

Sandridge Elementary presents

The Wildcat Weekly

December 1, 2025

Winter Holidays and Traditions: Celebrating Together

As the days grow colder and the year winds down, our school is buzzing with excitement for the winter holiday season! This special time of year gives us the opportunity to learn about the many traditions celebrated by families in our community and around the world. Throughout the month, students will explore the meaning of winter holidays such as Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, Las Posadas, Diwali, and many more. Our teachers will cover lessons about kindness, gratitude, and community—reminding us that this season is not just about celebration but about supporting and uplifting one another.

Whether students are decorating trees, learning traditional dances, or discussing family customs, everyone will have the chance to contribute their own experiences and learn something new. We encourage our students show curiosity and respect for the diverse traditions represented in our school. This season truly highlights what makes our community so special—we celebrate our differences while coming together in unity and joy.

December- Reflect on kindness, empathy, and community. As we celebrate winter traditions and prepare for a new year, our goal this month is to help students practice being thoughtful, supportive, and aware of others' feelings. Across grade levels, students are learning how small actions—like including others, offering help, expressing gratitude, and showing patience—can make a big difference.

Calendar of Events

5th-8th Grade Boys Basketball Practice Mon. Dec. 1st @ 2:30-4:00pm

5th-8th Grade Girls Cheer Practice Mon. Dec. 1st @ 2:30-4:30pm

Boys Basketball Game- Away Tues. Dec. 2nd @ 4:00pm

Boys Basketball Game- Home Thurs. Dec. @ 4th 4:00pm

Boys Basketball Game- Home Fri. Dec. 5th @ 4:00pm

Moms and Muffins Tues. Dec. 16th 7:15am-8:15am

Early Release Noon Dismissal Wed. Dec. 17th

Winter Concert Wed. Dec. 17th (K-4th)

Picture Re-Take Day Thurs. Dec. 18th

Winter Break No School Mon.-Fri. Dec. 22nd-Jan. 2nd

Uniforms



Id's should be worn everyday for students 3rd-8th grade.

Uniform Top- short or long sleeve black, white, gray, navy blue or light blue polo shirts.



Uniform Bottoms- black, khaki, and navy-blue uniform pants, shorts, skirts, skorts. No jeans are allowed.



No hoodies allowed in grades 3rd-8th. Students may wear crew necks or sweaters.



Students must wear closed toe shoes every day. Gym shoes are needed for gym class.

Peanut Free School

Peanut Free School:
Do not include peanuts or peanut products in your child's school lunch.



THE IMPACT OF BEING LATE

Let's work hard to be here every day and on time! Being in school every day helps to reinforce good habits. Here are a few habits that are easy to implement for busy parents: Home Routine Helpers. Provide visual morning routine charts for younger students, offer bedtime routine tips (screens off early, prep backpacks the night before), and Run a "Start Strong Monday" campaign since Mondays have the highest absence rate.

BE SAFE, BE RESPONSIBLE, AND BE RESPECTFUL

As Wildcats, we always exhibit our three most important expectations.



- We are safe by keeping our hands, feet, and objects to ourselves, by reporting threats and following safety procedures at all times.
- We are responsible by bringing all materials to school, being in uniform, and being ready to learn every day. Grades 4th-8th students are responsible for bringing Chromebooks back and forth between home and school every day. Chromebooks should be charged at home.
- We are respectful to ourselves and others by using appropriate language, expressing yourself in an appropriate manner, and allowing others to do the same.

No matter whether students are at their arrival/departure areas, lunchroom, bathroom, or classroom, these expectations should be followed at all times.

Mark your calendars for our annual Winter Program on Wednesday December 17th from 6:00pm-7:00pm for grades K-4th

Winter Program

Bus fees are due by the 10th of the month.



WORD OF THE WEEK:

CONTRAST- to look at two or more things and find how they are different



Tutoring

We will be hosting tutoring sessions starting on

Wednesday January 7th. Tutoring will first be offered based on school data. If those families do not take advantage of this opportunity, we will open it to other students that need academic support. Tutoring will be held on Monday and Tuesday from 2:30-4:00pm. Students will focus on math and reading for 40 minutes and have a 10 minute snack. Please look for tutoring invitations this week.

Joke of the week: Have you heard the rumor about butter? Never mind, I shouldn't be spreading it.



Totem poles are tall wooden carvings created by Indigenous peoples of the Pacific Northwest. They are traditionally carved from large cedar trees and decorated with symbols, animals, and figures that represent a family's history, important stories, or cultural beliefs.

Totem poles are important because they help preserve and share the traditions, values, and identities of Native American nations.

Native American Art



Sandridge Spotlight

This week's Sandridge Spotlight goes to our Sandridge Dads. We had a wonderful turn out at our Donuts with Dads event. Thank you for your commitment to making Sandridge a better place.



Early Dismissal Students will only be released to the legal parent/guardian or those individuals listed as acceptable per school records prior to 1:40 p.m. For the safety of our children, photo id will be required for verification prior to the release of students.



ATTENDANCE WINNERS

EC -	89.69%
K -	93.29%
1 -	95.58%
2 -	85.17%
3 -	95.84%
4 -	93.02%
5 -	94.64%
6 -	95.09%
7 - winner	99.41%
8 -	98.59%

