

Sandowne Elementary

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May 2022 Newsletter

Dear Sandowne Families,

Welcome to spring?! It has been a whirlwind of activity around here as we get closer to the end of the year. Our Sandowne garden is moving forward with some crops already planted and more to come. Our classes have been working hard with our garden committee to get the seeds growing to fill the garden space. Many other activities have happened to add to the garden space and there are more to come before the end of the year.

Some of our classes have been working with our partners at Greenways to also do some planting along the Sandowne Trail. We are so lucky to have found a few days of good weather to get out and enjoy the forest.

We are so grateful for all the support of our parents and families that we will be hosting a muffin morning on Wednesday, June 1 before school begins for 20-25 minutes to celebrate our families and Sandowne community. There will be muffins available for everyone at the front of the school and all staff will be out front to visit with families until school starts.

Take good care and be safe,

Kim Paddington and Jolene Krell

Important Dates

May 4

Class Photos

May 6

Professor WOW—
School Performance

May 9

Fire Drill

May 18

Welcome to Kinder-
garten

May 24

Ready-Set-Learn

May 23

Victoria Day-No
School

Please ensure that you perform a Daily Health Check on your child every morning, and follow the directions as to when to keep them home. (see website to download K-12



Call for Volunteers

Sandowne Garden

Grand Opening

Where: Sandowne Elementary School
Garden

When: Friday, June 17, 2022

Time: 8:30am – 12:00pm

We need volunteers to help set up and work at stations for the students as they go around to visit each one. Stations will be:

Arts & Crafts in the Garden

Garden Games in the Field

Bring a snack from the Garden

For more information to follow

Please contact Fern Peterson at

fm.peterson@hotmail.ca or on the Sandowne PAC

Facebook page.









Wildlife Warnings and Being Safe

This time of year wildlife is out and about. Sandowne is close to Beaver Lodge Lands and we want everyone to be safe when walking to and from school. We send notices home if there is a large animal on school grounds or if conservation contacts us.

Have a look at the following link and talk to your student about wildlife safety.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/plants-animals-ecosystems/wildlife/human-wildlife-conflict/staying-safe-around-wildlife>



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2	3	4 Class Photos 	5	6  Visit from Professor WOW
9 Fire Drill  Grade 5 tour of Southgate (AM)	10	11	12	13 
16	17	18 Welcome to Kindergarten	19	20 
23 No School	24 Ready-Set-Learn	25	26	27 Last Pizza Day 
30	31			

May Birthdays

A huge springtime birthday wish to our May kids!

Rowan A.
Parker A.
Kaden B.
Dillon B.
Nathan C.
Amaya C.
Luvaya C.
Diana C.
Hayden C.
Magdalena C.
Hunter F.
Brayden G.
Tateum H.
Mackenzie H.

Nevaeh H.
Damien J.
Rosalee J.
Nathan M.
Grayson M.
Owen M.
Lauren O.
Linden P.
Lyla S.
Stevie Y.
Dean H.



Reporting Student Absences

We require parent/guardian notification of student absences EACH day (unless you have pre-notified of a block absence).

Two ways:

(1) Phone

250-923-4248,
Option 2 for
Attendance Line

(2) Email

sandowne@sd72.bc.ca

When leaving a message please state the REASON for the absence (ie sick, appointment, vacation, etc.) We track for health reasons.

Thank you!

Woodwork Help Wanted



Garden legacy project

The Sandowne Garden Committee is hoping to incorporate a collaborative art/legacy project where elementary students paint wooden shapes to be hung on our garden fence. We are hoping that there are some handy parents that have a pile of scrap wood that they would be able to make some wooden cutouts (leaf or flower shaped- whatever is easiest), roughly 15 cm in length, with two drill holes to secure to the fence. We are looking for roughly 50-60. Examples of cutouts are below.

Needed by June 3rd, 2022

If you're able to help, please contact Fern Peterson at fmpeterson@hotmail.ca or through the Sandowne PAC Facebook page.



Summary: What to Do When Sick

If you have symptoms of illness, stay home.

Most people don't need testing for COVID-19. Use [BCCDC Self-Assessment Tool](#), or connect with 8-1-1 or your health care provider to find out if a COVID-19 test is recommended.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

Fever or chills	Difficulty breathing	Sneezing	Body aches
Cough	Sore throat	Extreme fatigue or tiredness	Nausea or vomiting
Loss of sense of smell or taste	Loss of appetite	Headache	Diarrhea
	Runny nose		

Go to an emergency department or call 911 if you:

- Find it hard to breathe
- Have chest pain
- Can't drink anything
- Feel very sick
- Feel confused

If you have MILD SYMPTOMS

(or have tested negative)

STAY HOME.

[For most people, testing is not recommended.](#)

Mild symptoms can be [managed at home.](#)

If you TEST POSITIVE: SELF ISOLATE

1. [Complete an online form to report your test result](#)
2. [Manage your own symptoms](#)
3. [Let your household contacts know](#)

Return to School/Work

Stay home until you feel well enough to return to your regular activities.

If you are fully vaccinated OR less than 18 years of age

You can end isolation and return to school/work when all conditions are met:

1. **At least 5 days** have passed since your symptoms started, or from test date if you did not have symptoms.
2. Fever has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medication, such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen.
3. Symptoms have improved

You should avoid non-essential visits to higher risk settings such as long-term care facilities and gatherings for another 5 days after ending isolation.

If you are 18 years of age or older AND not fully vaccinated

You can end isolation and return to school/work when all conditions are met:

1. **At least 10 days** have passed since your symptoms started, or from test date if you did not have symptoms.
2. Fever has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medication, such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen.
3. Symptoms have improved.

If you still have symptoms

Continue to isolate longer if you still have a fever or are not feeling better.

If you are unsure or concerned connect with your health care provider or call 8-1-1.

What to do if someone is sick in your household:

You can continue to attend school if someone in your household is sick and/or self-isolating as long as you do not have any symptoms of illness and feel well. This includes if they have tested positive for COVID-19. Ensure you closely monitor yourself (or your child) for symptoms of illness and stay home if you feel unwell. The best way to protect yourself and your family from COVID-19 is to get vaccinated. Vaccines are available for anyone ages 5 and up. Register now at:

[Getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca](https://getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca)



PAC FUNDRAISER

We are excited to end our year with a fun fundraiser for June. \$2 per item.

Friday June 3 – Popcorn

Friday June 10 – Freezies

Friday June 17 – Popcorn

Friday June 24 – Freezies

Please return this form and money to your child's class.

Please submit one form per child / each child is limited to one freezie / one bag of popcorn.

Student Name		Student's teacher
Date	Item	Would you like to order (yes/no)
Friday June 3	Popcorn	
Friday June 10	Freezie	
Friday June 17	Popcorn	
Friday June 24	Freezie	

Forms are Due Wednesday May 25