

Sanford Creek Elementary School

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Sanford Creek Families,

Here we are in February. Can you believe it? In the past week, there have been a lot of impactful decisions made for our school district. In an effort to help consolidate yet inform, this Principal Update is a bit long. Thanks in advance for reading in its entirety.

Have a great week!

Tiffany Rich, Principal

The Week Ahead:

This is a **five-day week of live, remote learning (Feb 8-12)**. This will be the final week of fully remote instruction for all in-person students.

Return to Campus:

As you are aware, our <u>WCPSS School Board decided this week</u> that students *not in the Virtual Academy* will be returning to school campuses starting the week of February 15.

- All in-person students in Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade and ECS are to attend school daily starting 2/15.
- **4**th **and 5**th **graders** will return under Plan B and will rotate on a <u>3 week rotation</u> <u>schedule.</u>
- All Virtual Academy Students remain remote for the rest of the school year.

Whether your child is returning to campus again or returning for the first time this school year, **here's what you need to do to prepare for your child's return**:

Read the **<u>Return to Campus Guide</u>** 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 changes to meal service. Consider taking advantage of the free breakfast and lunch service.

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 **<u>BYOD Consent Form.</u>**

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.

The District plans to send families follow-up information about the return to in-person each day this week. Please be on the lookout for these important emails:

- Monday, Feb 8: Eating and Drinking Guidelines
- **Tuesday, Feb 9:** Updates to Programs and Services (i.e., Transportation, Child Nutrition, Food Delivery, etc.)
- Wednesday, Feb 10: Screening and Health Information
- Thursday, Feb 11: Checklist for Returning to Campus
- Friday, Feb 12: Social-Emotional Information

Meet with SCE Admin and More "Office Hour":

If you'd like to chat with me, Ms. G. Washington, Ms. Murdock and/or Ms. Taylor about any topics regarding the return to campus, we will host:

"SCE Admin & More Office Hour" Wednesday evening, 2/10 from 6-7pm and Friday morning, 2/12 from 10-11am.

There is not a formal agenda, and you can come and go anytime. We will have **Spanish translation available** for both sessions. See you there!

Sanford Creek Office Hour Wednesday, Feb 10, 2021 (6-7pm)

https://meet.google.com/chm-bfch-wjv

Sanford Creek Office Hour Friday, Feb 12, 2021 (10-11am)

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Black History Month:

Exploring literature and stories about the lives and experiences of African Americans can be a great opportunity to learn about the history and context of the United States and the world. Check out these read alouds and text resources <u>here</u> and <u>here</u> and <u>also here</u>!

"Don't sit down and wait for the opportunities to come. Get up and make them."

—Madam C.J. Walker

Positivity Project (P2):

This past week in Positivity Project (P2), we discussed *integrity*. This week, we'll begin learning about **love**. For a 1-page character card overview, <u>click here</u>.

P2 for Families (password: P2), click here.

Love means you value close relationships with others and being close to people. Love represents

the way we think, feel, and behave towards the people with whom we have close relationships. When one person loves another person, that person: comforts and makes the other feel safe; sacrifices on the other's behalf; supports the other during struggles; and places the other's needs ahead of their own. If you love a person, that person makes you feel safe and secure. You can be yourself with that person.

Mark your calendar Next PTA Meeting: 2/16 Tuesday @ 6pm:

Please make plans to virtually attend (via Zoom) our next PTA meeting. This meeting is a big one as we plan to hold board elections for the new board.

Questions? Check out the PTA website and Facebook page as well as email our current President, Jessica Findlay at <u>scepta@outlook.com</u>

Yearbooks:

Don't miss out on this memorable year - order your yearbook today! We are accepting online orders by visiting: **Strawbridge.net** and use the online code: **FMYB111699**.

The cost to purchase a yearbook is **\$18 until February 5, 2021** afterwards it's **\$20 until April 15, 2021**.

We will have 3 **picture days** in March for in-person students, VA students and our 4th and 5th graders (rotated out) to have their pictures made. More info to come in the coming weeks.

<u>Meals:</u>

For this school year, breakfast and lunch will continue to be free daily. Want to apply for meal benefits for next year? Information about applying for Meal Benefits can be found at this <u>link</u>. Apply online at <u>MySchoolApps.com</u>. Paper applications can be requested by calling 919-570-2100.