

Scarborough Public Schools

Weekly Newsletter - December 3, 2021

Update to Communication Protocols about Positive COVID Cases in Our Schools

In an effort to be more efficient in our communications, beginning next week, the district will be modifying its notification about positive COVID cases. We will no longer be sending out schoolwide emails each day there is a positive case at one of our schools. Schoolwide numbers will continue to be maintained on the district dashboard, which is updated weekly in the district newsletter. **All close contacts will continue to be notified in real time as they have been since the start of the pandemic.**

Here is our weekly snapshot of school-related cases. Close contacts are being communicated in 2 columns, whereas the Maine CDC exempts people from school quarantine if they have classroom only contact (since we are universally masking), are fully vaccinated, or actively participating in pooled testing.

Positive COVID cases at Scarborough Public Schools
Nov 20, 2021 to Dec 3, 2021

Location	Total Case # in last 14 days	Total # Close Contacts quarantined from school and community	Total # Close Contacts quarantined from community only
Blue Point School	0	0	0
Eight Corners School	6	7	45
Pleasant Hill School	2	12	8
Wentworth School	4	3	17
Scarborough Middle School	1	0	6
Scarborough High School	3	1	2
District (non-school)	0	0	0
TOTAL	18	23	78

COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics- Round 2

The 2nd round of vaccine clinics for K-6 students are happening next week! Each building has shared logistics for parents who choose to be present for their child's second vaccination. Once fully vaccinated (14 days after the 2nd dose is administered), students will not be subject to any kind of quarantine, either at school or in the community.



Reminders about the specific dates and times:

Pleasant Hill Dec 6 - 9:00 am to 11:30 am

Middle School Dec 6 - 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Blue Point Dec 7 - 9:00 am to 11:30 am

Eight Corners Dec 7 - 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Wentworth Dec 8 - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Please contact your school nurse if you are not planning on getting the second dose at school.

Pooled Testing at the High School Being Finalized

Pooled testing is well in place at all of our K-8 schools. At this time, we are closing the loop with the final school, Scarborough High School, with a **target date for beginning the week of December 13**. In case you have not yet signed up, here is a link to the consent form and the access code that you will need:

[Minors \(<18 years of Age\)](#)

<https://testcenter.concentricbyginkgo.com/minor-consent>

[Adults \(> 18 years of Age\).](#)

<https://testcenter.concentricbyginkgo.com/invite-by-code>

Access Code

Scarborough High School: RED-STORM

This sign-up process should take no more than 5 minutes for you to complete using a computer or a smartphone. We also have paper copies available through the school if you would prefer that, as well as consents available in multiple languages. Please note that if your child is already 18, they should fill out their own form using the link for adults. If you need to provide consent **for more than one child**, please complete the process separately for each child. For a screen by screen visual of the sign up process, [click here](#).

IMPORTANT NOTE: Lists for weekly pooled testing are generated the Thursday preceding the the pool. So, for example, if you are interested in your child pool testing on the week of Dec 13, you must have them signed up by Thursday, Dec. 9.

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Here is a listing of all schools' access codes that are needed for sign ups:

School Name Access Code

Scarborough High School: RED-STORM

Scarborough Middle School MIDDLE

Wentworth School WENTWORTH

Blue Point School BLUE-POINT

Eight Corners School 8-CORNERS

Pleasant Hill School PLEASANT

Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 90 days should wait to complete this form and to participate in pooled testing until they are 90 day past the positive test date.

Resources:

* To learn more about pooled testing watch this [video](#) from another school using this service or this [video of a second grade student](#) demonstrating pooled testing.

* For more information on our pooled testing provider, Concentric by Ginkgo, visit their website www.concentricbyginkgo.com/families

* [This](#) is a helpful fact sheet about pooled testing.

Health & Safety

Please make sure you review the **UPDATED Student Health Self Assessment questions for 2021-22 below EVERY DAY** before sending your child off to school.

TOGETHER, we can make our schools as safe as possible!



Pre-Screening Tool for School Attendance

Within the past 24 hours have you had a fever* or taken fever reducing medicine?

YES =



Do you feel sick, had Vomiting/diarrhea, fever*, sore throat, new cough, or felt unwell?

YES =



Have you been told to stay home and isolate/quarantine due to COVID-19 exposure?

YES =



Most Common Symptoms of COVID-19:

Cough
Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
Fever*
Chills
Sore throat
New loss of taste or smell

Less Common Symptoms:

Muscle pain
Nausea or Vomiting
Stomach pain
Diarrhea
Fatigue
Headache
Rash
Swelling or redness of hands/feet
Red eyes/eye drainage
Congestion/runny nose

*Fever is 100.4°F/38°C regardless of measurement location (oral, temporal).

Stay home with any YES response to the questions above.

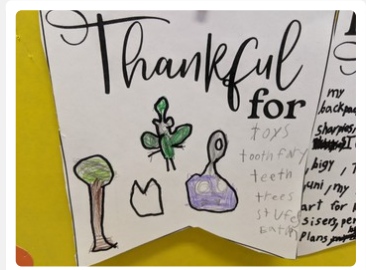
Symptoms of illness can have many causes. Please keep your student home and contact your school nurse or primary care provider if your student is unwell. Students who present with symptoms while in school will be dismissed to home at the discretion of the nurse.

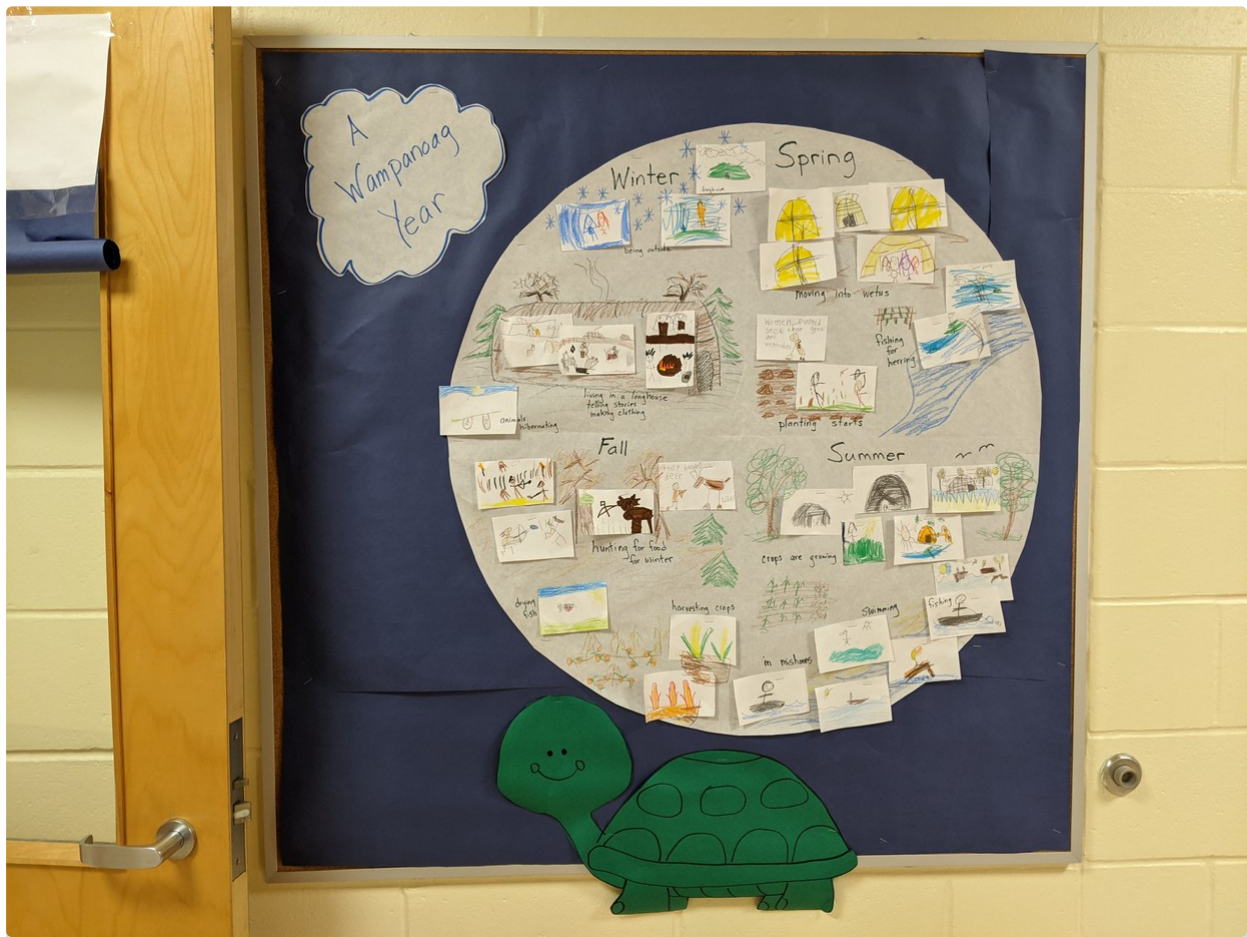
*A fever is 100.4F/38C or greater.



Updated 10.19.2021

Images from Blue Point School





NWEA MAP Reports Heading Home This Fall

The individual student results of the fall **NWEA MAP Growth Tests** will be going home to families this fall. They will include a Reading, Language Usage and Mathematics report. Middle school and high school reports will be going home between mid-November and mid-December. Families of students in grades 3-5 will receive their reports in mid December with their report cards. To learn more about these reports, here is [a link to a Sample Family Report](#).

We are sharing the NWEA reports with you now in our efforts to provide you with the current information we have regarding your child's performance on this assessment. As students will be required to take these assessments again in the spring, we will be sending these reports home again by the end of the school year.

The data is very important to us as it will assist us in making improvements to our curriculum and instruction. We track and study group data to inform shifts in curriculum and we look at classroom

and individual data to plan for instruction. The spring data will be used to gauge and celebrate growth.

Our primary purpose for these assessments is not to give your child a score or grade but to determine how to best support their learning and their growth. They are not placement tests. They are tools, along with classroom data, to help your child continue their learning at an appropriate level of challenge and celebrate their growth. NWEA is an adaptive assessment that adjusts questions to identify your child's areas of instructional readiness.

Return to School Requirements for International Travel

For those of you traveling outside of the United States, please follow the state mandate as listed below, per the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention requirements:

For all people who are **NOT FULLY VACCINATED** and arrive in Maine within 7 days of entering the United States:

- **Quarantine for 7 days from arrival in the US AND get a COVID-19 molecular or antigen test 3-5 days after arrival in the US.**
 - If the COVID-19 test is positive, [isolate](#).
 - **Even if the COVID-19 test is negative, complete the 7-day quarantine after travel.**
 - If individuals arriving from international travel do not get a COVID-19 test after their arrival, they should quarantine for 10 days after their arrival in the US.
- Avoid being around anyone who is at increased risk of severe COVID-19 illness for 14 days following arrival in the US, regardless of COVID-19 test results.

For people who **ARE FULLY VACCINATED** (at least 14 days past their final COVID-19 dose) who arrive in Maine:

- Quarantine is not required unless you are experiencing symptoms.
- Testing is recommended 3-5 days after arrival in the US.
 - If the COVID-19 test is positive, [isolate](#).



2021-2022 Breakfast & Lunch Ordering Protocols

As a general reminder, all breakfast and lunch meals for all students in Scarborough Schools are free for this school year 2021-2022. All existing students whose parents have an account will be able to order breakfast and lunch using the same procedure as last year, from the Nutrislice app on a device or at <https://www.scarboroughschools.org/> (at the top of the page click "Quick links", then go to School Lunch for all meal menus).

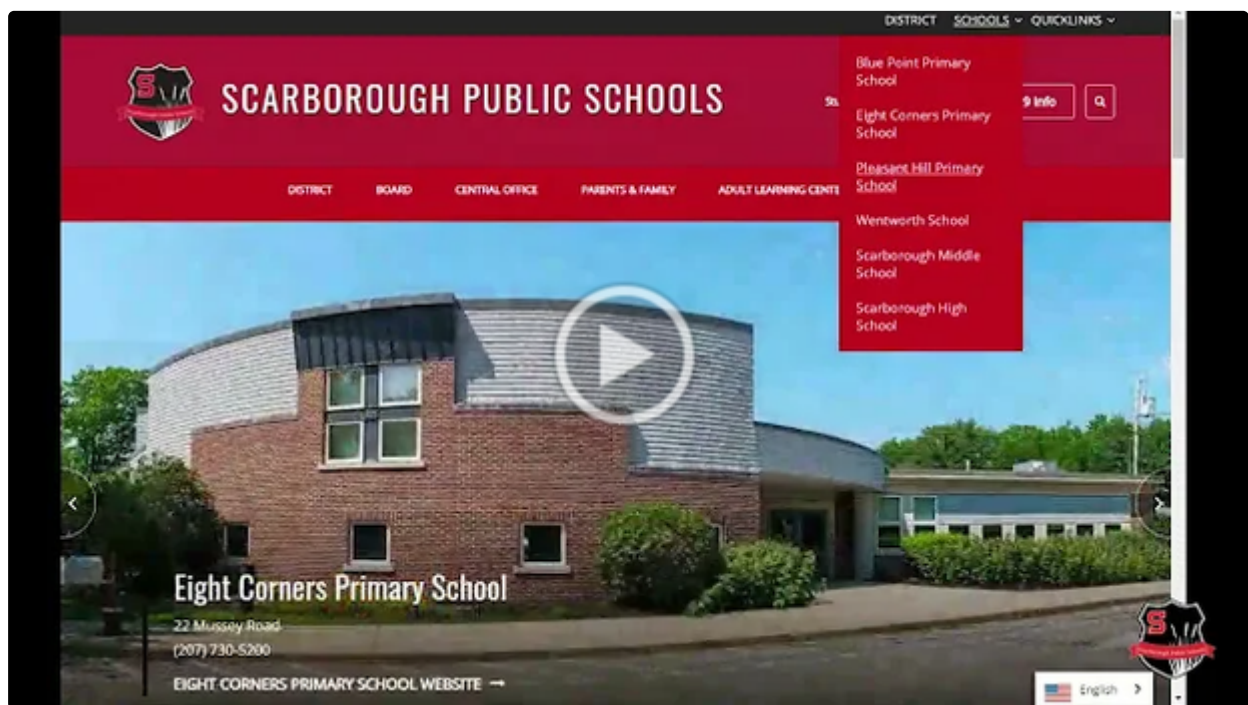
All Kindergarten and new students to the district will have to make a Nutrislice account through the Nutrislice app or through <https://scarboroughschools.nutrislice.com/menu/create-account>

before they can order breakfast and lunch. Parents will need the child's ID# before they can start the registration process.

For breakfast meals in all of our schools, you can order online on the same day before 6:30 AM, while for lunch meals, you can order online on the same day before 7:30 AM. You can order meals for the day, or set up a weekly or monthly plan for meals to be provided to your children. The menus for all meals for a new month will be posted on the school's website and on the Nutrislice app the last Monday at the end of the previous month.

Each school has created their own system for their lunch disbursement. They are continually reviewing the process and making modifications as needed. Please be patient with our school staff as they work towards improving and refining their daily lunch routines.

Please call or email Brenda Franklin at 207-730-4700 or bfranklin@scarboroughschools.org for any help or questions or if you need the child's ID#.



New SPS Website has been Launched!

Our team at Scarborough Public schools has spent the last few months working to create a brand new website, and are excited to announce that it has been launched to the Scarborough Schools community!

Please take a moment to watch the video below, and preview what new features are in store as we share our new district website.

[Watch New SPS Introduction Video](#)

Resources for Parents

- Podcast and Post: (Season 4 Episode 1) [Back To School! 4 Ways to Boost Your Kids' Mental Health](#)
- Article: [How Your Kids Can Have Fun Without Stressing You Out](#)
- Reviews: [For what your kids are into \(before they get into it\)](#)





Upcoming SPS Events - Mark Your Calendar!

[2021-2022 School Calendar](#)

- **December 15** - *Early Release
- **December 16** - School Board Meeting
- **December 23 - 31** - Winter Vacation

*Early Release Times:

K-5 - 1:45pm

6-12 - 12:25pm

Links to Our Schools



Blue Point



Eight Corners



Pleasant Hill



Wentworth School



Middle School



High School

Services & Information

[Spec. Services](#) | Alison Marchese, amarchese@scarboroughschools.org

[Transportation](#) | Sarah Redmond, sredmond@scarboroughschools.org

[Food Services](#) | Peter Esposito, pesposito@scarboroughschools.org

[Athletics & Activities](#) | Mike LeGage, mlegage@scarboroughschools.org

[Curriculum](#) | Monique Culbertson, mculbertson@scarboroughschools.org

[Community Services](#) | Todd Souza, tsouza@scarboroughmaine.org





Tech Support


For technology assistance with SPS student laptops, please send a message to techsupport@scarboroughschools.org and someone from Technology will be in touch to assist you.



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