



**Week of
April 14, 2025**

Upcoming Events

- Early Release (noon dismissal) Wed. April 16th
NO AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
- No School Good Friday
April 18th
- No School Observation of
Easter Mon. April 21st
- ISA Testing starts Tues.
April 22nd (5th & 8th only)
- Spring Concert K-4th
grade Thurs. April 24th
@6pm
- Athletic Honors Luncheon
Fri. April 25th @11:15am-
1:30pm
- Spring Pictures Fri. April
25th

Wildcat Weekly



THE IMPORTANCE OF DIVERSITY

Let's take this month to learn more, show kindness, and celebrate the beauty of different cultures—especially the amazing contributions of Arab Americans!

Culture & Traditions:

Arab culture includes people from 22 countries in the Middle East and North Africa. Family and hospitality are very important, and respect for elders is a key value.

Religion:

Many Arab people are Muslim, but not all! Some are Christian or follow other religions. Religion can play a big role in daily life, with holidays like Ramadan and Eid for Muslims, and Christmas and Easter for Christians.

Food:

Arab cuisine is flavorful and delicious! Popular dishes include hummus (a dip made from chickpeas), falafel (fried chickpea balls), and kabobs. Sweets like baklava (a flaky pastry with nuts and honey) are also favorites.

Clothing:

Traditional clothing varies by region. Some people wear long robes like the thobe (for men) or abaya (for women). These clothes are often worn during special occasions or religious holidays.

Your entire child's school day is important. Please refrain from picking your child up after 1:30pm. This disrupts the educational and dismissal process.

In order to ensure that your child has adequate time for breakfast, make sure to arrive at school by 7:30am.



If you choose to change your child's mode of transportation home, submit a note in writing to the classroom teacher by 9:00am.

PBIS COOL TOOL: HALLWAY BEHAVIOR



The Cool Tool for the month of April is Cafeteria. It is important for students to be safe by keeping hands, feet, and objects to themselves at all times, walking to the food line in a single file line, following directions the first time given, and not sharing food. Students should be respectful by using school appropriate language, maintaining an appropriate volume, and saying please, thank you, and excuse me. Students should be responsible by cleaning up after themselves, staying in their seats, and reporting any problems to cafe staff.

Illinois Science Assessment



The ISA measures student proficiency in science and ensures alignment with the Illinois Learning Standards for Science, which are based on the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS).

- **Who Takes It:** Students in grades 5, 8, and 11 across Illinois public schools.
- **Content Areas:** Life Science, Physical Science, Earth and Space Science, and Engineering Practices
- **Format:** Computer-based test with a mix of multiple choice, short answer, and scenario-based items.
- **Use of Results:** Provides insight into how well students understand key science concepts, helps districts and schools evaluate their science instruction, and results may inform curriculum decisions and teacher professional development.

Be A BUDDY, not a BULLY

Given the evolving nature of bullying, especially with the increasing prevalence of digital platforms, it's crucial for parents, educators, and policymakers to remain vigilant and proactive in addressing and preventing bullying in all its forms.

Among students who reported being bullied, 22% indicated that the bullying occurred online or via text messages.



Attention 5th-7th Grade Volleyball Players!

Sandridge is partnering with Illiana Volleyball Camp to provide students with an opportunity to learn the game of volleyball. The program is reserved for 5th-8th grade students at virtually no cost to families. The program will run for eight weeks starting on Sunday April 27th from 3pm-5pm. Look for a flyer with more details.



Remember, cell phones and other electronic devices are not allowed during school hours.

Cell phones interrupt focus and reduce engagement during lessons. Even quick glances at a screen can take attention away from important instruction. Studies show that students perform better academically when phones are out of sight and out of mind. Constant access to devices makes it harder to concentrate and develop strong study habits.

Word of the Week:

EQUILIBRIUM: The physical state in which forces and changes occur in opposite and off-setting directions.



Attendance Counts Contest

EC -	72.00%
K -	91.51%
1 -	93.76%
2 -	91.48%
3 -	89.64%
4 -	88.39%
5 -	95.24%
6 -	87.20%
7 - winner	99.33%
8 -	95.67%

Reminders

Uniform:

Tops- short/long sleeve gray, navy blue, light blue, black and white polo shirts.

Bottoms- black and navy-blue uniform pants, shorts, skirts, skorts
No hoodies

Peanut Free School:

Please do not include peanuts or peanut products in your child's school lunch.