2022 January 24, 2022 January 31, 2022 February 7, 2022 February 14, 2022 February 21, 2022

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# We Are Stoughton.

And we stand strong and committed to **all** of our students, families & staff members.





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