

Scarborough Public Schools

Weekly Newsletter - February 11, 2022

Become a Substitute!

In this week's **Wentworth News** ([linked below](#)), Mrs. Crosby wrote a great article highlighting one school substitute and the continued need that exists in each of our schools. Also this week, the Maine Department of Education and Educate Maine have partnered together to promote more individuals to become substitutes by offering **full reimbursement for the fees** associated with fingerprinting and background checks as an incentive. Please consider this opportunity if you have time to support our students in this way.

A Call to Action: Our Schools Need YOU!



Maine Department of Education and Educate Maine are partnering to call on Maine businesses, leaders and citizens to become guest school staff members. It's time to lean in!



Maine's schools have been safely open for business, ensuring that students have access whenever possible to high quality, in-person learning.

The statewide surge of COVID-19 has increased school staffing shortages, and many schools have had to make emergency and disruptive pivots to remote learning, simply because they do not have enough adults to ensure that schools can operate safely and effectively.

WE NEED YOU to be a guest school staff member.

What is a Guest school staff member? Guest school staff members are substitute staff who are supporting or filling in for bus drivers, playground monitors, food service workers, teachers and support staff. Most are daylong positions, some are hourly, but even one day of substituting can make the difference, keeping a school open for students!

How?

It's a simple process. Go to this [website](#), and follow the 9 steps for choosing where you would like to help, applying, and receiving the required training and background clearance for working in a school. Check it out: <https://www.maine.gov/doe/substitute>

What does it cost?

Nothing but a little time. It will take about one hour to fill out and submit the needed applications, and a \$15 application fee and \$55 fingerprinting fee will be charged, but this **WILL BE REIMBURSED!!** Getting fingerprinted will take a bit more time, but you can schedule an appointment that is convenient for you.

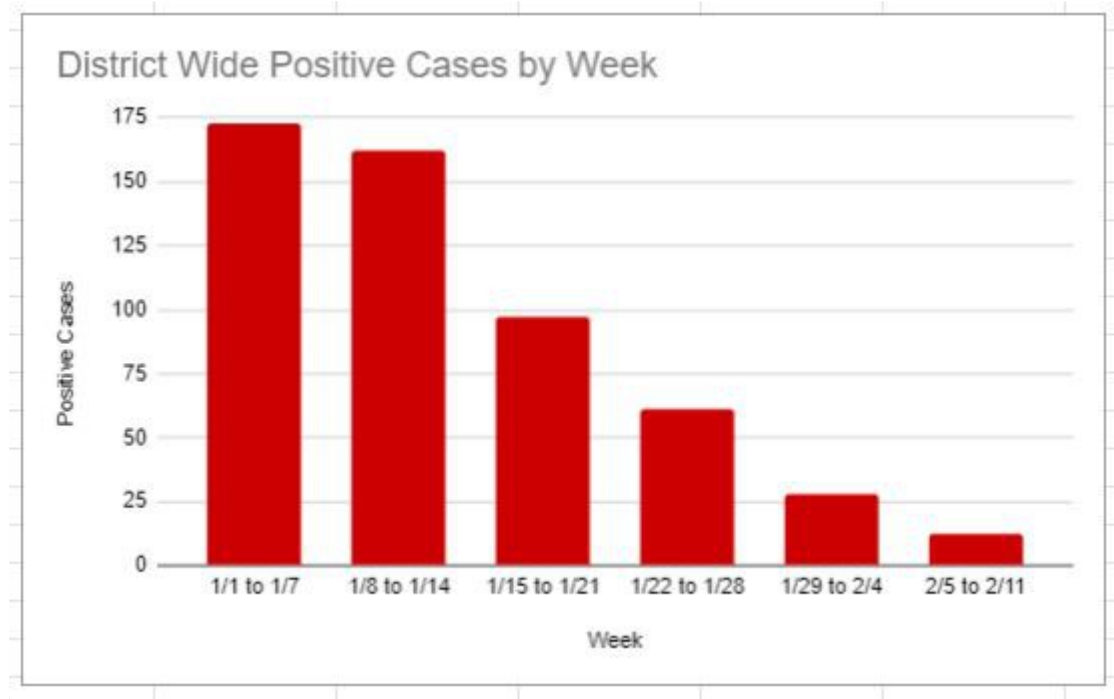
Why?

You can make a difference. You will be a hero, supporting your schools and ensuring that public education is available for all of Maine's children. You can work with the school district(s) of your choice, may be able to choose when and where you can help, and you will be inspired by the energy and miracles that fill our schools.

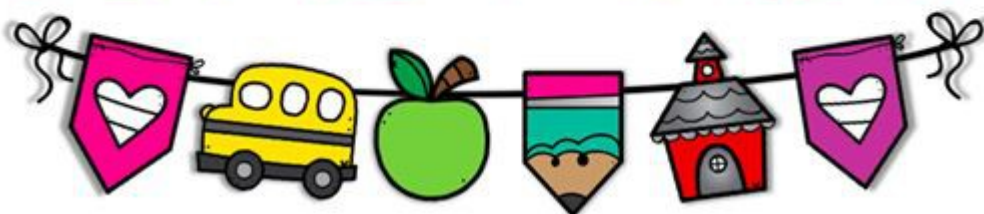
We will be using social media platforms to recognize our heroes and the organizations who are supporting Maine schools. Please join us- and be recognized as among those who are making a difference.



The [Scarborough Public Schools Website](#) has added updated information on COVID-19 Positive Cases. We will continue to update information on the website each week, so please visit the link above for the most recent information by school. Below is a district snapshot for this week.



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](#)



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](#)

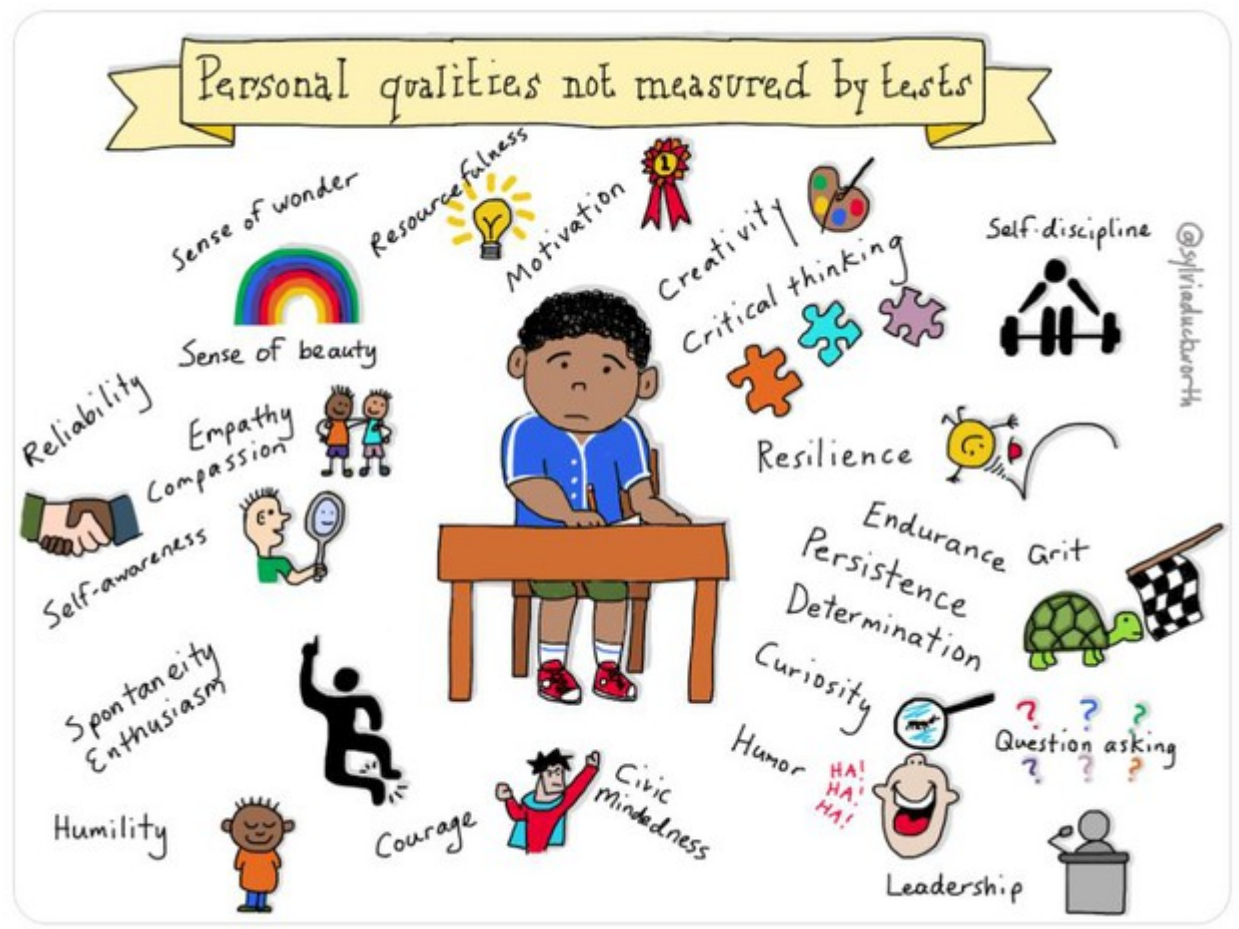
Panorama Student Surveys are Underway!

As you may already be aware, building our social-emotional learning (SEL) skills is an important goal across all of our schools again this year. Jan. 30 through Feb. 18th is our window for the surveys. They are being taken during the school day and only take about 15 minutes to complete.



This year the survey is shorter (only one part for about 10 to 15 minutes) and asks students to self-reflect on their Growth Mindset, Self-Management, Social Awareness, Positive Feelings, Challenging Feelings, and Supportive Relationships.

The data from the surveys last spring have helped us to better support students this year. As the data becomes available in March, we will share the results with you. We will again look at the results by topic and explore potential improvements for this year. Panorama includes a Playbook. It is an online professional learning library of evidence-based and research-backed SEL activities that school leaders and teachers can use with their schools and students.



Student Panorama Data from (Last) Spring 2021

Student SEL Survey Topics Overview Report

Spring 2021



This report contains an overview of the spring 2021 survey by topics as well as group reports for the topics.

Survey Overview:

Group	Students Grades K-2	Students Grades 3-5	Students Grades 6-8	Students Grades 9-12	Students Grades 3-5	Students Grades 6-8	Students Grades 9-12
Survey	Teacher Perception Survey	Part 1: SEL Skills and Wellbeing	Part 1: SEL Skills and Wellbeing	Part 1: SEL Skills and Wellbeing	Part 2: SEL Support and Environment	Part 2: SEL Support and Environment	Part 2: SEL Support and Environment
Resp.	531 (87%)	464 (75%)	605 (87%)	431 (46%)	444 (72%)	585 (84%)	393 (42%)
Topics (listed in rank order with range of percent favorable)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emotion Regulation (90%) Social Awareness Engagement Self-Management Self Efficacy (59%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supportive Relationships (90%) Self-Management Social Awareness Positive Feelings Challenging Feelings Growth Mindset (59%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supportive Relationships (84%) Self-Management Social Awareness Challenging Feelings Positive Feelings Growth Mindset (53%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supportive Relationships (82%) Self-Management Social Awareness Positive Feelings Growth Mindset Challenging Feelings (38%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teacher-Student Relationships (84%) School Safety (75%) Sense of Belonging (75%) School Climate (75%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Safety (82%) Teacher-Student Relationships School Climate Sense of Belonging (46%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Safety (72%) Teacher-Student Relationships School Climate Sense of Belonging (30%)

Survey window: April 26 - May 19, 2021

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 100.4°F/38°C 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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