

Sanford Creek Families,

We are excited to **Welcome TRACK 4 to the 2021-2022 school year!** We currently have 650 students enrolled (PreK-Grade 5). Of the 650-student count, 34 students are enrolled in the Virtual Academy and begin with Track 4 this week. There is no question that the month of August will be a busy one. Check out the PTA news below and get ready to get your "Dance Fit" on with the largest PTA Fundraiser of the year. We are **EXCITED!**

See announcements, updates, and reminders for the week of August 2 below.

Have a great week!

Tiffany Rich, Principal

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

August 2 First day of the '21-22 school year for Track 4  
August 2-13 Summer Learning for Track 3  
August 9 Boosterthon DanceFit Fundraiser Kicks off for Tracks 1 & 2  
August 16 Virtual PTA Meeting, 6pm (email [scepta@outlook.com](mailto:scepta@outlook.com) for the link to attend)  
August 18 Boosterthon DanceFit Event for Tracks 1 & 2

### **Food/Meal ASSISTANCE**

Each year Sanford Creek Elementary partners with Northeast Wake **Backpack buddies** to provide balanced meals to children who may go without over the weekend. These bags go home with the children every Friday that they are tracked in and contain kid friendly food for weekend snacks and meals. If this is something you would like to be a part of or have questions, please reach out to our school counselor, Mrs. Taylor at [ketaylor@wcpss.net](mailto:ketaylor@wcpss.net) or call the front office (919-570-2100).

### **BUS INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES OF STUDENTS ON ALL TRACKS**

If your student utilized school bus transportation last year, but you are unsure of his/her transportation status for the 2021-22 school year, please contact Gladys Washington, Assistant Principal at [gWASHINGTON@wcpss.net](mailto:gWASHINGTON@wcpss.net) or (919) 570-2100 for assistance.

If your student needs neighborhood or express bus transportation, click on <https://www.wcpss.net/busrider> and complete the Transportation Request form at the bottom of the page entitled "**Bus Rider Registration 2021-22 School Year**". Once your request is submitted, WCPSS Transportation Services will send you an email confirming receipt of it. **Since it usually takes Transportation Services 5 to 7 days to review bus requests and assign eligible students to bus routes, submit all requests as soon as possible.**

To find route and bus stop information for your child, please click on [WCPSS Bus Routes](#). WCPSS also provides [Here Comes the Bus](#), a bus tracker app for families. This app allows you to see the progress and location of your child's school bus as it approaches his/her stop.

### **CARPOOL REMINDERS**

It is not safe to drop your child off in the parking lot or entrance/driveway.

We have families parking along Granite Falls Blvd side streets and asking their child to "walk" to/from school. **THIS IS NOT SAFE.** Please follow the carpool procedures we have in place.

When entering or exiting the main driveway of the school, do not block the crosswalk with your vehicle. Our walkers need a safe space to cross. Thank you!

## COVID UPDATE

Our main priority is keeping all staff and students healthy and safe. Some students may experience symptoms that resemble seasonal allergies or a cold. Sanford Creek administrators and staff are **not** in the position to determine whether a student is or isn't sick - even if his/her symptoms appear to be minor. ***During the school day, if any student complains of not feeling well and is experiencing any of the symptoms below, a parent will be called to immediately pick him/her up.***

- Fever or Chills or Shortness of Breath
- Constant Coughing or Sneezing
- Runny Nose, Sore Throat
- Nausea, Vomiting, Diarrhea
- Loss of Taste or Smell
- Body Aches, Extreme Lethargy
- Onset of a Severe Headache

**It is critical for sick students to stay home under the following circumstances:**

- They are feeling sick or experiencing any symptom of illness, unless the individual has a confirmed diagnosis from a healthcare professional attributing the symptoms to something other than COVID-19.
- They have been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the past 10 days.
- They have been in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 within the past 2 weeks and have not met the requirements to return to school or work.
- They have a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher.

Please click on the links below for additional information regarding when students can return to school after to diagnosis, exposure, and/or illness and the district's plan for safe return to school.

[Returning to School After Diagnosis, Exposure, or Illness](#) [A Safe Return to School Plan](#)

## NO CHECK-OUT AFTER 3:30pm

Learning and bringing closure to the school day occurs right up until the dismissal bell. We respectfully ask that you limit pick-ups after 3:30pm for last minute emergencies only. Thank you!

## PTA NEWS

We're only 1 week away from our Sanford Creek Dance Fit for Tracks 1 & 2!

**Our goal is to raise \$14,500 for Cultural arts and student-centered programs.** Here is a quick [video overview of our fundraising program.](#)

We want **all families to get registered by our kickoff on 8/9**. Log on to [MYBOOSTER.COM](https://mybooster.com) today and enter your family's details.

We are working hard to make this fundraiser safe, fun, and successful for everyone!

Register on [MYBOOSTER.COM](https://mybooster.com)

Thank you for working with us to make our school stronger. We are grateful for your support!

## PTA MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to everyone who joined PTA for 2021-2022. A friendly reminder that all PTA memberships for last school year have expired and need to be renewed each year.

Here is a link to our website to do it online:

<https://sanford-creek-elementary-pta.square.site/>

We hope you can join us for our board elections at our **next virtual meeting on Monday 8/16 at 6pm.** Please email [scepta@outlook.com](mailto:scepta@outlook.com) for more information.

Thank you for again supporting the Sanford Creek PTA!