

# sparks Family News

April 16th, 2021



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## Message from the Leadership Team

It is hard to believe we are already 2 weeks into Quarter 4! I know last week may have been a difficult transition with many of our Sparks moving to new classes and our temporary closure. We are so appreciative of you, Sparks Families, for being flexible in these moments. Please know we are committed to doing whatever it takes to keep all students safe AND learning, whether that be virtual or in person. It has been a really long time since we have experienced a COVID-related campus closure, and last week was a great reminder that we need to stay vigilant in our safety measures even though vaccines are now available and cases are going down. NCE staff continues to uphold all safety measures such as temperature checks, social distancing in classrooms in the cafeteria, ensuring all students are wearing masks properly, frequent breaks to sanitize hands and materials, and increased building cleanings. Families, we are so grateful for your partnership and support of safety measures – please continue to complete your Health Check in the morning and always notify us if your student is showing any symptoms. We have the most wonderful nurse in the world, Nurse Nida, who can help understand your student's symptoms and conduct any necessary testing. If your student does need to stay home, your teacher or any member of the leadership team can help you make sure that your student still accesses the lessons for that day. We are always here if you need anything, have questions, or want to give feedback on our policies or procedures. Feel free to reach out if we can be of any assistance! On a separate note, our Sparks have worked so hard through all the twists and turns of this school year, and we have a lot of celebrating to do next week. Our Awards Ceremonies for Quarter 3 will take place on Tuesday, April 20th for virtual classes and on Wednesday, April 21st for in-person classes. Virtual families, please reach out to your teacher for the link so you can join our ceremony! In-person families, make sure to check on Class Dojo for a video recording of the ceremony. We can't wait to celebrate our students! With gratitude,  
Ms. Nielsen

## Front Office Information

### Reminders:

- Office Hours are Monday Thru Friday from 7:15am to 3:15pm.
- Early Dismissal must be BEFORE 2:00PM, We will not release students after 2:00pm
- Please remember you MUST show the completed health check-in on Skyward everyday when your student comes to campus.

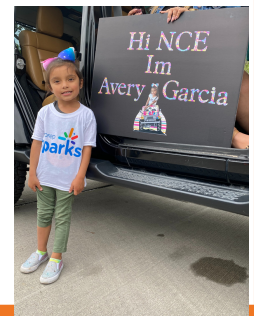
If you are changing the transportation of your student for the day, this change MUST be made thru THE FRONT OFFICE before 12:00pm

## Family Corner

Reminder for families to please complete the Daily Health Check as accurately as possible. If you are not sure about a symptom your child is experiencing, please do not hesitate to contact the school nurse/front office.

Also, Please be sure to pack a water bottle for your child!

Healthy Students Learn Better!  
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## School Counselor Corner

If you are needing assistance please visit Community resources for those affected by winter storm. This link takes you to the YES Prep website where they list resources for housing, financial assistance, food, and more.

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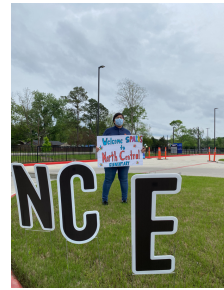


## Upcoming Events

- Q3 Awards for virtual students will be on Tuesday April 20th, links will be shared by teachers on ClassDojo
- Q3 Awards for In-Person students will be on Wednesday April 21st, videos and photos will be shared on Class Dojo.
- On April 27th: Students can wear their favorite Baseball outfit/accessories to celebrate Babe Ruth Day

## Sparks' Life

This week, we welcomed our Future Sparks Families with a parade! Our Future Sparks received some goody bags, a Sparks T-Shirt, and some sweet treats as we celebrated their decision to join the NCE family. We are so excited to welcome even more students to NCE next year. It's a privilege to serve you and be able to watch your students grow!



Monday, April 19th

Tuesday, April 20th

Wednesday, April 21st

Thursday, April 22nd

Friday, April 23th

**Q3 Virtual Awards**



**Q3 In-Person Awards**



Monday, April 26th

Tuesday, April 27th

Wednesday, April 28th

Thursday, April 29th

Friday, April 30th

**Babe Ruth Day**



**MISSION:** YES Prep Public Schools will increase the number of students from underserved communities who graduate from college prepared to lead.