

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 21 5:30pm, [Single Subject Acceleration Information Meeting](#) (click link to attend)
- Feb 21-25 Fourth Grade, Writer in Residence via Cultural Arts (*Thank you, PTA!*)
- Feb 28 6pm, [PTA Board Meeting](#) (open to all – click on link to attend)
- March 4 Last day for Track 2 track out
- March 7-25 Track out for Track 1
- March 9 11am, [Single Subject Acceleration Information Meeting](#) (click link to attend)

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.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested in supporting students and staff by helping to supervise students in the cafeteria during lunch or otherwise within our school, 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 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.

Reactivation for Continuing Volunteers for 2021-2022

- 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.

SINGLE SUBJECT ACCELERATION (SSA)

SSA testing for next year is coming soon. To nominate your child, please fill out the following [NOMINATION FORM](#).

Nomination Deadlines are as follows:

Track 1 - February 25, 2022

Tracks 2, 3, & 4 - March 25, 2022

Nominations will not be accepted after the deadline date per track.

When deciding if your child is a good candidate for SSA, consider:

- *Your child's social and emotional maturity.*
- *Your child may be taking classes with peers who may be older.*
- *Your child's organizational skills and ability to focus.*
- *Can your child begin or complete projects by themselves?*
- *Your child will be skipping an entire year's worth of content and background knowledge.*

The AIG teacher and homeroom teachers are not responsible for covering content your child skipped as a result of receiving SSA services.

Parent Q&A Sessions - if you have questions, please attend one of the following parent sessions with Ms. Garland or email her at tgarland@wcpss.net:

[Google Meet](#) - Monday, February 21, 2022 @ 5:30 PM or

[Google Meet](#) - Wednesday, March 9, 2022 @ 11:00 AM.

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 is underway! 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 to utilize the new “survey” tool to learn when you can return to work or school after COVID-19 exposure, illness with COVID-19 symptoms or testing positive for COVID-19.

This survey tool works best on a desktop computer.

This guidance follows the [Strong Schools NC Public Health Toolkit](#) and [CDC guidelines](#).

[En español](#).

VOLUNTARY COVID-19 TESTING by MAKO

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](#)

PTA NEWS:

Sanford Creek Spirit Wear

Check out the new design, colors offered, options of short & long sleeve, the new hooded sweatshirt, and discounts on past year Spirit Wear. www.SanfordCreekSpiritWear.com

Next Meeting: Monday, February 28 @ 6pm [Link to ZOOM Meeting](#)