

*Good Afternoon Sanford Creek Families,
WOW! Thank you to everyone who made the past week of Teacher and Staff Appreciation so special! Whether through PTA, families, or individuals, the LOVE was felt! Sanford Creek is a place where family and community come together to grow kids. Thank you for sharing your children with us each and every day. Here's to another great week!
Sincerely, Tiffany Rich, Principal*

Week of May 10:

5-day week of In-Person and Virtual Academy Remote Learning. There is no Asynchronous Day for Year-Round schools this week. We look forward to seeing your student each day!

Updated Guidance for Face Coverings while Outdoors:

WCPSS has updated guidance about face coverings based on the newest guidance issued by the NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) in the StrongSchoolsNC Public Health Toolkit. The guidance makes the use of masks optional while outdoors, but still requires masks for children ages 5 and older while indoors and on school transportation.

*For that reason, **face coverings are no longer required outdoors for recess, classes held outdoors, outdoor PE class, outdoor eating, and similar small gatherings.** Face coverings will still be required indoors and on school transportation.*

NCDHHS still recommends that anyone who is not vaccinated continue to wear a face covering when they are closer than six feet to another person, even when outdoors. However, this is a NCDHHS recommendation and not a requirement.

Track Assignments for 2021-2022

Families received a message from the district late last week indicating Multi-Track YR schools (such as Sanford Creek) will continue to operate on a Multi-Track calendar for '21-22.

I had hoped to be able to communicate track assignments early this week; however, there are variables that are causing a snag with the intended timeline.

K-3 class size legislation is a great thing yet can be tricky when applying across tracks – especially for families with siblings in grades 4-8. Adjustments are also needed due to the collapse of Track 2 at one of our area middle schools. It has become inevitable that I will need to ask (first) for volunteers to change tracks for particular grades and tracks. With this, **I intend to communicate track assignments and/or track confirmations later this week (i.e.: Thurs/Fri).** Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Celebrating the Arts with a Virtual Art Show! From: Ms. Rivera

The show started on May 3rd and runs through **May 17th**. Sanford Creek Blue Jays, both in-person and Virtual have come together and created artwork for a spectacular showcase. Let's celebrate the arts together!

The format looks different this year as it is fully virtual. This means parents, grandparents, extended family, and friends both near and far can view, leave words of praise, and purchase a professional frame for \$25. Sanford Creek ES benefits from the proceeds raised when purchasing the student frames and/or color reproductions. The artwork will be categorized by grade and homeroom teacher. Families can choose either to have the frames or color reproductions shipped to the school. They will be ready for pick up on Friday, June 5th, or ship to home with a charge of \$10. If the student is in-person, the framed art will go home with them and pick up is not necessary. **Please visit the virtual gallery: artome1.com/sanfordcreekelementary27571**

Positivity Project

This week, students will be learning about **humor**.

Humor is a sense of playfulness and lightness. It is a way of looking at and describing the world that brings laughter to people. A person with the strength of humor is skilled at seeing at the funny side of things, bringing smiles and laughter to others, and identifying and communicating the absurdities in life. The strength of humor that the character strength focuses on is that which raises the spirits of other people. For individuals, humor has important health benefits, both mental and physical. Humor stretches the mind to look at things from different perspectives, keeping people mentally agile and alert. Making people laugh also produces positive emotions and happiness for the initiator. And, when people are on the receiving end of humor, they also receive many benefits. Scientists have shown that laughter reduces stress, promotes connection with other people, and can even improve focus. Laughter is contagious and bonds us to other people.

Fifth Grade Families - Save the Date

"Moving Up" 5th Grade Celebration: **Friday, June 18 (10-11:30am)**

More details to come as the date nears.

Bell Schedule for 2021-2022

We will return to our regular bell schedule for the **new** school year.

Beginning in July, Sanford Creek's bell schedule will be 9:15am-3:45pm.