

Good Evening Sanford Creek Families,

It was so good to see our In-Person students on campus last week and we are looking forward to welcoming back our fourth and fifth graders on Cohort C this week. Announcements and updates for the week ahead are below. Have a great week!

Tiffany Rich, Principal

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### **The Week Ahead:**

**Wednesday, February 24 is an Asynchronous, remote learning day.**

**All In-person Students in grade Pre-K, K-3 and Regional programs** should attend school Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

**In-person, Cohort C Students in Grades 4 and 5** should attend school Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

**In-person, Cohort A and B Students in Grades 4 and 5** remain home and learn remotely.

**Virtual Academy Students** continue learning from home.

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### **PTA News: Please welcome our new PTA Board:**

President: Scott Fultonberg

Treasurer: Greg Ryan

Secretary: *vacant*

VP: Jessica Findley\*

VP: Kenya Graham

VP: Laura McHugh\*

*\* indicates board member continuing in new role*

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### **Track Change Requests for 2021-2022**

At this time, WCPSS is making plans for former, multi-track YR schools such as Sanford Creek to open on the multi-track calendar. You can access the 2021-2022 MTYR calendar here: [2021-22 Year-Round Calendar](#).

If you were assigned a track prior to August 5, 2020 (when we converted to Tr 4 only) you should have received an email from me with directions on how to access the online track change request form. This form is in both English and Spanish.

If, based on the timing of your enrollment, you did not receive a track assignment, you will receive a track preference survey email this week.

There is no question that converting back to multi-track will be filled with complex and challenging decisions. In advance, thank you for your patience and understanding.

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## Family Survey

We continuously strive to find ways to strengthen partnerships with families, improve communication, and support parents and students.

Please share your thoughts and opinions with us by completing the Family Survey below no later than February 24. Your feedback is extremely important, as it will help us make changes to some of our current structures and plan for upcoming Family Engagement Nights. We appreciate your participation in this survey and look forward to hearing from you.

English: <https://forms.gle/ErMe6pAK4C1Y7fXK6>

Spanish: <https://forms.gle/YU21wm4ZruUbw8MF9>

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## School Bus Driver Appreciation & "Love the Bus" Week - 2/22 - 2/26

Sanford Creek will show our bus drivers how much we appreciate them and their commitment to transporting SCE students to and from school safely every day, by celebrating School Bus Driver Appreciation and "Love the Bus" Week during the week of Feb 22nd-26th.

If your student rides a school bus, please encourage him/her to show their appreciation in one or more of the following ways:

- Give your bus driver a "Thank You" card.
- Thank your bus driver in-person and tell him/her why you love riding their bus.
- Draw a picture for your bus driver.
- Bring your bus driver his/her favorite sweet or salty snack. (All food must be commercially purchased and pre-packaged).
- Give your bus driver a gift card to Starbucks, Target, Chic-Fil-A, etc...

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## Positivity Project

We will be learning about **perseverance** this week. **Along with studying integrity, love and perseverance this month, we have also been highlighting and celebrating Black History.** Click this [Black History Month Virtual Bookshelf](#) for great videos that are recordings of authors reading their own work or from storyline Online. (Courtesy of Kristine Susan).

**Perseverance** means you complete what you start despite obstacles. You never give up. *The concept of perseverance can most often be found in one's active pursuit in overcoming obstacles. Perseverance is a uniquely human characteristic that identifies an individual's ability to spend long periods of time devoted to a single goal or set of goals. Those who persevere are able to set goals for themselves and then take active, calculated steps toward those goals. People demonstrating high levels of perseverance are able to handle significant, sometimes repeated, setbacks in pursuit of goals.*

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## Meals

**Please consider applying for meal benefits by Feb 26.** By submitting a qualifying application, families will also support the district in qualifying for additional funds to support students and learning! Also, the NC Department of Health & Human Services will soon begin collecting free and reduced lunch data from WCPSS to determine families that will receive additional Pandemic Electronic Benefits (P-EBT) that will be issued in the coming months! By not applying for these meal benefits, you will miss the opportunity to receive direct P-EBT funds for your family!

Meals will still be free for all students through June 2021 but we still need you to complete a meal benefits application so our school system can be eligible for this extra funding next year.

Information about applying for Meal Benefits for the 2020-21 school year can be found at [www.wcpss.net/meals](http://www.wcpss.net/meals). Help our school continue to receive this funding by completing an application online at [MySchoolApps.com](http://MySchoolApps.com). Paper applications can be requested by calling 919-588-3535.

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### **Kids Heart Challenge!**

Families,

I am so excited to kick off this year's Kids Heart Challenge! Over the next few weeks during Kids Heart Challenge, students will be learning all about making good healthy heart choices, sharing with others about living a healthy heart lifestyle as well as learning about kids who were born with special hearts. Students will be learning about the American Heart Association and how their donations impact kids with special hearts to help with research to discover lifesaving procedures, technology, and medicines. Our goal is to help find a cure for heart disease by living healthier lifestyles, helping others live healthier lifestyles and saving kids born with special hearts. To join our school's Kids Heart Challenge Team please go to [heart.org/KHC](http://heart.org/KHC) or download the Kids Heart Challenge app.

Thank you for all your support with ending heart disease!

Mrs. Dillistin (aka Ms. Sandy)

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### **VA Remote Check-Out of Media Center Books**

We will resume Curbside Media Center Book Pickup this Thursday, 2/25. Students who [place books on hold](#) by Tuesday of each week, can pick up on Thursdays from 9am - 5:00pm.

### **Technology Support:**

If your student needs help with technology, [please click Technology Help for Remote Learners on our Sanford Creek website.](#)

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### **Yearbooks**

Don't miss out on this memorable year, order your yearbook today. We are accepting online orders by visiting: [Strawbridge.net](http://Strawbridge.net) and use the online code: **FMYB111699**.

The cost to purchase a yearbook is **\$20**. The last day to order is **April 15, 2021**.

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### **Child-Care**

The Families and Schools Together Initiative (FAST) and the Wake Ed Partnership have updated their website with new info and resources for WCPSS Families in need of childcare. If you are in need of a safe environment for your child that is conducive to remote learning, check out:

[www.wakefast.org](http://www.wakefast.org).

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### **Returning to Campus? Bookmark these Links:**

Read the [Return to Campus Guide](#) for families.

Use social stories for [younger students](#) or [special education students](#) to prepare for the changes in routine.

[Learn about expectations for face coverings.](#) Remember, each child will be provided with five face coverings for free.

[Learn about technology changes.](#) Students with a WCPSS device should plan to bring them to school. Those bringing a personal device will need a signed [BYOD Consent Form](#).

[Learn about the required health screening.](#) All students should have their temperature taken every day at home before coming to school.

[Learn about how we're keeping school buildings clean and safe.](#)

Read [Student Accountability and Required Health Protocols](#) and sign the [acknowledgement page](#).

Be familiar with [what happens when there is a COVID-19 case on campus](#).

**Riding the bus:** Complete the [required attestation form](#) and learn the [new procedures](#) to protect everyone's health and safety.

### **Carpool**

As expected, AM drop-off is slowed by necessary and required health screenings. Thank you for your patience!

Here are a few ways you can help drop your child(ren) off safely and quickly:

- On cold mornings, **turn off the heat** in your vehicle as you approach the carpool "loop". A warm car will give an elevated temperature reading. If this occurs, you will be asked to pull over and park for your child's temperature to be taken again (with time between readings) before being allowed into the building. With three failed attempts, your child will not be permitted for in-person instruction that day.
- Students should have their belongings organized and, in their lap, or hands. Please help your student be ready to exit once the health screening procedure is complete.