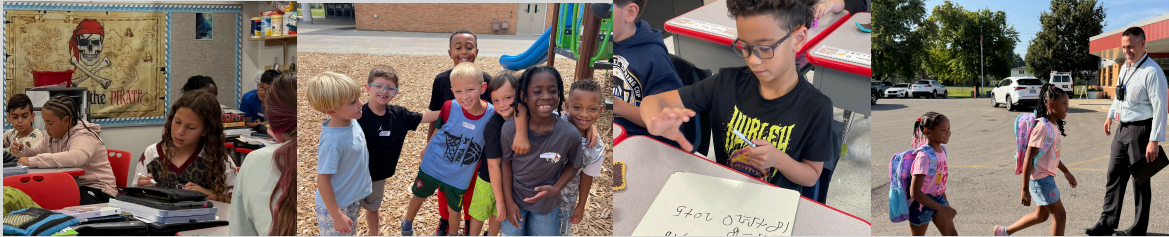


Sandburg Sayings



Sandburg Elementary School Newsletter



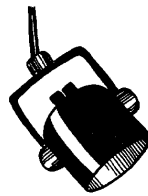
Jim Hayes, Principal

Respect Yourself. Respect Others. Respect Property.

September - 2026

Important Sandburg Dates

- Aug 31
The PTC FUNDRAISER starts - TYIA!
- Sept 2
College & Career Wednesday
- Sept 3 (7:00 p.m.)
PTC meeting in Library
Everyone is invited or watch on Zoom (Click the PTC at the top of the Sandburg webpage)
- Sept 7
No School - Labor Day
- Sept 23 (9:45am)
Constitution Day & Veterans Recognition
- Sept 25
No School - Teacher Institute Day



From The Principal's Desk

Welcome back to school! For those who are returning to Sandburg, it's a pleasure to have you back. For our students and families who are new to Sandburg, I welcome you! Consider yourself part of a terrific team where teachers, parents, students, staff, and community members work together to provide extraordinary educational experiences for our children.

Our few weeks at Sandburg has been absolutely wonderful and filled with promise! I am very proud of the children for trying their hardest, both academically and behaviorally. Teachers and staff are working hard to make your child's school experience positive and meaningful. In short, we are off to a great start on the 2026 - 2027 school year.

Thank you to all of the families who joined us for Open House. If you haven't yet gotten an opportunity to meet your child's teacher, please stop in and meet your child's teacher face-to-face. We are looking forward to building relationships with all of our families and working together to be co-responsible for the children's education.

Our staff is dedicated to providing the children with an education that is second to none! Any ideas, questions, or thoughts you have -- please share them with us. It is important that we maintain close communication throughout the year.

Dr. Hayes

So Sandburg is a PBIS School. Is That a Big Deal?



In a word, "yes." It's a big deal. Sandburg has received state-wide recognition for being a high-performing PBIS school. PBIS or Positive Interventions and Supports is a process for creating a school environment that is calm, predictable, supportive, and effective for achieving academic and social success with students.

A key strategy of the PBIS process is prevention. Behavioral expectations are taught in the same ways that academics are taught. Through instruction, comprehension, and regular practice, all staff members teach and model a consistent set of behavioral expectations. The majority of the students follow those expectations and are consistently recognized. Students who have yet to meet behavior expectations are presented with reteaching opportunities.

The PBIS model is research-based. The staff, by intentionally building relationships with students and creating a sense of belonging to a community provides a three-tiered approach to behaviors that act as a barrier to learning. We only have 180 days each year to advance academic progress, so instructional time is very valuable. Research shows that schools using a PBIS model recover hundreds of hours of instructional time over the course of a child's academic career and provide inclusive, calm, and nurturing learning environments. Sandburg's three rules of respect are: RESPECT YOURSELF. RESPECT OTHERS. RESPECT PROPERTY. Ask your child about it today!

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Every Minute Counts

It's important that every child gets the most out of each day of learning at school. One way we strive toward this goal is by providing continuous learning from 9:00 - 3:30 each and every day. You can help!

~ Please make sure your child is on time to school. Learning begins at 9:00. If your child is late for school, not only has he missed learning, but his late arrival will interrupt learning for an entire class of students.

~ Refrain from picking your child up "just a few minutes early" unless it is an absolute emergency. Again, when early pick ups occur, your child misses out on important learning and his early departure interrupts the learning for the other children in the classroom.

~ If picking up your child early from school is unavoidable, your child will be called down from the classroom when you arrive at school. Please do not ask the office to "have your child waiting for you," as this takes away additional precious learning time from your child. Thanks for your cooperation!



Every Friday at Sandburg is
SANDBURG SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY!

Wear your Sandburg shirt or red and white to show your school spirit. We'll order new Sandburg shirts in the fall - after we hold our design contest.



Be listening for these words to come home frequently with your child. The "three respects" are an important part of Sandburg School. These three respects help to provide a positive and consistent learning environment for all students, thus promoting increased student achievement. Please discuss the importance of these three respects with your child. Help us reinforce them at home, and ask your child about the "Good Citizen Celebrations" for demonstrating these three respects at school.

We will have having a Good Citizen Events each of the first three Friday afternoons. Boys and girls who have been making good choices and following our three respects will attend each event. Be sure to ask your child, "Did you attend the Good Citizen Celebration?" Praise your child if the answer is, "yes." Ask questions if the answer is, "no." Then check with the teacher to find out what your child needs to work on in order to attend the next event. Our goal is to have 100% of our Sandburg students attend the every Good Citizen Celebration we have!



Be sure to check out the
Sandburg website regularly!

Scan this code

and bookmark the Sandburg website!

There are pictures of what's happening at school, the lunch menu, newsletters, morning announcement videos, teacher web pages, and lots more! Be "in the know!"

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Will you participate in our
FALL FUNDRAISER
and help our school raise funds?

Sell 25 items
and WIN a trip to BounceTag
during the school day!

Reading Calendars

Starting on Tuesday, September 1, in the back cover of every student's nightly take-home folder (8-pocket folder in grades 3, 4, and 5), there will be a yellow monthly reading calendar. After your student has read for 20 minutes at home, please initial **that day's** square on the calendar. Teachers will be checking these calendars regularly to make sure students are completing daily reading. Please help us by being co-responsible for making sure your child's reading calendar is getting initialed nightly. Thank you for your help in raising lifetime readers!