Sandhills Farm
Life Elementary

PTA Information Packet
2018-2019

Dear Sandhills Farm Life Families,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 School Year! We have an exciting year planned, and to help each family understand the PTA’s various events and committees, we are providing you with this packet of details. We hope that you read through this packet and make plans to join in on our many volunteer opportunities! If you received more than one copy of this packet, please kindly consider returning the extra packet(s) to the SFL Office to be distributed to new students as they move in over the year.

In addition, this information and more will be available on the Sandhills Farm Life PTA Facebook Page, and the SFL Website. Through our communications, you are able to see how our PTA income is raised and spent during the year. Regular reminders of PTA events will be sent home through school, via connect ED calls, through PTA emails, and through our Facebook page, Sandhills Farm Life PTA.

One very important part of this packet is the schedule of PTA events and other school activities, listed by month. Please note that these dates are subject to change so please remember to check the newsletter and school website or Facebook page.

In addition to signing up to volunteer at the PTA Welcome Back Meeting, (and the rest of our PTA meetings), you can contact a board member at anytime during the year to get involved! Even if you can only volunteer for an hour at one event this year—every little bit helps and we appreciate any time you can spare.

Thank you in advance for your support of the Sandhills Farm Life PTA!!

Sincerely,

Alexa Roberts, Stephanie Banton, Kimberly Roberto, Mindy Newport, Cyndy Clendinin, and Kyle Stalnaker

Sandhills Farm Life 2018-2019 PTA Elected Officers

http://www.ncmcs.org/Page/5272

https://www.facebook.com/groups/134185393590144/

SFL Website: http://www.ncmcs.org/sfles
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SFL PTA Elected Officers

President - Alexa Roberts
Vice Presidents- Mindy Newport, Kimberly Roberto, Cyndy Clendenin
Secretary - Stephanie Banton,
Treasurer - Kyle Stalnaker
Teacher Liaisons - Mrs. Auman and Mrs. Lineberry

SFL PTA Committee Chairs

Advocacy/Parent Advisory Council: Alexa Roberts & Kyle Stalnaker
Math Night: Kristy Gower
Teacher Toolbox: Estelle Makie
Newsletter: Alexa Roberts
Fall Festival: Angie Cox, Maria Wesloh, Sanna Nassar
Veteran Run: Kimberly Roberto
Playground Upkeep: Cynthia Whitaker and YOU?
Social Events: Cyndy Clendenin and YOU?
Spirit of Service: Amber Johnson and YOU?
Website: Estelle Makie
Spirit Day: Amber Johnson and YOU?
Winter Celebration Craft: Maria Wesloh, Erica Davis
Restaurant Spirit Nights: Kimberly Roberto and YOU?
Father/Daughter Dance: Erin Soper and YOU?
Healthy Habits: Cyndy Clendenin and YOU?
PTA Display Case/School Sign: Amanda Nickens and YOU?
MCS Military Families Connection Liaisons: Erica Davis, Shana Millenaar
Hospitality: Sanna Nassar and YOU?
Nominating Committee: Amanda Nickens
School Communications: Katie Peavley
Teacher Appreciation: Monique Baker
Boosterthon: Monique Baker, Erica Davis
Fifth Grade Celebration: Kristy Gower

Please note: All PTA Elected Officers and Committee Chairs can be contacted at one email address! We want to hear from you!

SFLPTA@gmail.com

Join us on Facebook!

Find the group: Sandhills Farm Life Elementary (send a request, respond to the membership question (for security), and we will approve you!)

Visit our website at www.ncmcs.org – click on Schools, Elementary Schools, Sandhills Farm Life Elementary, and PTA
New School Year, New Opportunities!

We are continuing many of the programs that have proven valuable to the SFL community, but have included some new events this year. Below are ways you can connect with our school and PTA through volunteering. Please consider helping out in any way this year. We can only hold these cherished events with parents like you volunteering! Email us at SFLPTA@gmail.com for any questions about these events or if you would like to help in any way!

Parent Social Welcome Back PTA Meeting
Come meet us after drop off in the Cafeteria for coffee, orange juice and donuts. This is a great way to meet the new PTA board and committee chairs, sign up to volunteer at various events, meet other parents or chat with old friends, and learn about our events this year.

Chick-fil-A Night
The 1st Tuesday of every month is Chick-fil-A Night, September through May. Your child will bring home or wear a sticker as a reminder. This is the same day as our monthly Spirit Day and Spirit of Service Project, hopefully making it easier to remember (with the exception of April, because of Spring Break). If you eat at the Chick-fil-A in Southern Pines during the hours 5-7PM, Chick-fil-A tracks the increase in sales during those hours and gives 20% of the sales to our school. So if you plan to eat out once a month, consider joining us at Chick-fil-A. Because of this being an easy way to raise money for the PTA, there are additional restaurant nights now available! Please check the calendar for Texas Spirit Nights, which will be held monthly, as well as additional nights that maybe announced at other venues!

Advocacy Committee
"Advocacy is a constitutional right and a proud American tradition. It's the most important opportunity, after voting, that Americans have to be involved in their government. PTA is one of the nation's oldest and most successful advocacy organizations. PTA has been an advocate for children since 1897 and has always been at the forefront in supporting laws that benefit children. One PTA purpose is to secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth. North Carolina PTA members can fulfill this mission and help brighten the future of every child." (Taken from the NCPTA.com website.)

Advocacy can play a very big part in that because it gives a voice to our children who might otherwise not be heard. Anyone can be an advocate. You simply need to make your voice heard on the issues you feel strongly about. The advocacy committee researches the issues that are affecting our children in school and finds a way to speak out on children and parents’ behalves. You are invited to attend monthly PAC meetings, and also to get involved in the wider reaching district, county, and state wide educational issues such as educational funding, elections, Board of Education meetings, County Commissioner meetings and Town Hall meetings.

Spirit Day/Spirit of Service
Several years ago, SFL PTA added a twist to the traditional wearing of spirit wear t-shirts to show pride in our school. We started to use the day as an opportunity to share our Spirit of Service with the larger community. We’ve collected pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities, sponsored shoe drives and book drives, created letters for the sick and for soldiers protecting our nation, recycled plastic bags and much more. This year, we will continue to support the Moore County Animal Shelter, the Ronald McDonald House Charities, and with our School Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Tyson, the Lion’s Club Food Drive and the Back Pack Pals Program. We will also focus some of our efforts on helping the Sandhills/Moore Coalition for Human Care by collecting specific items needed to stock the pantry of the coalition. Spirit Day encourages students to volunteer and make a difference in other people’s lives, the community, and the environment. This very worthwhile program benefits our students in many ways, including developing a sense of responsibility, caring, empathy, generosity, and concern for others. More information will come home monthly on each project.
**Fall Festival**

It is with pride and excitement that we will hold our annual Fall Festival on October 26, 2018! Students enjoy an evening of fun with friends and family. The event features delicious food and treats, carnival games, and kids’ activities both indoor and outdoor. For the grownups, we have the always popular 50/50 Raffle and Silent Auction. This event requires many volunteers, so please consider signing up to help. There are lots of short, one-time volunteer opportunities at this event.

**Veteran Run**

This will be our Veteran Run, held on Monday, November 12, 2018. There will be a 5K and 1 mile course along with a ¼ mile for the little ones participating. We hope you will get started on planning your fun Halloween costumes for the run!

**Winter Celebration**

This year, the PTA will again help students create a winter celebration craft to bring home and give to their families for the holiday season. We will need volunteers to help oversee the creation of these treasured gifts!

**Family Math Night**

Food Lion is the host of this fantastic event held in the second half of each year. Students, family members, and teachers flock to our local store to participate in Family Math Night. Students are given grade appropriate worksheets with real life math applications. They go through the store, locating various items, performing price comparisons and calculations. Teachers are on hand to assist students; families have fun working together practicing math skills. In addition, there are door prizes, fun activities, refreshments, and goody bags.

**Staff Appreciation**

We appreciate our staff every day but want to make sure they feel supported and appreciated several times during the year! We will be holding a catered breakfast, a potluck lunch (where parent volunteers will cover lunch duty, too!), and a pasta dinner during parent/teacher conferences. We also recognize Teacher Appreciation Week by encouraging your students to show their admiration for their individual teacher. Stay tuned for sign ups coming home and on ways to help show our teachers and staff our love.

**Healthy Lifestyles**

This committee has been formed to emphasize the importance of developing good, lifelong habits to our students and it has proven to be a valuable asset to our school. The committee works with our Physical Education teacher, Ms. Fields, on monthly challenges relating to various topics including healthy beverage options, dental health, increased fruit and veggie consumption, and “going green”. At the end of the year, we will host a Healthy Habits Fair, featuring healthy foods, drinks, dental and physical health, exercise and more!

**Father/Daughter Dance**

This is an every other year event that alternates with the Mother/Son Scavenger Hunt. This is an opportunity for dads to enjoy a special evening with their daughters dancing and socializing. We will need lots of help planning this event!

**Teacher Toolbox**

This is an easy way for everyone to help SFL out! Every month the teachers will receive an email asking what is needed for their classroom or for individual students. It can be anything from school supplies, tissues, winter gear for students in need, or even larger items teachers need/want in their classrooms. Then, the PTA members will receive a sign up genius with items needed. It will not be labeled by teacher, but rather just a large sign
PTA members will bring in their items they sign up for to the office and one of the PTA board members will distribute to the teachers that needed those items. Let’s help our teachers out this year and make our teacher toolbox a success! Even better- use Amazon Smile to credit the SFL PTA and have your items delivered directly to our school c/o Teacher Toolbox PTA.

**Playground**

We have been working closely with SFL and MCS to make necessary safety and upgrade renovations to the playground. We have completed 3 phases of updates and are very proud of the finished product! This committee is utilized to help keep the playground balls inflated, the nets in good shape, tether balls on the poles and weeds pulled!

**Clothes Closet**

We collect new and gently used clothing and shoes- of all sizes and seasons to distribute to families and students in need. Whether it be a student who needs a fresh change of clothes during the school day or a family who needs help, our goal is to provide assistance. We also collect hygiene items to pass out. You can make donations through the front office and utilize the clothes closet through your homeroom teacher.

**School Display/Beautification**

This committee maintains the PTA display case, as well as helping to decorate for seasons and holidays and beautify the school. We also aide in keeping the road side sign up to date with current information!

**Hospitality**

Hospitality helps our PTA reach out to parents, students, teachers and staff who may need an encouraging note, card, or gesture. We support our SFL family!

**Social Events**

This committee plans all the social events for parents and students. They will plan Donuts for Dads, Muffins for Moms, Bingo Night, Movie Night and any other Social event that we can plan for. These events are for parents to have fun with their children.

**Boosterthon**

Boosterthon is such a fun and exciting fundraiser that all the kids get to enjoy. Boosterthon is all about building character and encouraging all kids to be the best they can be and have fun. A Team will come to our school for a week and it culminates with a FUN RUN at the end and we receive donations based on the number of laps our students finish. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year! For more information visit : boosterthon.com

**Other School Activities that PTA Supports:**

**Scholastic Book Fair**

Twice a year, Mrs. Blake, SFL Media Specialist, organizes and hosts a Scholastic Book Fair. The funds raised are used to purchase new books for the school library and other school needs. Volunteers are needed to assist with set up, clean up, checking out purchases, and helping students make book selections. Look for flyers prior to events for dates and times for volunteering.
FitnessGram

SFL’s physical education program utilizes FitnessGram to assess fitness and physical activity levels. In order for this assessment to be conducted in a timely manner, volunteers would be very helpful to Ms. Fields. Volunteers would measure stretches, count pushups, count laps, and other things of that nature. Please contact sfields@ncmcs.org for more information on this volunteer opportunity.

5th Grade End of the Year Celebration

Our PTA helps fund a celebration on 5th grade promotion day for our rising 6th graders. Do you have a 5th grader this year? Consider volunteering to send off the 5th graders from SFL with a fun day!

Moore County Schools Military Family Council

The MFC is comprised of volunteer military family members from each school acting as a point of contact for our incoming and currently enrolled military-connected families. The purpose of MFC is to be a resource for military families to ask questions and find support, advocate on behalf of our military families and collaborate with MCS to identify the needs of military students. The SFL liaisons this year are Erica Davis and Shanna Blackwood. You can reach all three at SFLPTA@gmail.com. The MFC meets one Wednesday evening a month at 6:30 at MCS Central Office in Carthage. For more information go to: www.ncmcs.org/militaryfamilycouncil or www.facebook.com/MCSMilitaryFamilyConnection/

Other ways to help:

- Sign up with Amazon Smile to credit our PTA with a percentage of your online purchases:
  Link to: PTA North Carolina Congress Sandhills Farm Life School PTA.

- Re-Link your Harris Teeter and Lowe’s Foods Rewards Card to Sandhills Farm Life Elementary!
  - Collect Box Tops and turn them into your child’s homeroom teacher!

Other Parent Groups and Sources of Information:

Public Schools First NC: a statewide, nonpartisan organization focused solely on public education issues. www.publicschoolsfirstnc.org

Parents for Moore is a nonpartisan web-based group focused on advocating for increased funding and fiscal responsibility for Moore County Schools and public education in North Carolina. www.facebook.com/parentsformoore

www.facebook.com/groups/164542727054916/ (chat and support group)

Military and Family Life Counselor at SFL: 910-734-7294

Moore County Schools Board of Education Meetings are streamed live: http://www.ncmcs.org/Page/6584

2018-2019 SFL PTA Calendar of Events

sflpta@gmail.com

Please note these dates are subject to change due to unforeseen weather or circumstances beyond our control. We will stay in touch on Facebook/ Email/ Notes Sent Home/DOJO and Connect Ed Phone calls with any changes!

August 2018
6-9 Kindergarten Transition Week (Invitation Only)
8 New Family Orientation Day 6PM
20 PTA Welcome Back Breakfast for Teachers
25 Playground Social and Clean Up 9AM
22 Back to School Open House 2-6PM
27 First Day for Students

September
3 Labor Day-No School/ Chick-fil-A Spirit Night 5-7 PM
4 PTA Meeting 7:45-8:15 AM in the Cafetorium/ Spirit Day/Spirit of Service (Teacher Toolbox)
28 Early Release for Students (11:30 AM)
25 Texas Roadhouse Spirit Night 4-9 PM

October
1-5 Healthy Snack Challenge Week
2 PTA Meeting 6:30-7 PM in the Cafetorium/ Chick-fil-A Night 5-7 PM/ Spirit Day/Spirit of Service (Cold Weather Gear)
5 Donuts for Dads 7-7:30AM
26 Early Release for Students (11:30 AM) and
26 Fall Festival 5:30-8PM at Hillcrest Park
30 Texas Roadhouse Spirit Night 4-9 PM

November
6 No School/Parent-Teacher Conferences (PTA Catered Dinner)/ Chick-fil-A Night 5-7 PM
7 Spirit Day/Spirit of Service (Canned Food)
12 Holiday-No School/ Veteran Run
13 PTA Meeting 7:45-8:15 AM in the Cafetorium
22 No School for Students
21-23 Holiday
27 Texas Roadhouse Night 4-9 PM

December
4 PTA Meeting 6:30-7 PM in the Cafetorium/ Chick-fil-A Night 5-7 PM/ Spirit Day/Spirit of Service (Peanut Butter & Jelly)
20 Early Release for Students (11:30 AM)
21-31 Winter Break
25 Texas Roadhouse 4-9 PM
January 2019
1-2   Holiday
3   Students Return to School
8   PTA Meeting 7:45-8:15AM in the Cafetorium/ Chick-fil-A Night 5-7 PM/ Spirit Day/Spirit of Service (Teacher Toolbox)
18   No School for Students
21   Holiday
24   Texas Roadhouse Night 4-9 PM

February
5   PTA Meeting 6:30-7 PM in the Cafetorium/ Chick-fil-A Night 5-7 PM/ Spirit Day/Spirit of Service (Animal Items)
8   Father/Daughter Dance 6-8 PM
20   Boosterthon (February 20-March 1)
22   Early Release for Students (11:30 AM)
28   Texas Roadhouse Night 4-9 PM

March
5   PTA Meeting 7:45-8:15 AM in the Cafetorium / Chick-fil-A Night 5-7 PM/ Spirit Day/Spirit of Service (Prepackaged Snacks)
11   No School for Students
11-15   Healthy Snack Challenge Week
28   Texas Roadhouse Night 4-9 PM
29   Early Release for Students (11:30 AM)

April
2   PTA Meeting 6:30-7 PM in the Cafetorium/ Chick-fil-A Night 5-7 PM/ Spirit Day/Spirit of Service (Toiletries and Personal Hygiene Items)
15-22   Spring Break
25   Texas Roadhouse Night 4-9PM
30   Math Night 5-7 PM Whispering Pines Food Lion/ Texas Roadhouse Night 4-9 PM

May
3   Field Day (Rain Make up is Monday 05/06)
7   Chick-fil-A Night 5-7 PM / Spirit Day/Spirit of Service (Peanut Butter & Jelly)
8   Teacher Appreciation Day Staff Luncheon
17   Muffins for Moms 7-7:30 AM
23   Texas Roadhouse Night 4-9 PM
TBD   Healthy Habits Fair, Art Show and Final PTA Meeting
27   Holiday

June
TBD   5th Grade Promotion/Celebration
4   Chick-fil-A Night 5-7 PM
7   Last Day of School/Early Release (11:30 AM)

PTA Website: https://www.nemcs.org/domain/1427
PTA Facebook Group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/134185393590144/
SFL Website: http://www.nemcs.org/sfles
# 2018-2019 SFL Membership Enrollment Form

$10 per single member or $15 per (2 member) family membership

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