Good Afternoon Sanford Creek Families!

Last week was a great one as we embarked on the last quarter of the 2020-2021 school year. We are excited to take this final step for this unique year, TOGETHER! Below are updates and announcements for the week ahead. Tiffany Rich, Principal

Week of April 19:

In-Person and Virtual Academy LIVE Instruction: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri Asynchronous Remote Learning Day for All Students: Wed, April 21 Quarter 3 report cards will be sent home with students or via email on Friday, April 23rd.

Self-Screening at Home:

It is critical for every person to screen themselves. Please take your child's temperature every day at home before coming to school and monitor them for symptoms of illness. You are not allowed onto WCPSS property if you are:

- Diagnosed with COVID-19 within the past 10 days
- Exposed to COVID-19 within the past 14 days and not fully vaccinated
- Instructed to quarantine
- Sick or experiencing these symptoms of illness:
 - o 100.4° fever or higher
 - o Sore throat
 - o New cough
 - New shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - o New loss of taste or smell
 - o Diarrhea or vomiting
 - o New severe headache

Students are reminded to continue to practice safety measures for their health including wearing face coverings, social distancing, and keeping their hands clean.

It is important for **every student to bring a water bottle** to school each day because we are not allowed to use water fountains at this time.

<u> PTA:</u>

Our next PTA (board) meeting is tomorrow evening, April 19 @ 6pm.

RSVP <u>scepta@outlook.com</u> for meeting link. See you there!

Positivity Project:

This week, we will be learning about **Perspective**. For a 1-page overview card, click <u>here</u>.

Perspective is closely associated with wisdom and is distinct from intelligence. People with this strength are sought out for advice because they understand multiple points of view. They can more see the big picture and can make sense of the world's complexity. Perspective, therefore, gives individuals the capacity to achieve clarity. Most importantly, they are honest and behave in an ethically consistent manner. Perspective is usually gained over time as one accumulates more knowledge and experiences, yet it also comes from truly listening to others when they talk and working to understand new points of view when reading, listening to stories or watching movies.

<u>2021-2022:</u>

The <u>Multi-Track Year-Round calendar</u> is unique. Four tracks (of 125-250 students ea.) make up one school on a rotating calendar. Many details and decisions remain to be made for next school

year. Thank you for your patience as we await additional decisions and info from the district to continue making decisions for students, families, and staff of Sanford Creek ES.

If you know that **you will not be returning to Sanford Creek** for the '21-22 school year, please let us know. You can email (<u>amalarchuk@wcpss.net</u>) or call (919-570-2100 x 20253) the school data manager directly. This is very important to our planning and assignment of tracks to new families. Thank you!

First day of 2021-2022 for Students on Tracks 1,2,3: July 8 and Track 4: August 2

Virtual Academy will follow the Track 4 calendar.

Kindergarten Registration for 2021-2022:

All families with children who will turn 5 before August 30 are encouraged to register their child for school. Families can start the registration process online. **Click <u>here</u> for more details.**

WCPSS Pre-Kindergarten for 2021-2022:

WCPSS offers a free, high quality pre-kindergarten program for children who will be 4 years old by August 31. Students spend the full day at school with their classmates learning skills appropriate for their age through exploration and discovery. The goal is to prepare children to enter kindergarten ready to learn and succeed. Applications must be submitted by **April 30**. Learn more and apply today.

Family Engagement Event, Series # 1

We are excited to invite you to the first Family Engagement Event on April 28. While delivered virtually, these LIVE sessions are designed to help engage families as partners to support students. Our first series will be offered on April 28 from 6:00-7:30pm. Each session will be offered three different times 6:00-6:25pm, 6:30-6:55pm, and 7:00-7:25pm. Sign Up here: https://tinyurl.com/24p8nevy

We believe that it takes students, families, teachers, and the community working together to grow learners and leaders at Sanford Creek. Thank you for partnering with us make that happen!

End of Grade Testing: As part of state and federal legislation, students in grades 3-8 are administered the End of Grade (EOG) tests at the end of the school year. *The state is requiring these tests to be administered in person.* If your student is in Virtual Academy, you will be receiving a survey for End of Grade testing dates. Once the survey closes, we will review the results to determine which days will be assigned for testing in June. More information about these dates will be communicated to families.

New Technology Help Desk Phone Number for Parents and Students:

The Staff Help Desk and Remote Learning Help Desk are merging into one Technology Help Desk. **The telephone number is 919-664-5700.** If your child is experiencing any issues with their Chromebook or online school programs, please call this number first before reaching out to the school.

"Here Comes the Bus" app:

Friendly reminder for families of bus riders - You can track your student's bus on the "Here Comes the Bus" app (click here for the details).