



Sandhills Primary Elementary School

140/130 Lewis Rast Road, Swansea, SC 29160

803-490-7002 or 803-490-7003 <http://spes.lexington4.net/>

School Hours

Drop Off 7:15 – 7:50 am

Instruction Begins 7:50 am

Dismissal 2:30 pm

Per district policy, we cannot sign out SPES students for early dismissal after 2:00 p.m.

We have Lexington Mental Health counselors on site at SPES. If you are interested in services for your child, please contact Chandler Harris (1st/2nd grade) or Fifi Means (3rd/4th grade) to discuss setting up these services.

PALS Workshop

You can choose to attend any day, but try to come on the day of your child's hall.

Monday, January 14 - Maroon Hall

Tuesday, January 15 - Green Hall

Wednesday, January 16 - Red Hall

Thursday, January 17- Blue Hall

Friday, January 18 - PALS in Spanish



Upcoming Events

December 5:
Interims

December 20:
Make-up day for students & staff

December 21-January 2:
Winter Break

January 3:
Return to school!

January 14-18:
PALS

January 21:
No School – MLK Jr. Day

January 30:
Report Cards

January 30:
NAEP Testing – Grade 4
(random sample-parents will be notified)

Future PALS Dates:
February 4-8
March 18-22
April 8-12

Why does attendance matter?

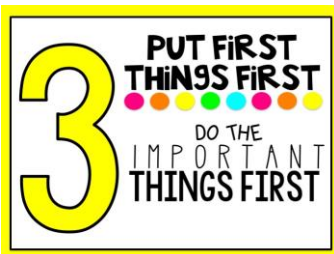
Poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of third grade or be held back (attendancesworks.org).

What you can do:

Don't let your child stay home unless truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home. If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning.

A great way to monitor attendance is through PowerSchool. Please visit the front office to get your Parent Portal login.

Please turn in your medical excuse or parent note within three days of your child's absence.



Habit 3- Put First Things First

During December we will continue to learn about Habit 3 - Put First Things First which means work first, then play. This habit is about learning to prioritize and manage your time.

When we studied Habit 2 - Begin with the End in Mind, which means have a plan. Habit 3 is the habit of learning and developing the strength to say yes to the most important things and no to the less important things and to peer pressure.

LOST & FOUND: Please ask your child daily if he/she has lost any items. Items not claimed will be donated to a local charity.



Outdoor Recess: For lower temperatures, children need a **long-sleeved jacket and pants**. If a child does not have the appropriate attire, alternate accommodations for recess may need to be made by school staff.



Happy Winter!



SPES would like to thank each veteran who attended our **Veterans Day** ceremony. We were honored to have you celebrate with us!