A very big **THANK YOU** to the following SCE families and staff who joined us for Campus Clean Up/Beautification Day on Saturday. We moved the never-ending pile of mulch, power washed the front and back bus entrances, trimmed trees, pulled weeds, planted pansies and mums, and picked up trash/cleaned up. Looking good and feeling grateful! Thank you! Tiffany Rich & Gladys Washington

(Families: Craig, Dolan, Falk, Fultonberg, Graham, Heard, Ryan/Feaster, Storage, Williams) *If your name is missing from this list, please accept our apologies. You were seen!*) (Staff: Rich, Taylor, Vaughan, & G. Washington)

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 13-24 Extended/Summer Learning for Track 1

September 30 3rd grade CogtAt/Explorers Parent Meeting w/ Ms. Garland (5:30-6:10pm)

September 30 4th/5th AIG Parent Meeting w/ Ms. Garland (6:15-7pm)

October 1 NO SCHOOL/Teacher Workday

October 4 National Custodian Appreciation Day

October 4-15 Extended Learning for Track 4

October 8 Report Cards Go Home for Tracks 1, 2, and 3
October 21 Picture day for Virtual Academy Students (8-9am)

October 21 Picture day for Tracks 1 & 3

October 29 Report Cards Go Home for Track 4

Bus Transportation Update

Now that year-round and traditional schools are back in session, many schools including Sanford Creek are experiencing delays to morning and afternoon bus routes. These delays are directly related to the following:

- a shortage of bus drivers across the district
- an increase in AM & PM traffic
- bus drivers assigned to run multiple routes

Continue to use the **Here Comes the Bus** app to monitor the location of your student's bus and when it is approaching his/her stop. To sign up for this service, click on https://herecomesthebus.com/parents/get-started/. You will need the district code and your student's ID number to sign up. For your smartphone or tablet, download the **Here Comes the Bus** app from the App Store or Google Play. The WCPSS school code for school bus tracking is **67500**. WCPSS is aware of the technical issues this app continues to experience and is working to resolve these issues as quickly as possible.

Over the past three weeks, most of our buses have been arriving on campus between 10 - 45 minutes after dismissal (dismissal is at 3:45pm). **Sign up to receive alerts when your child's**

bus has arrived and departed from our campus in the afternoons. Click on the link below and sign up for SCE bus information on Remind: https://www.remind.com/join/scebusi

COVID-19

WCPSS adheres to all COVID-19 health measures required by the NC Department of Health and Human Services and consults with Wake County Public Health to determine what precautions are needed in schools to keep students and staff

<u>Please do not send your child to school when they are sick or experiencing any of these symptoms of illness:</u>

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- o Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

NOTIFICATION REMINDER: If your child or a household member receives a positive COVID test or if they are exposed to someone with COVID, please notify your child's teacher and an administrator right away. An administrator will reach out to assist with next steps.

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

TYPES OF APPROVED FACE COVERINGS

The link to guidance on approved types of face coverings can be <u>found here</u>.

Mask compliance (over the nose, covering mouth, under the chin) is important. We want to keep kids in school. You can continue to help by ensuring your child's mask is as comfortable as possible, while meeting the criteria for an approved face covering. We are in this together.

OUTDOOR & CAFE EATING

Classes rotate between the café and outside for lunch. At this time, classes eating in the café are sitting 3ft apart (every other seat). Students do not face the same direction. We continue to encourage students to focus on eating first and then replace their mask to continue socializing safely.

Please **send your child to school with a beach towel, small blanket, yoga, or the like** for use outside (snack, lunch, outdoor lessons w/ teacher, reading, etc.).

Free COVID-19 vaccinations

Wake County Public Health has five vaccination locations open six days a week, including weekends and evening hours. You can just walk in or <u>use the online form to make an appointment</u>. You can also call the NC COVID-19 hotline at 888-675-4567.

Free COVID-19 testing

Wake County offers drive-thru COVID-19 testing at numerous locations throughout the county, including weekend and evening hours, 6 days a week, 7 am – 7 pm. This service provides an easy and efficient way to help prevent the spread of the virus. There is no cost, no ID required and no appointments necessary. All sites use self-administered PCR tests, which are painless and require people to swab just inside their nose. Results are available within 12–24 hours. Walk-ups are welcome at all drive-thru testing sites.