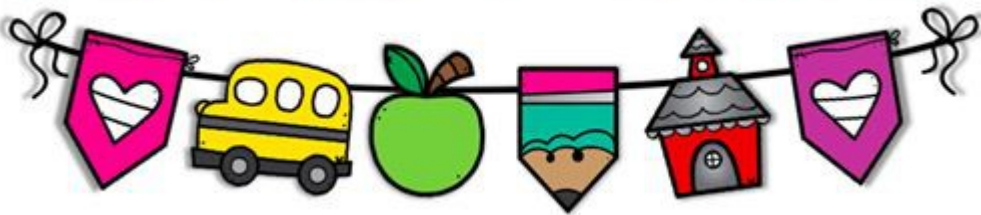


Scarborough Public Schools

Weekly Newsletter - January 21, 2022

WELCOME TO
KINDERGARTEN!



2022-2023 Kindergarten Pre-Registration Time!

We are eager to welcome our newest Kindergarten students to Scarborough Public Schools! We are currently planning for Fall 2022. If you have a child who turns 5 on or before Oct. 15, 2022 and you are considering sending them to school in the fall, [please complete this form](#). Formal registration packets will be available on our website at a later date.

The information you provide is important for us to accurately plan for the number of classrooms, teachers and materials we will need in the fall. Please complete the form so we can contact you through email with updates and news about the next school year. We will hold registration appointments at each school at a later date.

[2022-23 Pre-Registration Form](#)



COVID Dashboard

Here is a snapshot of positive COVID cases in our school district for the past 14 days.

As a reminder, **please keep your student home from school if they are experiencing symptoms on the daily Pre-Screening Tool for School Attendance**, which is included in this newsletter, or **if they have past the 5 day isolation after testing positive and are still experiencing symptoms**.

It is great to see a decline in case numbers beginning to happen! We are hopeful that this trend will continue.

Week ending 1.21

	Total # of Positive Pools Week ending 1.21.2022	Total # of Positive Pools Week ending 1.14.2022	Total # of Pools tested each week	Total # of positive COVID cases with positive results between 1.8.2022 to 1.21.2022
Blue Point	2	2	16	14
Eight Corners	5	7	17	28
Pleasant Hill	1	4	14	17
Wentworth	12	7	41	73
SMS	5	6	48	70
SHS	6	4	37	76
District level	1	3	7	4
TOTAL	32	33	180	282

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 100.4°F/38°C or greater.



Updated 10.19.2021



Resources for Parents

- [15 Questions to Replace 'How Was School Today?'](#)
- [How Four Deep Breaths Can Help Kids Calm Down](#)
- [How Toxic Stress Affects Us, and What We Can Do About It](#)

K-5 Students to Engage in i-Ready Reading Beginning this Month

In our efforts to enhance learning for all K-5 students in reading, students in grades K-5 will be taking the i-Ready Reading Diagnostic assessment in January and will



be engaging in i-Ready Personalized Instruction, or My Path reading lessons throughout the spring. The assessment takes a total of approximately 60 minutes, typically split into two sessions. The My Path (online) lessons will average approximately 40 to 50 minutes per week. Both will take place at school. Students will take the reading diagnostic again in May to measure and celebrate growth.

The decision to expand the assessment and My Path lessons across K-5 comes as a result of recommendations from teachers and building and district leadership. The decision came as a way to focus our efforts on reading and to use online tools that individualize the learning for each student. And lastly, these are tools that both students and teachers are familiar with. This will supplement our core reading instructional program, not replace it.

My Path lessons meet each student where they are, targeting activities at their learning readiness level. The diagnostic assessment results set specific My Path lessons for each student. This is how the online lessons are 'personalized' for each student. So whether a student needs support in certain areas of reading or enrichment, each student has their 'path' of instruction. There are also offline activities that teachers can use as well.

If you have any questions about i-Ready, please do not hesitate to contact Monique Culbertson, Director of Curriculum and Assessment, or your child's teacher or principal. You can also learn more about i-Ready by visiting i-ReadyCentral.com/FamilyCenter. As always, thank you for your support as a partner in your child's learning!



Upcoming SPS Events - Mark Your Calendar!

[2021-2022 School Calendar](#)

- **February 3** - School Board Meeting
- **February 16** - Early Release Day*
- **February 17** - School Board Meeting

*Early Release Times:

K-5 - 1:45pm

6-12 - 12:55pm

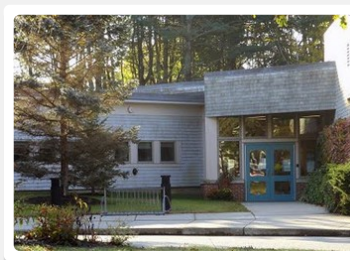
Links to Our Schools



Blue Point



Eight Corners



Pleasant Hill



Wentworth School



Middle School



High School

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

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

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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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