

Scarborough Public Schools

Weekly Newsletter - March 18, 2022

Message from the Superintendent

To the Scarborough Schools Community,

The SPS **New Primary School Building Committee** had its [third meeting](#) earlier this week: on Tuesday evening, March 15th. We have been focusing our time and energy developing a plan to educate the community on the need for a new primary school to bring our K-12 campus and facilities into the 21st century and to bring ALL of our students out of temporary trailer classrooms for good!



We are seeking interested community members to join the following subcommittees for the proposed Scarborough new primary school project. If you are interested in joining a committee, please click [here](#):

Communication subcommittee: Key responsibilities are to develop, approve and execute a communications plan to inform the community about the project. We are looking for individuals who would like to be the touchstone for the Building Committee's communication to the broader community. Those who may be passionate about or have special skills in the areas of communication, public relations, website design, graphic design, or other similar areas.

Sustainability and Building Systems subcommittee: Key responsibilities are to draft the vision for any sustainability goals and review concepts, building systems and materials to determine potential application to project. We are looking for interested individuals in the community who may have an interest in sustainability or unique skills in sustainable design, building system design and or construction.

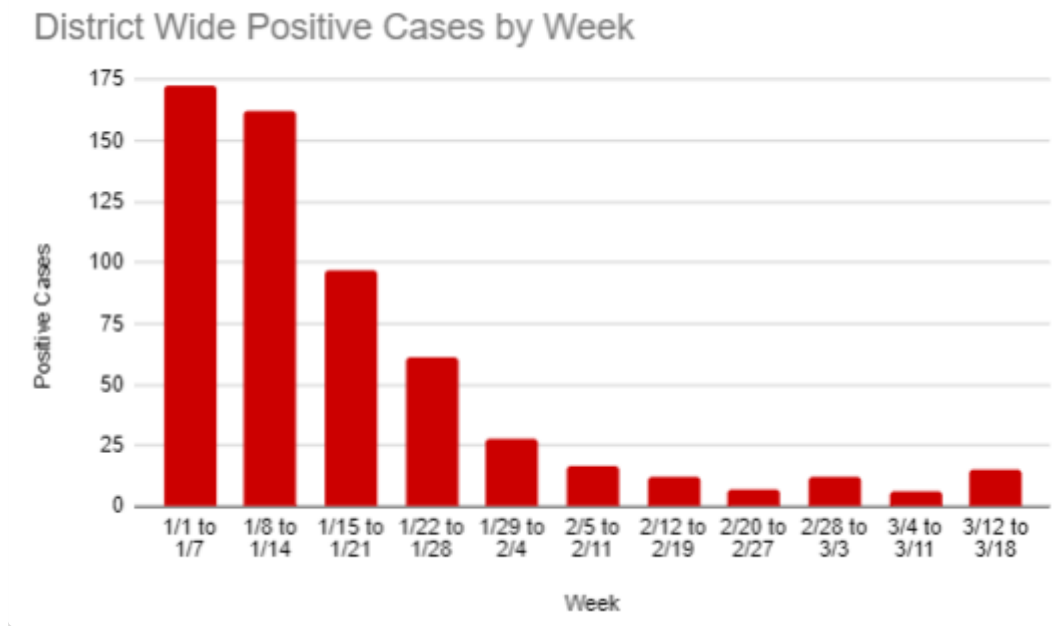
Site design subcommittee: Key responsibilities are to help inform and review programs for the site (play areas, athletics, parking, drives, etc.) to determine potential application to project. We are looking for interested individuals in the community who may have an interest in site design or unique skills in site design, play area design, landscape design and or construction.

Educational Specification subcommittee: Key responsibilities are to develop the educational specifications which are the communication tool that bridges the gap between the building's users and designers.

Time commitment: The subcommittees will meet at a time mutually agreed upon by the subcommittee. They typically meet monthly prior to the monthly building committee meetings (or as needed for various project milestones). The subcommittees review information provided by the building committee and consultants and make recommendations to the building committee. The subcommittees will be active throughout the multi-year design process.

Thank you for considering participating in this process and we appreciate your continued support for our community, students, families, and staff.

Kind Regards,
Geoff Bruno



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.

Junior Achievement Of Maine- 3 Volunteers Still Needed for Eight Corners on May 9

Scarborough Public Schools has benefitted from an amazing partnership with Junior Achievement of Maine for over 30 years!!! Just this week our 6th graders participated in the "It's My Future" unit, thanks to the generous support of 15 volunteers.

We are still looking for a few more amazing volunteers to help with Junior Achievement programming for programs that are being offered at Eight Corners School on May 9 for their "Our Community" program with second graders. This is a one day commitment. 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!

EASY STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS



1) Sign Up

How you volunteer is important! Select the type of volunteering that is most suitable to get more information and complete a form that our Programs Managers will use to contact you.

2) Pick Schedule

You will have the opportunity to discuss with your Program Manager your preference of how or where you would like to Volunteer and coordinate your schedule.

3) Attend Training

Our Program Manager will provide you with a short but effective training session in which you will be able to ask questions. We will make sure you are ready to volunteer!

4) Impact Lives

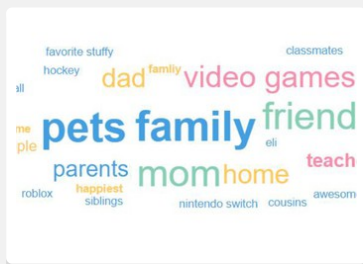
Sharing your professional and personal experiences through the JA program you have selected helps students see how they can achieve their dreams!

Panorama Survey Results are In!

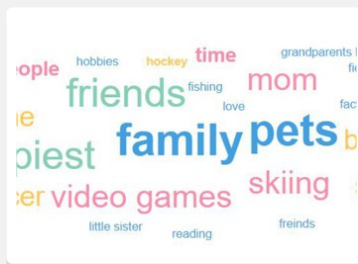
Students in grade 3-12 took the Panorama SEL Survey in February. Staff on March 18th will have the opportunity to review the data, engage in analysis, and seek resources to enhance the social and emotional learning of our students. A particular highlight worth mentioning is that **parents do matter!** Students had an open response question, meaning they had to compose (not multiple choice) an answer to the question below. In an open response question, the system uses an algorithm to extract themes from the responses and creates a wordle. The more students mention a theme (or similar words) the larger the text. See below for the question students were asked and the results for each of the three schools. Your children value you!



Student Question: Thinking about everything in your life right now, what makes you feel the happiest?



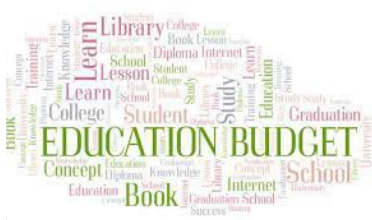
Wentworth School



Middle School



High School



Upcoming SPS Events - Mark Your Calendar!

[2021-2022 School Calendar](#)

- **March 18** - Staff Development Day - No school for students
- **March 30** - Town Manager/Superintendent FY23 Budget Overview - Town Hall - 7:00PM
- **April 6** - Early Release Day*

*Early Release Times:


K-5- 1:45PM

6-12- 12:55PM

Become a Substitute!

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!

EDUCATE MAINE

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](https://www.maine.gov/doe/substitute), 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.



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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