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Sanford Creek Families,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday and were able to spend time w/ family and friends this Thanksgiving! We have one week remaining for our Holiday Giving Project. Thank you to all who have donated a toy or donated monies towards clothing for students in need. Right before Thanksgiving, the PTA had received enough donations to support approximately 10 students (with clothing). Check out the flyer and info below and as always, thank you for supporting Sanford Creek Elementary.

Tiffany Rich, Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec 2	Make-Up Pictures for Tracks 1, 3, 4 and Virtual Academy Students
Dec 6	Track 1 Track Out: Dec 6 – Jan 3
Dec 6	Welcome Back Track 2!
Dec 6	Last day to purchase a yearbook for \$18 (price increases to \$20 after 12/6)
Dec 13	6-7pm, Virtual PTA Meeting
Dec 23	Winter Break begins
Jan 3, 2022	Welcome Back Tracks 1, 2 & 3!

HOLIDAY GIVING - Former "Giving Tree" PROJECT - 1 more week to GIVE

To celebrate the season of giving, SCE will collect donations two ways to support students in need during the holidays. Click here to view information and learn about the **TOY drive** and **PTA site to donate funds** towards an outfit, shoes and a winter coat. We are hoping to support 40 students this holiday season. THANK YOU for your support!

Questions? Please contact Kelly Taylor (<u>ketaylor@wcpss.net</u>) and Cristina Mahoney (<u>cmahoney@wcpss.net</u>) (919-570-2100).

COMMUNICATION SURVEY for SCES FAMILIES

The **SCE Family Engagement School Improvement Committee** is always trying to improve how we can best communicate and support all parents, families and students. Please **complete the brief survey** let us know how we are doing and what we can do to improve.

Click here: communication survey

SCES is a VOLUNTARY COVID-19 TESTING SITE

Our school, in partnership with MAKO Medical, will **begin offering weekly, on-campus COVID-19 testing for students and staff beginning tomorrow, Mon 11/29.** (*Our regular testing day will be Monday afternoons.*) COVID-19 testing is an effective way to reduce transmission, especially when layered with other measures.

We strongly recommend families participate in this free program. Participation helps safeguard the entire school community and gives you information to help you keep your children healthy.

Participation in the program is voluntary. A parent or guardian must register any K-12

student under 18 years old in order for a COVID-19 test to be administered. Pre-K students who attend Sanford Creek are eligible for the state-approved vendor testing with Mako.

The testing is simple: Trained MAKO Medical staff quickly and gently swab students' noses. They place all the swabs in a single tube (that's the pooling step). The samples in that tube are then tested as a single sample, using one test. If a positive test is received, everyone in the "pool" will return to school the next day to take another test to identify the person who tested positive for COVID-19. <u>Learn more about pooled testing</u>. Thank you for helping to keep our school community safe and healthy.

Register now. >

COVID-19 VACCINE is now available for children ages 5+

Wake County Public Health encourages parents to protect their children aged 5-17 with the COVID-19 vaccine – it's safe, effective, and available at no cost. Read more about the vaccine for kids: <u>Pfizer-BioNTech (ages 5+)</u>. Families can go to <u>WakeGov.com/kids</u> to sign up. Visit<u>https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/vaccines/kids</u> to find a vaccine near you.

COVID-19

Please do not send your child to school when they are sick or experiencing ANY of these symptoms of illness: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, 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 wcpss.net/WhenToReturn for requirements to return after a COVID-19 diagnosis, exposure, or symptoms.

RESOURCES TO SUPPORT HEALTH AND WELLNESS

In addition to the many services and supports that our school offers with the help of our school counselors, psychologist, social worker, and other specialists, the resources at the link below may provide additional help to students and families to improve their health and wellness. We are here to assist you with connecting with these and other programs and services. <u>Resources for students and families to help improve their health and wellness</u>.

TIPS FOR PARENTS: STUDENT ENGAGEMENT, BEHAVIOR SUPPORT SELF-CARE

In these free virtual sessions, parents can learn from experts who will offer strategies, solutions, and encouragement to help students and families thrive during these unusual times. This unique event is a collaboration with the National Center for Youth Issues. <u>Full schedule and registration links</u>.

YEARBOOKS for SALE

Don't miss out on the 2021-2022 YEARBOOK at a discounted cost! **Cost is \$18 until December 6.**

Order online at <u>www.strawbridge.net</u>. Code: YB111699

Send in a check payable to: STRAWBRIDGE

PTA NEWS:

Next Board Meeting: Monday, December 13 @ 6pm. All are welcome to join!

PTA MEMBERSHIP: Thank you to everyone who has already joined PTA for 2021-2022!

Need to join? <u>https://sanford-creek-elementary-pta.square.site/</u>

Sanford Creek Spirit Wear Now Available!

Check out the new design, colors offered, options of short & long sleeve, and...

a HOODIE!!! www.SanfordCreekSpiritWear.com