

SAND LAKE ELEMENTARY MISSION STATEMENT

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PARENT NEWSLETTER – January 15, 2010

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Please see the back of this newsletter for a letter from our principal, Mrs. Sweeney, regarding Sand Lake Elementary's parking lot situation.

REPORT CARDS: The first semester of this school year ends Friday, January 22, 2010. Report cards will go home with students on Monday, February 1, 2010.

BOOSTER CLUB NEWS: *Currently, our fourth and fifth grades are coordinating with the Booster Club to hold a Wesco Popcorn Bucket Fundraiser Sale. These buckets are selling for \$8.00 each and are refillable throughout 2010 at area Wesco gas stations. For each bucket sold, \$1.00 will go to a fourth or fifth grade student to help defray the cost the students pay toward their upcoming trips (fourth grade camp and fifth grade to Chicago). This sale runs until January 20th. If interested in purchasing a refillable popcorn bucket, please feel free to contact the school office or send a note to your child's teacher.

2010-11 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:

If you have a child who will be eligible to start school next year (five years old by Dec. 1, 2010), please complete the form at the bottom of this newsletter and return it to school as soon as possible. When completing the form, please be sure to include your home phone number or the phone number that you can be reached at during the day. If you do not have a phone, please include a phone number where a message can be left for you.

*Scrapbooking events are scheduled for every other Friday starting Friday, January 22nd from 5:00-10:00 p.m. (until further notice) here at the school. You are invited to join us for an evening of crafting and fellowship.

A kindergarten information meeting will be held in late March. More specific details about this event will be mailed to you at a later date.

*The next Booster Club meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 26th at 3:45 p.m.

*The Booster Club sub./soup sale will run from January 21st-February 2nd. Watch for details to come home soon.

*Mark your calendars for the annual Father-Daughter Dance which will take place Friday evening, Feb. 5th. More information will go home soon with our female students.

BANK DAY: The next bank day is Wednesday, January 20th.

STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET: We are still looking for many student information sheets. If you have misplaced your child's form and need a blank one to complete and return, please let us know right away. The information on this form is very important for the school to have on hand.

If you have a student eligible for kindergarten next fall, please fill out the form below and send back to Sand Lake Elementary as soon as possible (or call 636-5669).

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| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| (Last Name) | (First Name) | (Middle Name) | (Birth Date) | (Male/Female) |
| _____ | | _____ | | _____ |
| (Father's Name) | | (Mother's Name) | | (Home or Message Phone) |
| _____ | | | | _____ |
| (Street Address - please include house number) | | | | (P.O. Box) |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| (City) | (Zip) | (County) | (Township) | |

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January 14, 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This morning, we could have had a very serious accident in our school entrance to the parking lot. You may **not** drop your child off in the middle of the road! This letter has been sent home on several occasions and I am sending it home again today, as your reminder.

First, I encourage all of you to put your child(ren) on the bus. This would cut down on the number of vehicles in our parking lot and all of the before/after school congestion. If you do need to drop your child(ren) off in the morning, you must park your car in the parking lot and walk your child(ren) to the building. Another option would be to drive to the second crosswalk (by the gym door.) You could stop briefly at this crosswalk so your child(ren) can walk safely to the building. This will help others trying to park their vehicle in a parking spot.

After school you are to park your vehicle in the parking lot and meet your child(ren) by the big tree at the front of the school building. For safety reasons, children will not be allowed to walk to a vehicle in the parking lot by themselves. When leaving with your child(ren) at dismissal time, please do not walk between buses except at the main crosswalk in front of the school or the east entrance by the gym. **At no time should you ever stop in the parking lot.**

Students who are dropped off must wait outside the main student entrance until 8:40 a.m. Parents who must come in to school with their child(ren) should sign in at the office, get a visitor pass, and then return outside to wait with their child(ren) until the bell rings. If parents arrive after the first bell and are hoping to walk their child(ren) to the classroom(s), they should bring their child(ren) into the school through the office to sign in at that time. All parents can sign out at the office after taking their child(ren) to the classroom(s.)

Please remember, we try to keep our children SAFE at all times. Thank you for your understanding. I know that with all of us working together, problems can be solved.

Mrs. Sweeney/Principal
