Sandburg Sayings

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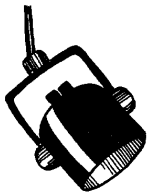
Sandburg Elementary School Newsletter



Jim Hayes, Principal ***Respect Yourself. Respect Others. Respect Property.*** **November ~ 2026**

Important Sandburg Dates

- Nov 4
  College & Career Wear Wednesday
- Nov 5
  PTC Meeting Library 7pm. Please join us for our PTC meeting in the library. Childcare will be provided. 2nd grade teachers will be our special guests.
- Nov 9
  Picture Retake Day
- Nov 11
  No School
  Veteran's Day
- Nov 17 - 19
  Family Book Fair
- Nov 17
  4th & 5th Grade
  Music Progam 7pm
- Nov 18
  3rd & 2nd Grade
  Music Program
- Nov 19
  Kdg & 1st
  Music Program
- Nov 26-27
  No School
  Thanksgiving Break



From The Principal's Desk

Season of Thanks…

It's that time of year when we count our blessings and reflect on all that we're thankful for.

I am truly grateful to be part of the Sandburg community—a place where every day our children are given countless opportunities to learn and grow under the guidance of an exceptional teaching staff. I'm thankful for students who come to school eager and ready to learn, and for families who support and value the importance of education. Your partnership truly makes a difference, and I thank you for everything you do to support our school.

As we enter this season of gratitude, I'd like to share a few reflections that were shared with me by someone I'm especially thankful for. They serve as a beautiful reminder to appreciate the simple joys in life.

I am thankful for:
~ the dishes in the sink and piles of laundry, because they mean loved ones are near.
~ the taxes I pay, because they mean I am employed.
~ the clothes that fit a little too snug, because they mean I have enough to eat.
~ the parking spot at the far end of the lot, because it means I am able to walk.
~ the complaints I hear about our government, because they mean we have freedom of speech.
~ the windows and gutters that need cleaning, because they mean I have a home.
~ the high heating bill, because it means I am warm.
~ the weariness at the end of the day, because it means I have been productive.
~ the early morning alarm, because it means I am alive.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful, peaceful, and joy-filled Thanksgiving season. Take a moment to reflect on the blessings in your life—and be sure to let your children know just how thankful you are for them, too!

~ Jim

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No School ~ 11.11.26



With falling leaves, come falling temperatures! Be sure to send a jacket to school with your child everyday!



FYI's…

Parent Teacher Conferences

Are you still needing to meet with your student's teacher? We strive to get 100% in person parent-teacher contact for our Parent Teacher Conferences. Can't come to us… we are happy to come to you! Just let us know!

Parking Lot Reminders

Please remember to use the Wabash Side (south) of the parking lot to park your vehicle whenever you are bringing in or picking up your student. Using the sidewalk and holding hands is imperative to ensure the safety of all.

Healthy Snacks

At Sandburg we encourage healthy eating. That is why we have adopted our Health Snack Program. So, if you would like us to pass out a snack to your student's classroom please make sure it falls within our Healthy Snack Guidelines. See website for details.

Parent, Teacher, & Community(PTC) Meetings

The PTC meets on the first Thursday of every month at 7pm in the Library - All are welcome to attend - Child care is provided.

Reading Logs

We reward students that read on a consistent basis so please make sure you are both reading and signing your students' Reading Calendar Log EVERY NIGHT!

Every Minute of Learning Counts



It's important that every child gets the most out of each day of learning at school. One way we work 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!