



# Sandhills Primary Elementary School

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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.*

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Let's make every minute count as we gear up for our second half of the school year. Let's be sure to be on time and present EVERY day and working hard!

***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

**January 14-18:**  
PALS

**January 21:**  
No School – MLK Jr. Day

**January 30:**  
Report Cards

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

**February 6 & 7:**  
Parent Teacher Conferences  
\*Look out for appointment letters

**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 (attendanceworks.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 him/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.



## January Habit of the Month

**Habit 4: Think Win-Win** Everyone can win! I can problem solve when an issue comes up with another student. I think about what other people want and not just what I want. I am kind to others and try to think of ways

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

## Leaders of the Month for Habit 3: Put First Things First

### 1st & 2nd

Easton Potter, Gabrielle Gross, Jayden Giberson, Angela Via, Edgar Hernandez-Martinez, Zuri Vasquez-Garcia, Caroline Ray, Eyking Renteria-Cisneros, Kimberly Quino, Jayden Bloome, Caroline Barwick, Christine Downing, Arianna Rodriguez, Daylin Rivera-Guerrero, Jae'Soniyah Dockery, Alanay Lloyd, Vili Dimas Salas, Zuleyma Quinonez-Casanova, Dillin Fallow, Mercy Bolen, Alan Salcedo, Riley Schwarz, Ayden Wannamaker, Ariel Williams, Aly Snyder, and Eve Brown

### 3rd & 4th

Jazlyn Clark-Gable, Aylissa Cluster, Michel Rosales Cristino, Aubree Derrick, Malachi Derrick, JaNaysia Dinkins, Ja'tashia Gates, Jarian Grant, Austin Fortner-Brannen, Rosemarie Frye, Ainsley Geiger, Emilea Harmon, Corey Harris, Aaliyah Johnson, Sinae Jones, Dominique Miranda, Joshua Mojica, Kaylee Neese, Genesis Puga, Emily Rivera, Monte Salley, Caylee Sears, Luke Sheppard, and Luis Toscano