



Sanford Creek Elementary School

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Sanford Creek Families,

Thank you for your generous donations towards the Holiday Gift Project. With the help of one of our largest community partners (Village Church Rolesville), we were able to support ***all*** families who requested holiday gift assistance. Also, check out the [Picket Fence Project](#) that was installed last weekend. Many thanks to our PTA for sponsoring the Artist in Residence program through United Arts for all fifth graders! This week is a 3-day week for Tracks 2,3,4. Students will attend Monday-Wednesday, 12/20-12/22. ***On behalf of the entire SCE staff, we wish all of our families a safe, healthy, and joyous holiday season and winter break.*** We look forward to welcoming our Bluejays on Tracks 1,2,3 back to school on Mon, January 3, 2022.

Sincerely, Tiffany Rich, Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec 23 Winter Break begins

Dec 23- January 2 Sanford Creek Elementary building & front office closed

Jan 3, 2022 Welcome Back Tracks 1, 2 & 3!

Jan 3 - 14 Extended Learning Camp for Track 4

Jan 17	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – No School
Jan 24	Track 3 Track Out Begins
Jan 24 - Feb 4	Extended Learning Camp for Track 3
Jan 24	Virtual PTA Meeting, 6pm – Open to all
Jan 27	<i>PTA Family Night @ PDQ in Wake Forest</i>

COMMUNICATION SURVEY for SCES FAMILIES – 3 more days to respond

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](#) and share your feedback. **Thank you!**

ATTENDANCE If your child is absent, WCPSS policy requires families to provide a note within **two** days of a child's return to school or the absence will be recorded as unexcused. The school is sending letters to families of students with 6 unexcused absences and 10-day unexcused absence letters will be mailed within the next week to the home address on file.

2022-2023 SCHOOL ASSIGNMENTS

School Assignments for the next school year have been posted to active “Parent Portal” accounts. School Assignment Strips were sent home with Track 2,3,4 students not connected to a Parent Portal account. Assignment strips will be mailed to Track 1 students not connected to a Parent Portal account.

If you are unable to access your Parent Portal account or do not have an account, please email our data manager, Lyndi Malarchuk, at amalarchuk@wcpss.net.

COMING UP - January 2022:

- * Update: lunch seating w/ social distancing at SCE
- * Slight change in PM dismissal for walkers
- * Kindergarten Registration for '22-23
- * Track change request forms for '22-23
- * School tour info and sign-ups
- * Change in student sign-in/sign-out procedures as COVID-19 restrictions are lessened

SCES is a VOLUNTARY COVID-19 TESTING SITE

Our school, in partnership with MAKO Medical, provides **COVID-19 testing for students and staff**. *Sanford Creek ES is one of seven schools (along with central office) to pilot and participate.*

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 too.

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. The entire testing process takes approximately 30-45

seconds. Testing occurs each Monday afternoon at 1:30pm. Thank you for helping to keep our school community safe and healthy. [Register now >](#)

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.

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. Visit <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/vaccines/kids> to find a vaccine near you.

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.

[Resources for students and families to help improve their health and wellness.](#)

PTA NEWS:

Sanford Creek Spirit Wear and Magnets

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, January 24 @ 6pm

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