

Scarborough Public Schools

Weekly Newsletter - February 4, 2022



Build a Snowman!

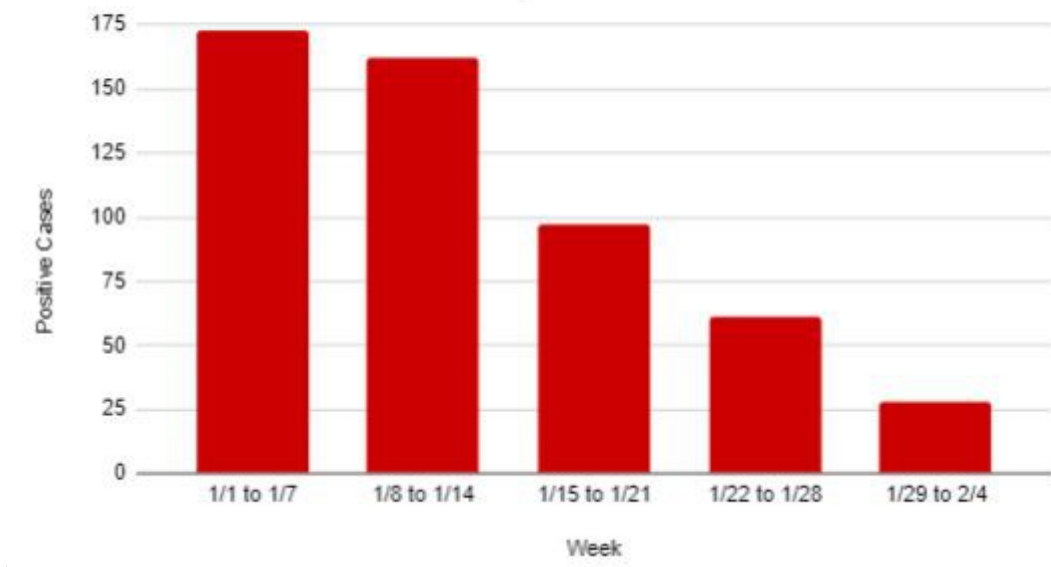
We hope you all take some time to enjoy some of nature's most recent gifts and get outdoors to build a snowman! Many thanks to our Pleasant Hill artists for their great depictions above!



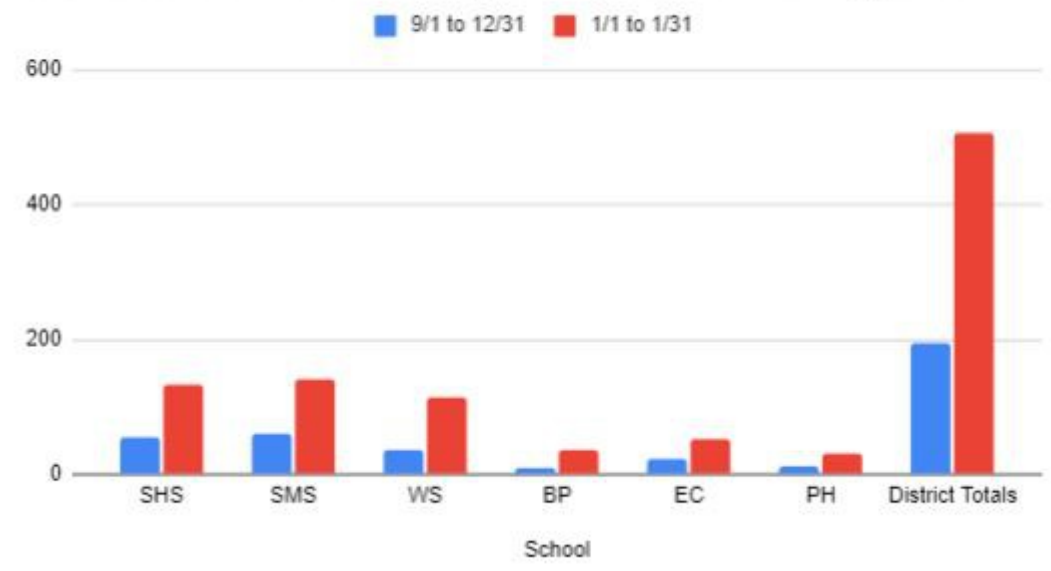
The [Scarborough Public Schools Website](#) has added updated information on COVID-19 Positive Cases. Although January saw the highest number of cases we have seen all year with over 500 positive cases reported, we are happy to share that, again this week, there has been a decrease in the total number of cases as well as positive pools from pool testing.

Moving forward, we will continue to update information on the website each week, so please visit the link above for the most recent information. Below is a sneak peek to the kind of information you will find.

District Wide Positive Cases by Week



Total # of Positive Cases Sept- Dec, 2021 vs January, 2022



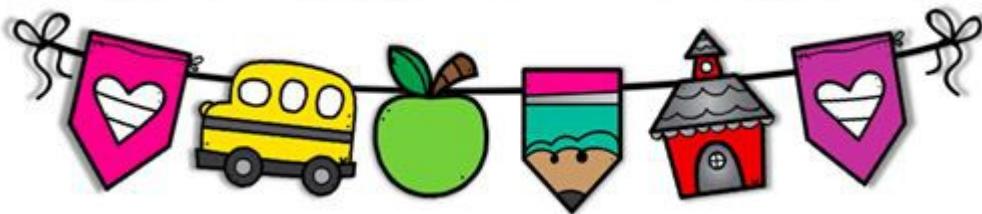
As a reminder, please keep your student home from school if they are experiencing symptoms on the daily Pre-Screening Tool for School Attendance, which is included in this newsletter, or if they have past the 5 day isolation after testing positive and are still experiencing symptoms.

SEF Valentine's Day Teacher Appreciation

Thank a teacher for their hard work. Show them some kindness this Valentine's Day. Scarborough Education Foundation is running a fundraiser to honor our educators. Deadline to place order is **Tuesday, 2/8/22**. Please [click link](#) for more information and to purchase a certificate and treat for the special teachers in your world.



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](#)



Volunteers Needed for Junior Achievement Programming

Scarborough Public Schools has benefitted from an amazing partnership with Junior Achievement of Maine for over 20 years!!!

We are looking for some amazing volunteers to help with Junior Achievement programming for programs that are being offered in our K-8 schools, as well as in nearby communities, this spring. Training and curriculum are provided for you. To learn more about their programming and how to get involved, please visit [Junior Achievement of Maine](#) today and sign up!



1 IN 5 JA ALUMNI
work in the same field as their JA volunteer

VOLUNTEERING EASY AS 1, 2, 3!

What's the difference between needs & wants?
Do people have brands like companies do?
How do you manage a personal budget?

GET INVOLVED

- 1. Sign up for a Class**
 - Volunteers can work with a grade level and school of their choosing. Contact Jill Jamison at jjamison@jamison.org or 207-347-4333.
- 2. Deliver the JA Experience**
 - After you are trained by a JA Team Member, you are ready to weave in your own work and life experience to the age appropriate materials given to you.
- 3. Reflect & Engage**
 - Volunteers help students discover the value of themselves, their education, and their future possibilities. Remember those 'ah ha' moments on the student's faces and know that you made a difference in their lives. Share the opportunity with friends, coworkers, and peers so more Maine students can benefit from the JA experience.

CAREER & WORK READINESS
INTERVIEWING, SOFT SKILLS, TEAM WORK, CONFLICT RESOLUTION

ENTREPRENEURIAL MINDSET
INNOVATION, PROBLEM SOLVING, MARKETING, BUSINESS PLAN

GOOD MONEY MANAGEMENT
BUDGETS, SAVING, SPENDING, CREDIT



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 16** - Early Release Day*
- **February 17** - School Board Meeting
- **February 21** - Presidents' Day - School Department Closed
- **February 21 - February 25** - February Vacation

*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

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.



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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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