



Sanford Pride Elementary
Newsletter
April 4, 2022

Hello Sanford Pride Elementary Families!

Happy April! As always, we have many exciting events happening at SPE throughout the month of April. The guidance theme for the month of April is cooperation.

March Madness at SPE

March Madness wrapped up on Friday at SPE. On Friday morning, the students learned that the finalists were Corduroy and Harry the Dirty Dog. By the end of the day we were able to learn that the winner of the March Madness competition was Harry the Dirty Dog, by Gene Zion. Many thanks to Mrs. Sullivan, SPE Librarian, for organizing this fun competition.



Maple Syrup Tapping

On Friday, March 25th, the 3rd & 4th graders were treated to a special visit. Mr. Troy Hathaway, of the Technical Center came to share his knowledge of maple syrup making. Earlier in the week, he had sent over a video for students to see how he collects the sap and boils it down. In person, he showed how the tree is tapped and other facts. The fabulous demonstration was finished with ice cream topped with maple syrup from Mr. Hathaway's trees.





Music Concerts

We are excited to share that after a two year break, our spring music concerts will be in person. The first concerts for this year are scheduled for Tuesday, April 12th. The second grade concert is at 5:00 pm, and the third grade concert is at 6:00 pm. More information and concert protocols will be forthcoming.

Kindergarten Registration

It is kindergarten registration time. If you have a child who will be 5 by 10/15/22, you may choose to register them for kindergarten.



Pre K Registration / Lottery

Please find the link to information regarding the [Sanford Pre K lottery](#).

Pre-K Registration



MCS Pride PTA

Did you know that the MCS Pride PTA has a very active and informative facebook page? Please check them out - <https://www.facebook.com/MCS.Pride.PTA>

Attendance Matters

Did you know that when a student misses 2 days of school a month it equates to about a month of missed school, which can have a significant impact on student achievement? Please let us know if we can help you with any barriers you may be experiencing in getting your child to attend school regularly. We have many resources available to support families.

Helpful Hints for Students and Families in 2022

- Make sure your child keeps a regular bedtime and establishes a morning routine.
- Turn off all electronics including TVs, phones and tablets at bedtime.
- Make sure clothes and backpacks are ready to go and packed up the night before.
- Check with our school nurse or office staff if you are not sure about when to keep your child at home due to illness.
- Avoid scheduling vacations or doctor's appointments when school is in session.
- Talk to teachers and counselors for advice if your child feels anxious about going to school.

Recess & Appropriate Outerwear

Although we are beginning to experience a few warmer days here and there, it is still important to bring appropriate outerwear for recess. Students continue to enjoy outdoor recess twice a day (20 degrees fahrenheit or above).

Community Resources

Please see the list of [community resources](#) that you may find helpful.

Reminders

- Morning Drop off ends at 8:25. Families that arrive after 8:25 should drop their students off at the SPE main entrance.
 - [Letter from Matt Nelson / Mitigation Strategies](#)
 - [Pooled Testing](#)
 - [Snow Day and Delayed Start Procedures](#)
 - Remember to stay connected & informed with school & district happenings.
- Important Links: [SPE Website](#) & [Sanford School Department App](#).