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Mrs. Natalie Morgan,
Principal

NEWSLETTER

From the principal's desk…

Hello Sand Lake Families! The 2019-2020 school year is underway and our new office is up and running. Please stop in our new office and check it out if you have not already. A reminder that after you enter Sand Lake's main doors, you will then turn left to get into the office. I know this has been a little confusing considering the last 20 years you were buzzed into the main hallway right away! We have included signs on the door for your reference.

The school year has been very successful for students and staff at Sand Lake so far with students learning our Sand Lake Proud expectations, building classroom communities and gearing up for academics! The children's excitement for learning is obvious when seeing the smiles on their faces and hearing the joy in their voices as they engage in meaningful lessons and activities each day. It is also evident that our staff members are *Dedicated to Excellence*! They are committed to collaborating with one another in order to ensure continuous improvement for themselves, as well as their students. I am certain you would agree that their devotion to helping students achieve goals is commendable. The District's theme this year is "Better Together and Happy" and we believe when we all work towards a common goal each and every child will be successful!

School and Home Partnerships
I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Sand Lake families for their involvement with our school. Many parents and community members attended our annual *Back to School Open House*. The Sand Lake staff appreciates the support you provide your children with their educational experiences, and we encourage you to remain actively involved. Positive partnerships between school and home play a vital role in the accomplishments of students. We hope you enjoyed the food trucks!

Volunteering
As a friendly reminder, parents and community members planning to volunteer at Sand Lake Elementary during the 2019-2020 school year need to have a *Volunteer Registration Form* on file. We are requesting that every volunteer fill out a new form. Anyone who does not have an approved *Volunteer Registration Form* on file will not be allowed to enter any part of the interior of the building. Please contact the school office with any questions pertaining to this matter.

Visitors
Visitors are still welcome to join us for lunch without an approved *Volunteer Registration Form* on file, but will not be allowed to go outside for recess or enter into other parts of the building other than the cafeteria.

Parking:
Please make sure you are following the rules of the road when picking up your child at the end of the day. We have observed cars parked illegally. Also, we do not allow students to cross the road into the parking lot without an adult. Thank you in advance for helping us make sure all our students are safe!

Thank you. We look forward to partnering with you during this school year.

Natalie Morgan

Art Room News ~ From Mrs. Staige

Welcome Back Sand Lake Students and Families!

Fifth Grade: Students are learning about "Graffiti" and "Street Artists". Fifth graders are designing their own lettering to create a personal "Graffiti Tag".
Fourth Grade: Students are learning about the art of Zentangles. They're learning how to doodle with a purpose while exploring positive and negative space.
Third Grade: Students are exploring Molas, which are cloth panels that form part of a blouse for the Kuna women of Panama. Students are creating paper cut Molas by creating patterns and shapes.
Second Grade: Students are exploring organic shapes. Students are creating a leaf printing plate while exploring the printmaking process.
First Grade: Students are exploring organic shapes. Students are creating a leaf design by using warm and cool colors.
Kindergarten: Students are learning about the Elements of Art. They're having fun exploring with lines, shapes, and colors. Students are combining the elements lines and shapes to create a silly cat collage. Students are also experimenting with texture this month to create a leaf rubbing.
Happy Creating,
Mrs. Staige

Attendance

The School District of Holmen has a student management software program for tracking attendance, as well as other pertinent information regarding our students. It is imperative for all student absences to be reported to the school office. For your convenience, we have set up a telephone voice mailbox for reporting these absences 24 hours a day (608.781.0974 select #1 or dial ext. 3009).

Counselor Connection - Mrs. Kobs

I am thrilled to be kicking off another year as Sand Lake's Elementary School Counselor. My goal continues to be one of positive relationship building with students, families, staff, and the community. Working collaboratively helps to provide a well rounded program to our students. Once again your child will have the opportunity to interact with the school counseling therapy dogs. Odin will be coming to school part time as another therapy dog "Prim" is in training.
October is National Bullying Awareness month in the United States. I will be working with all students throughout the whole school year on bullying prevention initiatives. These initiatives are designed to be proactive with important components including activities that will improve student's social skills, communication, sense of empathy for others, and emotional regulation skills. I encourage you to contact me with any questions or concerns!
Thank you, Amy Kobs School Counselor

DECA Coat Drive 2019

The Holmen High School DECA Chapter is collecting winter coats for those in need. Please consider donating any new/gently used winter coats to this great cause! A coat bin will be located in Sand Lake's main office from October 14th – 31st!

Early Dismissal Procedures

For those parents who indicated in the Dismissal Information within Infinite Campus that your children should wait at school until a parent can pick them up, please note that all students must be picked up within 30 minutes after the Early Dismissal time. (Example: School dismisses at 1:00 p.m. due to inclement weather. All students must be on their way home by 1:30 p.m.) Also, Surround Care is not available on inclement weather days. However, Surround Care is available on Early Release days.

Farm2School

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" and featured in taste tests, as part of nutrition education in the classroom, at special events, and of course, in the cafeteria. October's "Harvest of the Month" is apples. Check out the Farm2School link on our website.

Fire Prevention Week October 7th-11th

The Holmen Fire Department will be conducting fire drills throughout the school district during Fire Prevention Week (October 7-11, 2019). These drills allow us to test and maintain the pre-plan procedures established by the school and the Holmen Fire Department.

Allow us to help you with some safety tips:

1. Start a home fire escape plan.
2. Practice it at least once a month.
3. Install smoke detectors.
4. Change the battery in the smoke detectors twice a year.
5. Install fire extinguishers.
6. Keep matches in a safe place.
7. Cook safely.
8. Never leave the stove unattended.
9. Read and help us teach your children about fire safety!

WATCH FOR A FLYER COMING HOME SOON REGARDING OUR 19th ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE.

Halloween Festivities…

It is that time of year when you have most likely begun to help your child select a Halloween costume. Please steer your child away from any costume that depicts a violent character. Also, keep in mind that pretend weapons are not allowed at school.

Sand Lake School will have its traditional Halloween Parade at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 31st. Parents and community members are welcome to observe the parade. Seating will be available in the cafeteria.

Classroom parties will also take place throughout the day.

Handbook

The elementary "Handbook" is posted on our web site https://www.holmen.k12.wi.us/cms_files/resources/2019-2020%20Elementary%20Family%20Handbook.pdf Copies are available to parents upon request.

Health Office News…
Nurse: Emily Hanes RN, BSN
Health Aid: Annette Hundt

Hearing and Vision Screenings: Hearing screenings will be done for Kindergarten and 1st grade students this fall. Vision screenings will be done for Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, and 5th graders. We plan to have the Lion's Club return to complete K and 1st grade vision screenings. Vision and/or hearing problems can affect a student's educational success and their ability to learn. Parents/guardians or teachers may request screenings for any student at any time during the school year if concerns arise. If you have questions about your child's vision and/or hearing, please contact the health office.

Prescription and Over-the Counter Medications: Medicines such as cough drops, pain relievers, and other over-the-counter remedies to be administered at school require the completion of a School Medication/Treatment Form by a parent/guardian before the medications can be administered. A parent must sign the form, and if it is a prescription, the doctor must sign it as well. Forms may be obtained from the health office or your health care provider. All medications must be in the original container and labeled with the child's name. **ALL** medications must be brought to the health office by an adult.

Kidz Klozet
Our Kidz Klozet has relocated to room 206 in the K-1 Wing. We are stocked with school supplies and clothing items. We will be open on November 5 and November 7 from 4-8 p.m. In the meanwhile, if you are in need of school supplies or clothing, please contact us at the email below.

Donations are always accepted. Any questions, please contact us at:
timmeg@holmen.k12.wi.us
yassar@holmen.k12.wi.us

Lost and Found

You are encouraged to look through the *LOST AND FOUND* items that will be on display near the main entrance area during Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Music Notes ~ Greetings from Mrs. Heerts' room!

This October in Music we will focus on the following topics in each grade level:

- Kindergarten: types of voices; steady beat; loud/soft (piano/forte)
- First Grade: types of voices, introduction to the percussion instruments, steady beat
- Second Grade: dynamics, steady beat, concert preparation
- Third Grade: matching pitch, reading and notating rhythms
- Fourth Grade: steady beat, matching pitch, concert preparation
- Fifth Grade: singing varied repertoire, recorder skills

Concert dates for 2019-20 school year

December 12th	Second Grade - 6:00 P.M.
	Fourth Grade - 7:00 P.M.
March 19th	First Grade - 6:00 P.M.
	Third Grade - 7:00 P.M.
April 30th	Fifth Grade - 6:30 P.M.
May 7th	Kindergarten - 6:30 P.M

National School Lunch Week

From October 14th-18th, Sand Lake's Food Service Department will be celebrating National School Lunch Week. Throughout the week there will be special events and a number of guest servers for lunch. Look for additional information coming home in early October.

Monday, October 14th – Team Jersey Day
Tuesday, October 15th – Wear something "Food Themed" (t-shirt, hat, etc…)
Wednesday, October 16th – "Take your parent to lunch day". To sign up for this day, please send a note with your student or email "Lunch Lady" Deb demdeb@holmen.k12.wi.us by Tuesday, October 16th. Please include your choice - #1 Bakalars Hot dog or #2 Mini corn dogs or #3 PBJ Snappy Lunch
Thursday, October 17th - Lucky Tray Day
Friday, October 18th- School Spirit Day- Wear your favorite Sand Lake/Holmen Viking Shirt or Maroon & White

Prize Giveaway….Movie passes!

Parent Involvement in School

As a parent, your involvement with the school is a key to your child's performance. Here are just some of the ways you can increase your involvement in and impact on your child's education:

❋Become a member of your school's parent/teacher group.
❋Help with a project in or out of the classroom.
❋Visit a class to talk about your career.
❋Invite a class to visit your work place.
❋Attend a school sponsored play, performance, or athletic event.
❋Attend a School Board meeting.
❋Serve on a building or district based committee, advisory group, or task force.
❋Talk with your child about the importance of education.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Sand Lake School will be hosting Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 and Thursday, November 7, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 12, 2019 is set aside for those teachers needing an alternate or additional evening of conferences. We hope to see all parents in attendance.

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 the conference, please contact the school office prior to your scheduled time slot. Thank you.

Parent Teacher Group (PTG) News

Welcome new and returning families to Sand Lake Elementary! We hope that your school year is off to a fantastic start. Our first meeting was held in the beginning of September with a brief layout of yearly events run by the PTG, upcoming fundraisers, and an update from Mrs. Morgan regarding school news. A big thank you to those who were able to join us on such short notice and jumped right in to help with Breakfast Buddies.

PTG meetings are usually held the 2nd Thursday of every month with childcare provided for your convenience. We encourage parents and staff to attend **our next meeting on Thursday, October 10th at 6:30 p.m.**. Childcare will be provided. One of our goals is to have representation from each grade level. We'd love to have your input.

To read monthly meeting minutes, please go to the school district's website, click on Sand Lake Elementary, About Us, then PTG. You can also stay up to date on our doings by **liking our Facebook page under the name "Sand Lake Elementary PTG"**.

Our first Breakfast Buddies event was well attended. Watch for information on new Family Activities we will be trying this year.

The Fall Cherrydale Fundraiser is coming up and is our largest fundraiser of the year, so we hope it brings continued success! Make note of the following dates:

October 3 ~ Kickoff for students and packets come home
October 22 ~ Orders are due back to school (**full payment is due at this time**)
November 26 ~ Order pick-up at school

Physical Education News~ From Mrs. Abraham

Welcome Back!
Students have been busy with goal setting, teamwork and participating in trust activities.

Thank you to all the families that participated in our Second Annual Sand Lake Triathlon. It was awesome to see families bike, scooter swim and walk/run.
Together Family Fitness is Fun!

Upcoming Event:
"Walk to School" – September 30th thru October 4th. Guest walkers will walk with all students each morning from 8:15 a.m. to 8:35 a.m. Some of our guest walkers will be, Holmen Fire Fighters, Holmen Police Officers, High School Athletes, Cheerleaders and International High School Students. All are welcome to walk.

Picture Retake Day
Sand Lake picture retake day is Thursday, October 3rd.
If you are having your children retake their portraits, please remember to return the originals.
To purchase new portraits, pick up a flyer in advance in the school office or you may go to http://my.lifetouch.com/mylifetouch/pictureDayId/EVTN22CCM to place an order.

Professional Development Early Release Day
We would like to remind our families that there will be an early release day on Wednesday, October 9th in order to provide professional development opportunities for staff. School will be dismissed at 1:40 p.m. Surround Care will be available on that day.

Sand Lake Building Rules
1. Use walking feet.
2. Quiet voices in the hallway.
3. Respect self, all people, and property.
4. Use appropriate language.
5. Exhibit safe conduct at all times.
6. Walk in the halls.
7. Use bathrooms appropriately and return immediately to class.
8. Carry passes when in the office area.
9. Check out in the office, if there is a need to leave school during the school day.
10. Leave the building and school grounds right after school.

School Bus Safety Week

2019 National School Bus Safety Week: October 21-26, 2019
The School District of Holmen's Transportation Services share in the pride of providing a service that benefits the children of the communities that we serve.

Safety is a year-round priority for school transportation. At this time of year, we are emphasizing understanding the rules for safe bus riding and practicing emergency procedures, so we are ready for any situation that may occur.

Drivers have conducted emergency evacuations of school buses. These drills are practiced once in the fall and again in the spring to help keep students familiar with the proper use of safety exits and how to respond safely in an emergency. Drills took place on morning routes as children proceeded to school. Buses practiced these safety procedures in church parking lots and other designated areas. Drivers generally comment that students are interested in doing the drill and take it seriously.

We ask all parents to understand that when a driver calls about a behavior issue on the bus, they are really asking for your help in improving the safety on the bus. Any distraction that takes the driver's attention away from the roadway or students outside the bus is reducing the safety that is provided by the yellow bus. We commend parents and students who cooperate to improve bus safety.

Safety training regarding the basic rules for riding the bus will also occur. This will take place with PBIS for the students and by an actual visit by the bus. Students will practice safe riding skills with a bus driver who visits the elementary schools to share their knowledge of safe riding.

Parents and community members also play a very important role in bus safety, as they comprise the driving public that shares the road with the yellow bus. Please be cautious when you see a bus and be ready to "ALWAYS STOP WHEN RED LIGHTS ARE FLASHING."

Please select transportation from one location to school and one location from school. The morning and afternoon location may be different. Most importantly, we strive for the bus ride to be consistent each day. For that reason, we will not allow students to ride buses other than those to which they are assigned. This includes after school activities (i.e. having friends over, Scouts, or birthday parties). The safest ride occurs when the regular riders are the only ones on the bus.

In previous years, there has been more than one occasion where a young child has been confused as to which bus to ride home or which house to get off at. Frantic searches have taken place which included contacting the sheriff's department to find missing children. Obviously, this has resulted in excessive worry by parents and transportation personnel, which we try to avoid.

If you require a changing schedule, we suggest picking your child up at school or daycare on these days. That keeps your child safe, which is our number one priority.

SCRIP Program

What Is Scrip?

Scrip
Support our School!

Sand Lake PTG purchases gift cards from retailers and restaurants at a discounted cost. The discounted percentage-off varies by business. Scrip is sold to families for the gift card's face value. Our school gets to keep the difference, and the dollars have the potential to add up quickly! Purchasing scrip from Sand Lake Elementary is an easy way for families to help our Parent/Teacher Group (PTG) with fundraising. Check out this video to learn more: ShopWithScrip.com/FamilyStoriesVideo

Is There an Incentive for Purchasing Scrip?

Each family/person who places a scrip order by September 30th will be entered into a drawing for a **$50 Kwik Trip** scrip card!

Congratulations to Amanda Rusak… the winner of the August drawing for a $50 Festival Foods scrip card!

Where Can I Purchase Scrip?
Scrip is available in the Sand Lake office. It can also be ordered online at https://www.shopwithscrip.com/.

To create an online account:

- Go to https://www.shopwithscrip.com/
- Click on "Register."
- Choose "Join a Scrip program."
- Enter the Sand Lake Elementary enrollment code: **C5L6165B29441**
- Complete the required steps.

Student Assessments:
Students are given assessments throughout the school year. Some assessments given are mandated by state law and others are mandated by our District. As parents and/or guardians, you may request information at the beginning of the year regarding any state or local school district policy regarding student participation in any assessments mandated by law and by the district. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Special Education Services
Wisconsin law requires local educational agencies to establish written policies and procedures for implementing state and federal special education requirements. The model policies and procedures are derived primarily from Wisconsin special education statutes and IDEA regulations.

The School District of Holmen provides various services for students, ages 3-21, with special needs, including: Special Designed Physical Education, Assistive Technology, English/Second Language, At Risk, Counseling, Early Childhood, Hearing Impaired, Nursing, Occupational, Physical, and Speech/Language therapy and School Psychology. Programs to support students with special learning, behavioral, and emotional needs are also available.

"Child with a disability" means a child who, by reason of any of the following, needs special education and related services:
 intellectual disabilities;
 hearing impairments;
 speech or language impairments;
 visual impairments;
 emotional behavioral disability;
 orthopedic impairments;
 autism;
 traumatic brain injury;
 other health impairments; and/or
 specific learning disabilities.

If the local educational agency determines through an appropriate evaluation that a child has one of the impairments listed above, but only needs a related service and not special education, the child is not a child with a disability. "Child with a disability" may, at the discretion of the local educational agency and consistent with Department of Public Instruction rules, include a child who, by reason of his or her significant developmental delay, needs special education and related services.

Special Needs If you have special needs that require assistance during a school activity or event, please contact the Sand Lake office at 781-0974.

Student Records

The maintenance of student records in the School District of Holmen is in compliance with both the State Law (118.25) and the Federal Law which govern access to and the confidentiality of student records, which includes behavioral records, progress records, and directory information. Directory information means, by definition pursuant to Statute: "Student's name; present address; telephone listing; date and place of birth; current grade; parents' names; dates and places of attendance; participation in officially recognized activities and sports; weights and heights of members of athletic teams; students' photograph; the most recent previous education agency or institution attended by the student; degrees and awards received."

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/PARTNERS 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.

Weather Information

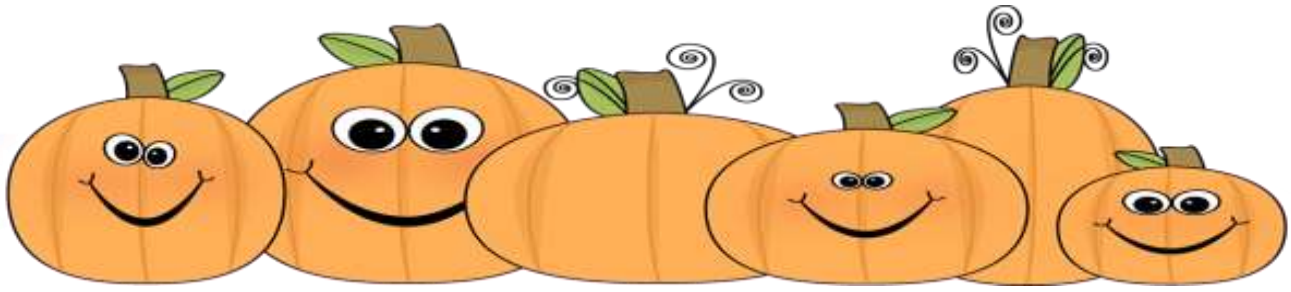
On days of inclement weather, remember to listen to WKTY, WLXR, WIZM, COW 97, or K106 for school closing announcements. Any information will be given as early as 6:00 a.m. and as frequently as possible over the radio. Please DO NOT CALL the radio stations.

Who To Contact?

The following is a list of district departments and telephone numbers for you to call in the event questions arise.

Superintendent's Office	526-6610	High School Office:	526-3372
Business Office	526-6610	Middle School Office:	526-3391
Instructional Services	526-6610	Early Childhood/4K Public Preschool Program:	526-1381
Pupil Services	526-6610	Prairie View Office:	526-1600
Transportation	526-4752	**Sand Lake Office:**	**781-0974**
Food Service Office:	526-1324	Viking Office:	526-3316
Evergreen Office:	526-9080		

Sand Lake's office hours are Monday – Friday from 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



DRIVERS

SEEKING DRIVERS TO JOIN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HOLMEN TRANSPORTATION TEAM

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT OUR WEB: WWW.HOLMEN.K12.WI.US OR REACH OUT VIA PHONE: 608-526-6610

APPLY VIA WWW.WECAN.EDUCATION.WISC.EDU TODAY!

$20.98 per hr

ID# 25516

SUB BUS DRIVER REQUIREMENTS (CDL REQUIRED - WILL TRAIN)

- High School diploma or equivalent
- Minimum of 21 years or age
- Valid driver license w/safe record
- Ability to pass a background check, drug test and physical
- Good verbal communication skills
- Desire to create a safe, positive and nurturing environment

SUB VAN DRIVER REQUIREMENTS

- High School diploma or equivalent
- Minimum of 19 years or age
- Valid driver license w/safe record
- Ability to pass a background check, drug test and physical
- Good verbal communication skills
- Desire to create a safe, positive and nurturing environment

$14.42 per hr

ID# 38590

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HOLMEN IS AN EOE

Holmen High School's 18th Annual

Homecoming Pork Feed for Education

Friday, October 4, 2019

Empire Stadium–Holmen High School

Hot Dog Meal–$5 BBQ Pork Meal–$7

NEW→PORKZILLA MEAL–$8

(All meals include chips, beverage and freshly baked cookie)

Meals served 4:30 p.m. through halftime

Carry-Out Meals Available!

Holmen Vikings vs. **Logan Rangers**

THANK YOU again to our 2018 sponsors:

Altra Federal Credit Union

Coulee Bank

Firefighters Credit Union

River Bank

Bluff View Bank

Verve, a Credit Union

At this year's Pork Feed for Education, please help **Holmen's Hope Backpack Program** to...

FEED THE PIG!

HERE ARE THE MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

MIRCROWAVEABLE	DRY GOODS
MAC & CHEESE	CRACKERS W/CHEESE
TOMATO SOUP	POP TARTS
CUP OF NOODLES	GRANOLA BARS
RAVIOLI CUPS	BREAKFAST BARS
OATMEAL PACKETS	CRACKERS W/ PB
CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP	FRUIT CUPS

FEED THE PIG!
FRIDAY, OCT 4TH 2019
4:30PM-HALFTIME

Look for the **WOODEN PINK PIG** just outside of Empire Stadium...then...**FEED IT!**

Each Friday, backpacks of food are delivered to Evergreen Elem, Prairie View Elem, Sand Lake Elem, Viking Elem and Holmen Middle School. The food is provided through direct donations of goods, as well as monetary donations from individuals, organizations and businesses in this fantastic community. We are **#BetterTogether**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!