



Sand Lake School's March Newsletter

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From the principal's desk...

Sand Lake Families,

I hope this message finds you well! March has long been one of my favorite months of the year! The weather is hopefully taking a turn for the positive, the excitement for spring is building, and there are plenty of good basketball games on TV! This shapes up to be a very busy month at school as well. Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are busy preparing for the Wisconsin Forward Exams, Mrs. Heerts is busy preparing with students for their music programs, and we're getting set for Parent-Teacher Conferences. There are so many wonderful things going on at Sand Lake, it's going to be a great month!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for March 14th and March 16th. March 21st is an option night for teachers who need additional time to meet with families. Each conference is allotted only fifteen minutes, so it is important that we start and end on time. If a conflict arises and you are unable to attend, please contact the school office and/or your child's teacher prior to your scheduled meeting. Mrs. Frederickson recently sent communication regarding how to sign up for your child's conference. If you have any questions, please contact the main office.

During the conferences, teachers will discuss student progress, strengths, daily work habits, assessment results, interaction with classmates and areas for improvement. Time will also be provided for parents to ask questions. It would be beneficial to discuss with your child how they feel their school experience is going prior to attending the conference. This information can be communicated to your child's teacher about what is going well, as well as what type of assistance your child might need. We have great students here at Sand Lake and this can be an opportunity for you and your family to celebrate your child's progress!

Our Sand Lake staff appreciates the opportunity to collaborate regarding your child's achievements. We hope that you will continue to maintain open communication via telephone calls/e-mails, written notes, and when we can, visits to the school.

Attendance Reminders:

Attendance at school is essential to the successful completion of an education. A student's attendance record is one of the most frequently used part of a school record. Students are considered absent if they miss part or all of a school day. Please remember to call the school office before 8:45 a.m. if your child is going to be absent. Call 608-781-0974 and press 1 for attendance.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions about your child or Sand Lake Elementary
Matt Meyers

2023-2024 Sixth Graders



All parents of 2023 - 2024 incoming 6th graders are invited to our 5th grade Parent/Guardian-Student Information night at Holmen Middle School in Gym B on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. This is an informational meeting that both parents and students are welcome yet not required to attend.

Please join us in the **Holmen Middle School in Gym B on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.** for this informational meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Ryan Vogler, Holmen Middle School Principal, at [608-526-3391](tel:608-526-3391) ext. 5405 or vogrya@holmen.k12.wi.us

Art Room News from Mrs. Staige

ORIGINAL WORKS



Hello Sand Lake Families,

Sand Lake will be participating in the Original Works art fundraiser again this year. This program allows you to have your child's very own artwork printed onto a variety of quality products. Some of the products include: magnets, note cards, coffee mugs, tote bags and keychains. Artwork, order forms and price list will be sent home with your child early this

month. Orders are due back to school by **Friday, March 24th.**

Please remember to fill out ONE order form per artwork.

Questions? Contact Mrs. Staige at stajen@holmen.k12.wi.us

Thank you!

Counselor Connection – Mrs. Kobs

I want to welcome Samantha Schalow from Coulee Council to Sand Lake. During the month of March, she will be teaching lessons in all Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade classrooms on such topics as responsibility, refusal skills for healthy drug free living, and interpersonal skills to resist peer pressure through the Too Good For Drugs Program. You are encouraged to ask your child about what he or she has learned throughout the week. This program is part of the school counseling and health curriculum.

Amy Kobs

School Counselor

781-0974 ext. 3400 or kobamy@holmen.k12.wi.us

District Open Enrollment

Wisconsin's inter-district public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend school districts other than the one in which they live. Students in 5-year old kindergarten to grade 12 may apply to participate in open enrollment. Open enrollment for pre-kindergarten, 4-year old kindergarten and early childhood education is limited. Parents should call their resident school districts to find out if their preschool-aged children qualify for open enrollment. The Open Enrollment application period for the 2023-2024 School year is from **February 6 - April 28, 2023.** Parents must apply to the nonresident district. A nonresident district is defined as the district you do not live in, but where you want your child to attend.

It is recommended that you apply for open enrollment through the on-line application process at <http://dpi.wi.gov/oe>. The open enrollment application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on April 28, 2023. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.

If you have any questions regarding open enrollment, please contact Courtney Wilson, Open Enrollment Coordinator for the School District of Holmen and Student Services Department at 526-1309.

Early Release Reminder



As a friendly reminder, there will be an early release day on Wednesday, March 8, in order to provide professional development opportunities for staff. School will be dismissed at 1:40 p.m.

Educational Assistants **EXTRA**

*Please continue to send boots and snow pants. Boots may be needed for wet conditions.

*The earliest drop off time is 8:10 unless you are part of the YMCA Surround Care program.

* All students should be dropped off no later than 8:35, as they need to be in their classrooms and ready by 8:40.

Farm 2 School

The La Crosse County Farm2School program is a collaboration between public school districts in La Crosse County and the La Crosse County Health Department. The Farm2School program provides student opportunities for health and nutrition education. Each month, one locally-grown produce item is selected as the Farm2School "Harvest of the Month". March's "Harvest of the Month" is spinach. Check out the Farm2School link on our website.

Four-Year Old Kindergarten (4K) Registration

The School District of Holmen will begin accepting enrollments for the 2023-24 Four-Year-Old Kindergarten (4K) Program soon. Any child, who is four-years-old on or before September 1, 2023 and lives in the school district boundaries, is eligible to participate. We encourage early registration in order to help us plan accordingly for the 2023-24 school year. **Note: All enrollment is done online.** www.holmen.k12.wi.us

Important 4K Information:

- All 4K classes are held at Viking Elementary School
- AM Session: 8:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- PM Session: 11:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Placement in AM or PM session is based upon transportation needs. We notify families of class placements during the first week of August.

If you have any questions, please call our Public Preschool Office at 608.526.1381.

Health Office News

Nurse: Emily Hanes, RN, BSN

Health Aide: Annette Hundt

Cold and Flu Season Continues...

We recommend **a student to stay home** if they have any of these below signs/symptoms:

- Fever (100 degrees or higher)
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Headache severe enough to interfere with learning
- Cough causing difficulty breathing, chest pain or enough to interfere with learning
- Sore throat serious enough to interfere with swallowing or accompanied by fever or rash
- Undiagnosed rash
- Any bacterial infection until student has been on antibiotic therapy for 24 hours

Returning to School:

- Your child should be fever free (100 degrees or lower) for at least 24 hours without fever reducing medications.
- If your child has vomited or has diarrhea, we recommend they stay home an additional day.

Suggestions for Recovery:

- Encourage fluids as tolerated
- Encourage extra rest time, consider limiting their extracurricular activities for a couple of days.
- Reinforce the importance of hand washing.
- Wipe down hard surfaces with a disinfectant solution.



Kidz Klozet

The Kidz Klozet is **in need of tennis shoes or crocs. We could also use boxes of markers.** We appreciate any donations! Thank you for your support. Please stop by the Kidz Klozet during parent-teacher conferences. We will be open from 3:30-8:00 p.m. all three nights! Thank you **Jessica Stanton** for volunteering to help organize the Kidz Klozet. It looks amazing and we appreciate it!

Any questions, please contact us at:

timmeg@holmen.k12.wi.us

yassar@holmen.k12.wi.us

Library Media Center (LMC) News from Mrs. Peterson ~ Book Fair

The Sand Lake Elementary LMC will host a Literati book fair from Monday, March 13 through Friday, March 17. Checks can be made out to Sand Lake Elementary and we are required to collect 5.5% sales tax (per school district requirement, as mandated by the state). We invite you to help build classroom libraries through the classroom wish list program.

Book Fair Hours

- Monday, March 13 -- 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 14 -- 9:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 15 -- 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Thursday, March 16 -- 9:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
- Friday, March 17 -- 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

***We are closed daily during lunch (12:30-1:30 p.m.).

We look forward to seeing everyone at the book fair.

If you would prefer to shop online, search for Sand Lake Elementary at efairs.literati.com

Musical Notes from Mrs. Heerts

This March 2023 in Music we will be focusing on the following musical elements:

Kindergarten: Introduction to instruments of the orchestra; introductions, concert preparation

1st: Concert Preparation; seasonal songs and activities

2nd: Instruments of the Orchestra, following a musical score

3rd: Concert Preparation; Instruments of the Orchestra in preparation for our orchestra field trip; note reading for recorder

4th: Continued recorder; note reading/note values/terminology; melodic composition for the recorder

5th: Concert Preparation; music terminology; decades of music

Upcoming Music Concert Dates:

March 9th 1st grade 6 p.m. and 3rd grade 7 p.m.

March 30th Kindergarten 6 p.m. and 5th grade 7 p.m.

National School Breakfast Week – March 6-10

“Dig in to School Breakfast”

Sand Lake will be celebrating National School Breakfast Week. Students are invited to participate in the following fun activities:

Come to breakfast Monday thru Friday and your name will automatically be entered in a drawing to win a prize on Friday, March 10.

Monday, March 6: Bed Head Day! Crazy Hair

Tuesday, March 7: All School Pajama Day! Wear your favorite pajamas

Wednesday, March 8: Lucky Tray Day at Breakfast!

Thursday, March 9: Tye Dye! Wear something with Tye Dye

Friday, March 10: Construction Worker Day! Wear a flannel or construction worker shirt



Parent Teacher Group (PTG) News

It's March, which can only mean one thing, March Madness! Because we were not able to secure 475 tickets to any of the games coming up we decided to create our own March Madness here. Instead of playing basketball games, we will be selling SCRIP cards. The class that sells the highest dollar amount of SCRIP cards will earn a pizza party! The Madness will begin March 13th and run through March 24th. Additional information will be released before the Madness begins.

We also wanted to remind you that there are open positions in our PTG next year. If you are interested in helping out please fill out this very short form -->[PTG Form](#).

Lastly, we hope to see you in person at our next meeting on March 8th at 6:00 pm. Please note this is a Wednesday, not a Thursday due to our 1st and 3rd grade music programs. If you can't join us in person you can always join us virtually with this link--> [PTG Meeting Link March 8th](#)

Thank you!

~Sand Lake PTG

Physical Education - Sneaker News from Mr. Fredrick

Of course, now we get the snow for snowshoeing that the 4th and 5th graders wanted! Thanks Mother Nature! Heading into March means a whole lot of gymnastics. From now until March 22nd, all students will be participating in a gymnastics unit. They will do stations like the cargo net, climbing wall, balance beams, wedge mats and more! Make sure to ask your students about what their favorite station might be or what skills they are learning. It is always a fun and exciting time for all our students to explore so many fun things they normally do not get to during PE.



2023 K – Gr. 4 Elementary Summer School

The main purpose for summer school at the elementary level is to review reading & math skills (K–4).

Who Can Participate?

*Students enrolled in K – Gr. 4 during the 2022-23 school year
*Students are placed in their 2022-23 grade level.

- *If your children have an IEP, check with their case managers to discuss whether they should enroll in 2023 Elementary Summer School and/or Extended School Year (ESY).*
- *Multilingual (ML) students should find out from the ML/ESL teacher whether they should attend ML/ESL Summer School. They may also attend the general elementary summer school session.*

When will summer school be held? July 10 – 27, 2023 (14 days); 8:30 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.

Where will it be held? Viking Elementary School

Which classes will be available?

- All current K – Gr. 4 students will take Reading, Math, and the grade level enrichment class.

*NOTE: Reading and Math are review classes, so K – Gr. 4 students will practice skills from their current grade level.

Is transportation provided?

Within district transportation may be available upon request during registration or by contacting the Transportation Dept: transp@holmen.k12.wi.us or 608.526.4752.

Registration Process

During Spring Parent-Teacher Conference time, your children's teachers will notify you if your children are being recommended for summer school. We also encourage parents to ask teachers about it.

- Students in K – Gr. 4, whose teachers recommended them for summer school, will enroll online during the week of April 11th – 14th, 2023, prior to opening registration up to all K – Gr. 4 students. We ask parents to please refrain from registering siblings of the students who were recommended unless they, too, have been recommended to participate.
- On April 19th, online registration will begin for all current K – Gr. 4 students, including any recommended students who did not get enrolled between April 11th and 14th.
 - A summer school enrollment link will be emailed to families and also placed on the district website.
 - All students are enrolled on a first come – first served basis.
 - Once spaces in the grade level are filled, we will place students on a waiting list. NOTE: Please register early as we have limited spots available in each grade level and spaces fill up very quickly.
 - By May 19th, we will notify all families whose children are placed on the waiting list. If spaces become available before the start of summer school, we will contact the first person on the waiting list for that particular grade level.

Summer School Contact Information:

Sue Eitland, RSL and Elem Summer School Principal, and Kristy McKnight, Admin Assistant 608.526.1381
Transportation: Dan Garrett, Director, Andrea Gaulke, Supervisor & Nicole Plomedahl, Admin Asst 526.4752
Kim Edwards, Executive Director of Instructional Services 608.526.6610, ext. 1311
Jill Mason, Executive Director of Student Services (oversees Extended School Year) 608.526.6610, ext. 1308
Matt Meyers, Director of Student Services (oversees ML/ESL Summer School) 608.781.0974

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The School District of Holmen is an EOE

Virtual Backpack

The School District of Holmen has implemented a “green” approach for distributing flyers from community organizations, and has discontinued the process of sending paper flyers in your student's backpack, unless they are school related. The information is divided into three sections, by grade levels, and updated on a regular basis.

Click on this link: <https://www.holmen.k12.wi.us/community/virtual-backpack.cfm> to be directed to the actual webpage which is housed in the COMMUNITY tab of the homepage.

Note that most of these advertisements are not district publications (unless marked). The District enables their online distribution as a community service to inform you of educational opportunities, activities and events available in our area.

Moving this summer?

Are you planning to move this summer or do you know that your children will not be attending a Holmen Elementary School for the 2023-2024 school year?

If so, please take a moment to complete and return the following information to the Sand Lake Elementary school office. This information will help us to maintain current and accurate records. If you have any questions pertaining to this request, please contact the school office at (608) 781-0974. Thank you for your assistance.



Please return this information to the school office by Friday, March 10, 2023, ONLY if your child(ren) will not be attending elementary school in the School District of Holmen for the 2023-2024 school year.

Parent (s)/Guardian (s) name(s): _____

Child (ren)'s name(s):

Name: _____ Present grade: _____

Name: _____ Present grade: _____

Our new address will be: _____

New telephone number: _____

New school name/address: _____
