



# Cougar News

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL:

Dear Sandburg Families,

We're off to a strong start this school year! We have a strong and caring staff, years of experience with teaming and innovations, and a lot of other things to sing praises of. And it's the 50th anniversary of Sandburg Elementary, and we have some fun parties ahead!

But I'd be remiss if I didn't start this school year with some writing about traffic safety. In this era where people focus on school safety mostly in terms of school shootings, we can't afford to miss the

danger - literally - in our front yard.

We've made brochures, we've recruited police and parking police, we've had staff members speak with parents, and we've had students, with cones, as a Safety Patrol.

We're now in a phase where our Safety Patrol has been removed (parents ran over cones & yelled at kids - it's not safe anymore), we had a student biking home get hit by a car coming out of the parking lot (which parents are not supposed to use - thankfully, the child was OK), and the beginning

and end of the day remain the single scariest times of the day. In fact, this morning, ( 9/11/2018) four parents expressed concern about a man who was sitting on a bench on the playground before school, but many families ,parked illegally, sent children through blind traffic, or drove through the parking lot despite ample signs saying they could not. Working together to help keep our kids safe has to be our top priority. I appreciate any of your help and involvement with this!

**Stay Connected!**



Sandburg Elementary School

**We're on the Web!**  
[sandburg.mmsd.org](http://sandburg.mmsd.org)

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK:

Dear Parents/Guardians:

My name is Esmeralda, it's my pleasure to introduce myself as the new Administrative Clerk Senior at Sandburg Elementary School.

I previously worked for the Verona Area School District in the middle school. My

vision is to create community and assist each and every member of the Sandburg family in many ways.

Please feel free to call or stop by the office for anything we may be of assistance to you and/or your child(ren) . I look

forward to getting to know each and everyone of you and your family over the 18-19 School Year.

Sincerely,

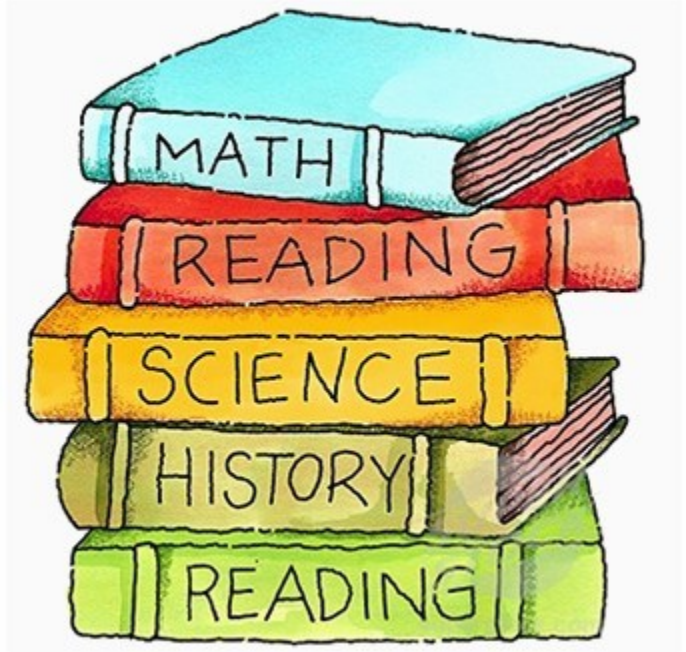
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[sandburg@madison.k12.wi.us](mailto:sandburg@madison.k12.wi.us)  
(608) 204-7953



**DAILY SCHEDULE**

Please note any students dropped off before **7:45AM** are expected to wait outside until, the **building opens at 7:45** when, there is adult supervision.

4K AM	8:20AM-11:32AM	Tues-Fri
4K PM	12:13PM-3:27PM	Tues-Fri
KG-5th	8:30AM-1:55PM	Monday
KG-5th	8:30AM-3:27PM	Tues-Fri



**Lunch/Recess**

KG Recess 11:15-11:45AM	KG Lunch 11:45-12:15PM
1st Grade Recess 11:50-12:20PM	1st Grade Lunch 12:20-12:50PM
2nd Grade Recess 11:15-11:45AM	2nd Grade Lunch 11:45-12:10PM
3rd Grade Lunch 12:15-12:35PM	3rd Grade Recess 12:55-1:25PM
4/5 Grade Lunch 12:25-12:55PM	4/5 Grade Recess 12:55-1:25PM

**VOLUNTEER AT SANDBURG**

We are always looking for volunteers. Some of the ways you can help are by assisting in the lunch room, chaperone fieldtrips, or assist

teachers with classroom projects. We have a new online form available please see our school website [sandburg.mmsd.org](http://sandburg.mmsd.org) and

click on “Volunteer Tracker” under our quick links section to create an account. Thank You for considering volunteering at our school!

**NEW VISITOR POLICY**

Parents and others are welcome at Sandburg Elementary School. For the safety of those within our school all visitors must first report to the main office and must comply with all applicable district policies and procedures. When visiting our campus please be

prepared to show identification and state your purpose in the building. In the morning when you want to walk your student to class please remember to check in/ check out in the office. After school doors open at 3:27 p.m. and we request

parents and older siblings to wait outside for your children/siblings to prevent overcrowding in the common areas and hallways.



Our buzzer is located on the lower right hand side next to the big handicap button.

## FALL DANCE & DAY OF THE DEAD

Our school PTO will once again host it's annual Fall Dance on Friday, October 19th.

This annual celebration helps fund various projects in our school such as fieldtrip scholarships, ESL classes for parents and so much more.

Due to popular demand we will expand our Day of the Dead altar to include several small classroom altars as well as one school-wide community altar. We want all members of our Sandburg community to feel welcomed in participating in the creation of our school-wide altar.

**What is the Day of the Dead ?** Day of the Dead is celebrated in Mexico between October 31st and November 2nd. It's a time to remember deceased loved ones and honor them. Day of the Dead is a festive occasion, a time to celebrate, much like a family reunion. Making an altar (or ofrenda as it's sometimes called in Spanish) for the occasion can be a way for you to honor the life of someone who was important to you, or remember your ancestors.

**How can your family participate?**

Bring portraits of your

deceased loved one, favorite knickknacks, food, or tools, assortment of flowers (artificial or real), LED candles. Please label any items you would like returned with your child's first and last name.

Additionally we are in dire need for items for our haunted hallway. If you have unused costumes (label with size) or Halloween decorations please send in your donations with your child now through October 9th



Example of a Day of the Dead altar.

## ADVANCED LEARNING

My name is Ellie Golden and I am the Advanced Learning Specialist (ALS) here at Sandburg. Advanced Learning includes not just reading and math, but also leadership, creativity and the arts. Advanced Learning (AL) provides learning opportunities that broaden, deepen, and stretch beyond grade level expectations when students are ready for

additional challenge. Students identified to receive these supports show high capabilities or the potential for high performance. Advanced Learning is not just about reading and math. AL is about all content areas, including leadership, creativity and the arts. If you feel your child has needs or abilities that the school may not be aware of, please email me at [egolden@madison.k12.wi.us](mailto:egolden@madison.k12.wi.us)

or complete an inquiry form either on the Advanced Learning website ([advanced.madison.k12.wi.us/AL-Inquiry](http://advanced.madison.k12.wi.us/AL-Inquiry)) or in the main office. Want to learn more? Check out our new, improved website, [advanced.madison.k12.wi.us](http://advanced.madison.k12.wi.us) If I can be of any assistance, please email: [egolden@madison.k12.wi.us](mailto:egolden@madison.k12.wi.us)

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# KOATS FOR KIDS DISTRIBUTION

## October 16th - November 8th

Community Action Coalition, 1717 N Stoughton Rd, Madison, WI 53704, [\(608\) 246-4730](tel:6082464730)



### ATTENDANCE MATTERS

MISSING SCHOOL = MISSING OUT



Going to school everyday matters because

- Going to school **EVERYDAY** matters because **key academic concepts are being taught** – catching up on missed learning is very hard to do
- It helps children get into the **good habit of**

**going to school**

- Attendance in the early grades matters because students **need enough time on task to learn basic academics**
- **They need to learn to read well enough to learn their other subjects**
- **Early elementary**

*school lays the foundation for whether children will graduate or drop-out from high school*  
**Your child needs to attend school everyday.**

Ask the teacher or school social worker if you have questions.

## FOOD PANTRY

The Sandburg Food Pantry is now open! Come check it out between 9-3pm to avoid heavy traffic times.

The Sandburg Food Pantry provides food assistance to students and their families in times of need.

### Where is the Sandburg Food Pantry located and when is it open?

The Sandburg Food Pantry is located in the back area of the old gym. We are always available! Stop in the office and let the office staff know that you would like to have someone take you to the pantry.

### Who may use the food pantry?

The pantry is available to any Sandburg Family

### How much do items at the food pantry cost?

Nothing! All items are free to our guests.

### How much food does any family receive?

Families visiting the food pantry can use their discretion when deciding how much food they need. We may limit amount of particular items based on interest and supply.

### What items are available?

Fresh Produce, limited meats, dairy (including cheese, eggs, and milk), non-perishable food items. Toiletries are available based on supply.

### Are donations needed?

Our pantry accepts donations of many food and personal essentials items. Toiletries, oil, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent and toilet paper are always in high demand. Donations may be dropped off in the main office.



"The Sandburg Food Pantry is now open! Come check it out!"

## PHY ED UPDATE

For the first several weeks we are covering basic rules and cooperative activities for most of our kids. General movement skills and teamwork are emphasized to create a

successful classroom. After these have been established we will jump into basic soccer skills and modified games. Fourth and fifth graders will be preparing

for the mile run this fall as well.

## FREE ENGLISH CLASSES

Sandburg is offering ESL classes to anyone (18+) who is interested in learning English. Students will learn conversational skills, basic reading, writing,

pronunciation and so much more! If you are interested and can commit to attending classes continuously please contact Michelle Russell via email at

[mmartellrussell@gmail.com](mailto:mmartellrussell@gmail.com)  
or call the main office at 204-7940.

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW SCHOOL NURSE

Hi there! My name is Michelle Leh Rameker or Ms. Michelle as I am called by our Sandburg students. I am the new school nurse working with Ms. Nancy in the Health Office. I have been subbing in MMSD for the last 5.5 years, however this is the first time I have become a permanent member of a school community. It has been great so far! I have enjoyed meeting kids, families and staff. Thanks all for your patience as I settle in. Besides working in the district, I am married and also have 3 children (12th, 9th, and 8th gr) who attend Madison Public Schools so we know the district

well. I enjoy reading, hiking, travelling and eating, being outdoors, and spending time with family and friends! Hours for the Health Office are as follows:

Mondays: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm  
 Tuesdays and Fridays: 8:00 am - 2:30 pm  
 Wednesdays and Thursdays: 8:00 am - 3:30 pm

If you have any questions, concerns or just want to stop in and say 'Hi', please feel free. The Health Office phone numbers are as follows: Ms. Michelle (Nurse) - (608)442-2951  
 Ms. Nancy (Nursing Assistant) - (608)204-7946

In addition, you can find

valuable information, such as Illness Guidelines, on our Health Services website.:

<https://student-services.madison.k12.wi.us/health-services>

Looking forward to meeting more of the Sandburg community in the future!



Sandburg has a new school nurse. Welcome Michelle Leh Rameker!

## YOU CAN NEVER BE TOO PREPARED

We would like to urge **all families** to send an **extra change of clothes to school** with their children. These clothes should stay in your child's locker at school. Don't forget to swap out any summer items to warmer fall/winter items.

Here are a few reasons why it is nice to have a change of clothes at school:

- Clothes are wet from rain or snow
- Spilled food
- Mess from paint or markers

- Accidents that might make clothes dirty
- Rips or tears from playing



# SEPTEMBER 2018

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
3	4 Food Pantry Reopens K4-5 Early Release @ 1:55pm	5 K4-5 Early Release @ 1:55pm	6	7 PTO Spirit Wear Orders Due (1st Round)
10 <b>4K NO SCHOOL</b> KG-5 Early Release @ 1:55pm	11	12	13	14
—FALL DANCE DONATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL 10/9 —				
17 <b>4K NO SCHOOL</b> KG-5 Early Release @ 1:55pm	18	19	20	21 PTO Spirit Wear Orders Due (2nd Round)
24 <b>4K NO SCHOOL</b> KG-5 Early Release @ 1:55pm	25	26	27	28

# OCTOBER 2018

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
1 <b>4K NO SCHOOL</b> KG-5 Early Release @ 1:55pm	2 Welcome Back Night & 50th Anniversary Celebration 5-6:30 PM	3	4	5
8 <b>4K NO SCHOOL</b> KG-5 Early Release @ 1:55pm	9 A Principal Experience PTO Meeting 6-7PM in Multi-Purpose RM	10	11	12
—FALL DANCE DONATIONS DUE 10/9 —				
15 <b>4K NO SCHOOL</b> KG-5 Early Release @ 1:55pm	16 Koats for Kids distribution begins	17 <i>Fieldtrip-KG to Pumpkin Patch</i>	18	19 PTO Fall Dance 6-8PM <i>Fieldtrip-1st to Overture Center</i>
22 <b>4K NO SCHOOL</b> KG-5 Early Release @ 1:55pm	23	24	25	26 <b>K4-5th NO SCHOOL</b>
29 <b>4K NO SCHOOL</b> KG-5 Early Release @ 1:55pm	30 Picture Day	31		