

May

Sandown North News



From the desk of
Jo-Ann K. Georgian, Principal

How do you spell *respect*?



R-E-S-P-E-C-T! Aretha Franklin and the Sandown North Staff Dancers taught our children about respectful behaviors and what they look like. When all members of a community treat each other respectfully, much can be accomplished because people feel comfortable in their environment. The culture is positive. Our children understand that and know that in their classrooms, in specialist's classrooms, on the playground, in the cafeteria, everywhere they go, they will show respect by being good listeners, remembering to raise their hands and being considerate of others. By being respectful, we show others we appreciate them.

As adults, we model respectful behavior for our children, knowing that we are important role models for our children and they watch us carefully. We are so very fortunate to have so many of our parents in our building very often, working alongside us at meetings and

volunteering in various ways, again powerful models of how people work together respectfully to benefit all members of our school. We sincerely appreciate our volunteers and our PTA members who do so much for us throughout the year. On Tuesday, we were treated to a wonderful, delicious luncheon which was prepared by PTA members and then served by them. What a special treat! A special thank you is extended to Erica Olsen who organized this special event for us!



Having our parents work so closely with us helps our children in so many ways, a most important one being that our children see them every day, talk and work with them, and then transition to Sandown Central along with them. It helps our children feel more comfortable when right away, they see familiar faces at Central. Transition plans are being put in place to help our children transition more comfortably. Since we are going to school later in June this year, we have the time to plan activities in a way that will support all children and then do what needs to be done for individual children. If your child is expressing anxiety about the changes, please let his/her teacher know. Some children have talked to us and others will talk to their parents. Keeping that communication open will ensure that we support all children.

A special event will soon be happening for our third grade children, the Field

Day at Sandlots fields. Our children look forward to this event for years and as adults, we look forward to it every year. Mrs. DeCristofaro carefully plans the events so all flows smoothly throughout the day. Parent volunteers help it all to happen and have a lot of fun in the process. Mrs. DeCristofaro will be sending home more information and will be looking for volunteers. If you can be there, we would love to have you. We will need people at the various stations, as well as at the grills. We are so grateful to Ed, Linda, and Mitch Mencis for being our hosts every year. They do so much to prepare for us, and begin the day with us at oh...about 6:00 am, so if we can help out when it's time to grill and serve the food, it would be really helpful. We are so lucky to have such strong community support for our children and certainly appreciate it.



One quick reminder: Absences should be called into the attendance line, not the classroom teacher's line. Also, please be sure that you direct all requests for bus changes to the office staff. We have had a couple of instances where a parent communicated with a teacher through e-mail and/or a message on the phone in the classroom. If a teacher is ill or at a workshop for the day, s/he probably will not check the messages during that school day so we will not know that we should make a change that day. So, if you direct all such requests to Deb and Sharon, then we can be sure that your child is safe. It seems that our processes are working really effectively; this is just a glitch we would like to fix.

From the Art Room

Our distinguished student artists are eagerly preparing to showcase their year-long efforts at their annual Art show. The Fine Arts Fair is a year in review of the many art concepts and art history based lessons that students have been exposed to. They have created beautiful pieces of artwork that will be hung up on display. Each student will have 1 piece of artwork hanging and a 3-D clay sculpture on display in the art room. Also our talented third graders will also be playing their recorders.



**Fine ArtsFair Wednesday, May 27th
6:30-7:30pm**



Will you help to add to this festive occasion by baking a yummy dessert for the "sweet table"? The items should be ready-to-eat, finger desserts, (no peanut butter or nuts please!) and cut up and displayed on a disposable platter or container. You may bring the desserts with you that evening between 6:15-7pm and place on dessert table in cafeteria.

Thank you for your donation and your support for the Arts!

Mrs. Lenihan and Mr. Bentley-Melle

Sandown North Gardener's Club

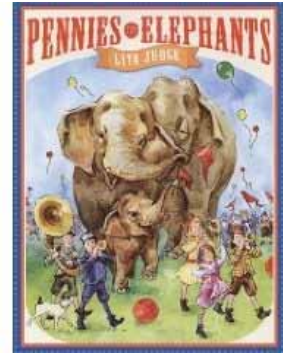


The Sandown North Gardeners club will be holding its inaugural meeting in the Sandown North Art room at 3:30 on June 8th. If you are interested in learning about the Sandown North Garden plans and would like to help enliven our schools landscape then please consider attending this meeting. At this meeting you will have the opportunity to see and contribute to our garden vision map. You will have the opportunity to sign-up to tend to any aspect of our garden you wish. Please feel free to bring your children along to this brief and exciting meeting. If you can't make the meeting don't worry, there will be plenty of opportunities to help with this project for years to come. If you love to garden and you enjoy working with your neighbors then this group is for you.

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Library News

Children's Book Week is the week of May 11th this year. At Sandown North we will be celebrating from the 11th through the 22nd, culminating with a visit from author/illustrator Lita Judge. Mrs. Judge has books which can be pre-ordered and signed by her on the day of the visit. Order forms have been sent home. Please contact me if you did not receive one, or need another.

Children's Book Week is sponsored by the Children's Book Council and has been a yearly event since 1919. Throughout the two weeks, students will have the opportunity to participate in various reading activities in the library and in their classrooms. They will also be invited to vote for their favorite books for the Children's Choice Book Awards. This award is the only national child-selected book award program.

On Tuesday, May 12th, our kindergarten, first, and second grade students will be treated to a visit by new author Kristie McCadden. She has written a book called "The Twelve Days of Spring". You can view the book on her website: <http://www.barbourroadbooks.com/twelvedaysofspring.html>. She will be

selling and autographing her books during her visit. Order forms are available in the library and books can be purchased the day of the visit for \$16.95.



On the evening of Thursday, May 21st, in celebration of Children's Book Week and our Lita Judge Visit, we will be having an I is for Ice Cream and Illustrator Celebration! Join us from 6 – 8 pm for a presentation by Mrs. Judge, followed by ice cream and book signings. Door prizes will be awarded! Hope to see you there!

Elementary Band & Strings Attention:



**Parents of current 2nd, 3rd, or
4th grade students.**

If your child is interested in learning to play a band or string instrument NEXT YEAR, s/he must sign up NOW! Come to the Timberlane Performing Arts Center on ONE of the following days: Wed. June 10, Fri. June 12 or
Tues. June 16

Stay from 5:00 – 7:00pm to let your child try at least 3 different instruments and sign up for band or

strings. (There will be NO fall sign ups.)

Both Band & String instruments are open to current 3rd & 4th graders. String Instruments (violin, viola & cello) are also open to current 2nd graders. Because a lot of elementary school children have never been exposed to band or stringed instruments before, we have developed the "Start Up Band & Strings Program", which helps young students decide which instrument best fits their body structure and personality

Experienced instrumentalists and instructors will be available to help you and your child with the decision. Instruments offered are: Violin, Viola, Cello, Flute, Clarinet, Oboe, Alto Saxophone, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone and Percussion. (Sorry no piano or guitar.)

Once the children have chosen their instrument, they are given the opportunity to rent an instrument (if you do not already have one that's in good working condition). Then we give the children 3 beginning lessons on June 22, 23, 24 from 4:00 – 5:30 pm **OR** 6:00 – 7:30 pm those evenings. The lessons are offered at a reduced rate. The Start Up Program is a wonderful opportunity to try a band or string instrument before you commit yourself to spending the BIG BUCKS!

Look for further information in your weekly school envelopes.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Officer Phil Presentation	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Wellness Day! Children's Book Week	12 Author Visit	13	14 Early Release Day No PM Kindergarten AM K only	15	16
17	18 Monday Morning Meeting 9:10 am	19 3 rd Grade Field Day 	20	21  I is for Ice Cream! Join us for Book Signing & Ice Cream 6-8 pm	22	23
24/31	25 Memorial Day  NO SCHOOL	26 Grade 2 Fieldtrip 09-10 K Screening	27  FINE ARTS FAIR  6:30-7:30 PM K Screening	28	29	30 09-10 K Screening