

Sanford Creek Families,

*This month, SCE students will reflect on meaningful components of what this month means to our school community. February is **Black History Month**, and it offers all of us an annual reminder of the achievements of African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in US history. Throughout the month of February, students will have lessons and conversations highlighting influential African Americans. As we teach daily in the Positivity Project, "Other People Matter." We hope all of our students continue to make the connection that all of us matter, and we should honor the history and background of all individuals at our school and in our community.*

Sincerely, Tiffany Rich

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Feb 11-March 4	Track out for Track 2
Feb 14-25	Extended Learning Camp for Track 2
March 7-25	Track out for Track 1

WCPSS BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION WEEK, Feb 7-11

If your student rides a bus or special transportation service to school, **please take a moment to let the drivers know how much you appreciate them.**

National School Counseling Week, Feb 7-11

This week is also a time to celebrate school counselors. We are so grateful for everything Mrs. Taylor and Ms. Mahoney do for the Sanford Creek community. Please shower them with appreciation.

2022-2023 RETURNING TO SCES? and TRACK CHANGE REQUEST FORM

It is time to start planning for the coming school year. If you know you are not returning to Sanford Creek ES for '22-23, please contact our data manager, amarlarchuk@wcpss.net and/or your child's teacher to let them know.

If you would like to **request a track change** for 2022-2023, **please complete this [online form](#) by February 28th**. Track assignments will be communicated as soon as possible (anticipated in late Spring).

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS to HELP IN THE CAFÉ and More

If you are interested in supporting students and staff by helping to supervise students in the cafeteria during lunch, please see the information below about registering/reregistering as a volunteer. Volunteers require background checks and registration must be completed at a WCPSS work site (school). Once a prospective volunteer has passed the required background check, he/she will be eligible to help supervise students during lunch, work in our Media Center, and in a few cases, work with teachers. Some teachers have identified that they might benefit from another trustworthy adult supporting learning. These teachers will reach out to you if they have need of a volunteer. Please note that not all of our staff will have opportunities available for volunteers in the classrooms at this time.

- Reactivating volunteers may go to any WCPSS work site and [register](#) through wcpss.net by selecting the **Community** tab, and then selecting **Volunteer**.
- Current volunteers, who provided a valid email address, will receive an email 15 days and 30 days prior to the expiration of their volunteer status reminding them to reactivate.

New Volunteers for 2021-2022

- All new volunteer applicants must [register](#) and have an approved criminal record check prior to engaging in volunteer work.
- New volunteer applicants may go to any WCPSS work site and register through wcpss.net by selecting the **Community** tab, and then selecting **Volunteer**.
- Applicants will be notified by email once their application has been approved.
- Applicants who are not approved will receive notice from Employee Relations.

KIDS HEART CHALLENGE NEWS from Ms. Dillistin

In honor of Heart Awareness month, our school will participate in the Kids heart Challenge with the *American Heart Association*. Kids Heart Challenge started last week for tracks 2 & 4 and will begin the week of February 14th for tracks 1 & 3. Ms. Sandy, the PE teacher, will be sending Kids Heart Challenge envelopes home with students – be on the lookout for information in your child's Tuesday folder. Along with learning how to have healthy hearts, students raised over \$12,000 dollars last year to help save kids born with special hearts. This year our goal is \$10,000! Ms. Sandy will be sending updates throughout the month of February. Thank you in advance for your support as our school raises awareness about being heart healthy and helping others!

View wcpss.net/WhenToReturn for requirements to return after a COVID-19 diagnosis, exposure, or symptoms.

- Students may remain in school without any exclusion period following a non-household exposure to COVID-19 (e.g., during an afterschool activity, while eating lunch, at a community activity) as long as your child does not have symptoms. This exemption applies to both masked and unmasked non-household exposures.
- If a student has a household exposure, they must stay home for 5 days following the last exposure to the household member who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 unless they were diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 90 days or are up to date on vaccinations.
- If your child is not able to separate from the household member, their 'last exposure' would be the day your household member's isolation period ends - their five-day quarantine period begins after that.

VOLUNTARY COVID-19 TESTING

COVID-19 testing is an effective way to reduce transmission, especially when layered with other measures. Participation helps safeguard the entire school community and gives you information to help you keep your children healthy. Participation in the program is voluntary and sign-ups are on-going. **This [page](#) on the WCPSS website has additional FAQs at the bottom.** [Register your child here](#)