



**Week of
February 2, 2026**

Wildcat Weekly



Upcoming Events

-Tutoring Mon. &
Tues. Feb. 2nd & 3rd
2:30pm-4:00pm

-Graduation
Pictures Tues. Feb.
3rd (EC, K, 8th)

-Valentines Day
Dance (6th-8th)
Fri. Feb. 6th
6:00pm-9:00pm

-Science Fair Tues.
Feb. 17th 5:30pm-
7pm

-Black History
Program Thurs.
Feb. 26th



THE STORY BEHIND BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Every February, our school joins communities across the country in celebrating Black History Month — a time dedicated to honoring the achievements, culture, and history of Black Americans. This celebration began thanks to historian Carter G. Woodson, often called the “Father of Black History.” In 1926, Woodson and the organization he founded, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, launched “Negro History Week.” They chose February because it included the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, two important figures in the fight against slavery.

Over time, schools and communities wanted to do more than just a week, and in 1976 the celebration expanded to a full month, officially recognized by the U.S. government. Today, Black History Month is a time for learning, reflection, and appreciation of the many ways Black Americans have helped shape our world.

Black history is American history. It is filled with stories of courage, creativity, leadership, and discovery. By learning about these contributions, our students gain role models, build empathy, and develop a deeper understanding of the diverse people who make up our nation. Throughout this month, our classrooms will explore inspiring individuals whose lives remind us that determination and talent can change the world.

Early Dismissal

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

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



Uniforms

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



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



Bottoms- black and navy-blue uniform pants, shorts, skirts, skorts



Must wear closed toe shoes. No slides or Crocs. Gym shoes are needed for gym class.

Ids should be worn everyday for students in 3rd-8th grade.



Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful

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

- We are safe by keeping 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 everyday. In grades 4th -8th students are responsible for bringing Chromebooks back and forth between home and school everyday. 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 student are at their arrival/departure areas, lunchroom, bathroom, or classroom, these expectations should be followed at all times.

February – Friendship and Empathy

"Lead with Heart"

Focus: Strengthening peer relationships, resolving conflict peacefully, emotional awareness.

Some suggested activities are hold friendship-building classroom activities, use empathy maps to understand different perspectives, and read or watch stories about compassion and discuss.



Tutoring

Our tutoring program will run until March 24th. We have a couple more spaces in grades K, 1st, 2nd, 5th, 7th, and 8th. If you have a permission form. please send it back to school signed as soon as possible to secure a spot.

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



Parent Reminders:



Please make sure to be mindful of... Your speed as you are entering and exiting the school parking lot and your aroma from outside recreational activities that may linger in the building.

Word of the Week:

EXPRESS- to show or tell what you are thinking or feeling using words, numbers, art, or actions



Joke of the Week:

What can you break simply by saying its name?

Silence



The Impact of Good Attendance:

Broader trends from research around chronic absenteeism early in education can predict lower achievement later on, and those absence patterns are associated with worse outcomes in subjects like math and reading by middle school. Some longitudinal research shows even modest absence rates (3–7%) in early grades are linked with scoring below grade-level expectations on state tests by eighth grade.

Sandridge Spotlight

This week's Sandridge Spotlight goes to all of the students and staff that celebrated our 100th day of school!



Attendance Counts

EC -	82.52%
K -	94.15%
1 -	90.44%
2 -	82.23%
3 -	93.97%
4 -	79.20%
5 -	84.10%
6 -	86.26%
7 - winner	95.36%
8 -	90.92%



Graduation pictures will take place on Tuesday February 3rd. Students will take pictures in a cap and gown.

We have our 6-8th grade Valentines Day Dance this Friday February 6th from 6pm-9pm. Tickets are \$5.00. Make sure all students are still in school appropriate attire. No bare shoulders, visible mid drifts, ripped clothing or clothing with inappropriate logos.



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