

# Sandhills Elementary

## Tiger Cub Chronicle

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### School Hours

Drop Off 7:15 am

Tardy Bell 7:50 am

Dismissal 2:30 pm

We are off to a great school year. Thank you for your cooperation in getting your children to the bus stops on time and in dropping and picking up your children in the car line safely.

### Please Remember

- Sign in your children if arriving after 7:50. **The front gate closes at 7:50.**
- Transportation changes must be made on the Transportation Declaration form. It takes 24 hours to go into effect.
- Please update phone numbers and contact information. We like to stay in touch!

### Check Us Out:



<https://www.facebook.com/sandhillselementary>



for all flyers and newsletters

SES Website: <http://ses.lexington4.net/>



### Upcoming Events

#### September 5

Labor Day – School is closed

#### September 7

SES School Pictures

#### September 14:

PALS Parent Workshop – Literacy

#### September 18-22

College/Career Focus



#### September 21:

International Day of Peace

### PALS Parent Workshop

PALS at Sandhills Elementary School is held monthly. It is one of our many ways of inviting parents into the school to learn how they might assist their child. PALS focuses on critical areas of social/emotional development, educational development and family development by one-on-one engagement time with your child.

PALS will begin at 8:00 in the morning unless otherwise noted. Please make sure you bring a picture i.d.

"We are the sowers-our children are those who reap. We labor so that future generations will be better and nobler than we are."

Montessori



### After School Program

We offer a fee based after school program that includes a hot meal.

**2:30 – 6:00 pm**

Contact Terri Harkness, Director

**803-317-8155**

### Car Rider Procedures

When dropping students off in the morning, please follow these procedures:

1. Stay in the car line until you exit the school grounds.
2. **Please pull up as far as possible** (this permits us to drop off a number of cars at one time).
3. **Let your student off at the first available stop.** Staff will be available to assist students as needed.
4. Please do NOT go around cars to exit faster. Student safety is our first concern.
5. Be patient. **Presently it is taking between 6 ½ -8 minutes** to get to the school front to exit students. As we all learn and follow procedures, traffic will move more quickly.

If you must park and enter the building to conduct business, please **use the crosswalks** to cross through stopped cars.

SAFETY is our #1 Priority.

### Reading Together for Elementary Age Students

One of the most important things parents can do, beyond keeping kids healthy and safe, is to read with them. As they begin to grow, families should make sure books are available everywhere in the home, like it's your "daily bread." But it shouldn't end when kids begin to read on their own. "As they become independent readers, we tend to let them go, but even kids in older demographics love nothing more than that time with their parents," Liza Baker, the executive editorial director at Scholastic says. "We're blown away that kids time and again said the most special time they recall spending with a parent is reading together."

Excerpts from:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/parenting/wp/2017/02/16/why-its-important-to-read-aloud-with-your-kids-and-how-to-make-it-count/>

### Book Bag Safety

Doctors and physical therapists recommend that kids carry no more than 10% to 15% of their body weight in their packs. Other risks include:

- Kids who carry large packs often aren't aware of how much space the packs take up and can hit others with their packs when turning around or moving through tight spaces, such as the aisles of a school bus.
- Students can be injured if they trip over large packs or a pack falls on them.
- Carrying a heavy pack changes the way kids walk and puts them at risk of falling.

Keep it Light!

<http://kidshealth.org/en/parents/back-pack.html>

