

October

Sandown North News



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

School is in session and the weather has been beautiful. The children are engaged in their learning and have already begun to practice the safety procedures that will keep them safe. I am so impressed by the community feeling that is already in the air. Our older children help our younger children and peers support each other, helping all to feel comfortable and safe.

In addition to each other and to the staff, our children receive tremendous support from the many volunteers who work with us. Some family members help out in our school building while others prefer to help from home. Tracy Kripp-Burns is our Parent Volunteer Coordinator and is very willing to talk to you to connect you to something you may enjoy doing. Actually, she will soon be sending home more information about the opportunities (it may be in your shuttle today). ☺ Since the level of volunteerism in our schools is exceptional, we have once again been awarded the Blue Ribbon Award for Volunteerism. Thank you to all of you who do so much for our children and our staff. You truly make Sandown North a special place for our children, helping to provide

them with experiences they will fondly remember.

Our PTA board has been meeting and planning for yet another fun-filled, informative year for our parents. Wasn't the ice cream social a great event? Kristin Dalphond knew just what to buy for toppings. I saw lots of big smiles. The event made a difference for our children. They had already met their teacher at the social so on the first day of school they walked right into their classroom, ready to begin. It was great to see them so relaxed. Thank you to PTA for providing this experience and of course, thanks to our staff for scooping, pouring, squirting, and making families feel so welcome.

On October 6th, the PTA will be hosting Kelli Killen, the Director of Elementary Education. She will be here to talk to families about literacy instruction. She will focus on the new program, Reading Street, explaining elementary instruction and answering questions. We will be providing an activity for your children in the library to make it more possible for you to attend. We promise that it will be an informative evening.

Deputy Chief Cheney is coming to our school on Monday to talk to our children about fire safety. We are pleased to host him every year as he teaches our children about being safe in the event of a fire emergency. We have scheduled him to come during our usual Monday Morning Meeting time so we will NOT have the typical meeting next week, on October 5th. We welcome you to join us again on October 19th. October 12th is Columbus

Day so we obviously will not have a Monday Morning Meeting that day, either.

September has flown by! Our teachers have been involved in many professional development opportunities throughout the summer, in September, and will continue to learn and reflect throughout the year. Our staff continues to collaborate to do what is best for children and to work and learn together. Dr. Howard Muscott from the NH CEBIS (Center for Effective Behavior Intervention and Supports) works alongside us, helping us to examine our practices in supporting our children academically as well as behaviorally. Our goals as educators and parents are the same: We all want what is best for our children. When we work closely together great things can be accomplished. We look forward to developing working partnerships with you this year.

Journey into Reading



Dear Families:

Sandown North is excited to offer the Book Exchange Program for our students and families again this year. It allows many families to enjoy quality literature at home on a regular basis.

This is how the program works: When you want some books to read at home, you go to the blue Book Exchange bookcase located across from the school office. Pick a book or two to enjoy at home. Keep the books as long as you want. When you want different books, return the previous books and find new ones. You can come

after school with your child to pick out books, or your child can choose books on his/her own during non-academic times.

If you would like to make picture book donations to this program, please leave them in the office. Make sure to put your name on the box or bag, so I know who made the donation. I hope you have lots of exciting literary journeys!

Diane Chauvette,
Literacy Specialist



Café North



Welcome to another school year! We are very excited to get to know all the new students! I wanted to inform new families, and remind the returning families of a few important things.

The cost of our lunches which is \$2.00 includes milk. If you are going to purchase milk separately it is 50 cents. If you are on the Free and Reduced lunch program and you wish to get milk it will be 50 cents. The Program does not allow for free or reduced milk. Breakfast prices have increased to \$1.25 that also includes milk.

Sending your child's lunch money at least weekly (monthly preferred) avoids using envelopes, baggies, etc. daily. Not to mention that you do not have to remember it daily. Using www.MyNurtrikids.com or a

check is advisable the district prefers no cash.

Finally, as always, if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to call me at extension 326. Thank you and I hope your children have a great year!

Debra Rose, Kitchen Manager



News from Everyday Mathematics

Kathy Fowler
Elementary Math Coach

Welcome Back!

As you and your child start a new school year, I would like to share some websites about Everyday Mathematics. The publisher, Wright Group, has a Parent Connection site with a wealth of information:

https://www.wrightgroup.com/parent_connection/index.html

The Family Letters from each unit are also available online for you to read and print. These pages describe what your child is learning so that you can help. They also suggest fun, easy math activities you can do at home and include the answers to the Home Links(PreK-3)/ Study Links(4-5). Consider keeping all of these pages in a special folder to refer to later.

Click on the link, then click on your child's grade level:

https://www.wrightgroup.com/support_info.html?sid=106

Suggestions for helping your child at home (from the Home Connection Handbook):

Ask your child to explain.

Encourage your child to teach you the day's math lesson by using the problems in the Home Links/Study Links. Ask questions about the steps your child uses to solve a problem, such as *Why did you put that number there?* or *What does that zero mean?*



Use questions to help.

Although it's tempting to give children answers when they're confused, they learn more if you help them discover the answers for themselves. Try doing this with questions such as these:

- *Have you seen problems like this before? Is there an example anywhere that might help?*
- *What is the problem asking you to do or to find?*
- *What's one idea you have for finding an answer?*
- *Can you draw a picture of the problem? Can you use objects (coins, beans, etc.) to show the problem?*

Be accepting of mistakes.

Let your child know that every mistake is an opportunity to learn. When your child makes a mistake, ask him or her to explain how he or she arrived at the answer, give praise for the correct steps or thinking, and gently point out where the error occurred. Then have your child try a similar problem (you may have to make one up) to practice the new understanding.

Play math games.

Games your child brings home from school or store-bought games that involve mathematical thinking will help your child master skills.

NURSE'S NOTES



The start of the school year is always a challenge with getting the right paperwork for student's health files. Thanks to all of you who were prompt and timely with your paperwork.

As many of you may know, Influenza has been in the news quite a bit of late. As requested by the Department of Health and Human Services Communicable Disease Department and the Department of Education, schools are making reports to the state daily on the number of cases of influenza like illness. In order to be sure our data is accurate, I would like to ask you to state exactly what is wrong with your child when he/she is called in on the absence line. Your help with this is greatly appreciated so that the information we give to the state is correct.

The Centers for Disease Control are encouraging EVERYONE to have a flu vaccine this year. The seasonal flu vaccine

is currently available and I encourage you to call your child's primary care doctor.

Please keep your child home if he/she is sick. Flu like illness includes a fever over 100 degrees and a cough or sore throat. Your child should return to school after the fever is gone for 24 hours without having any fever lowering medication such as Tylenol or Advil.

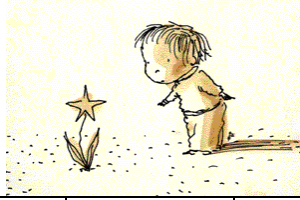
As always, please call if you have any questions or concerns. Wishing you a healthy fall season.

Mrs. Zimmerman
Sandown North School Nurse



Sandown North Elementary

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 Early Release 1:10pm | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 PTA Meeting 6:30 pm at Sandown North | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 Columbus Day NO SCHOOL  | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19  Monday Morning Meeting 9:10 am | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26  Monday Morning Meeting 9:10 am | 27 Picture Re-take Day  | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31  |

* November 3rd – Professional Development Day – NO SCHOOL