

Sunday, January 10th, 2021

Principal's Newsletter for CJL Families *Jan. 11th - Jan. 15th, 2021*

No School: Monday, Jan. 18th, 2021 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

No School: Monday, Feb. 15th - Friday, Feb. 19th Sanford School Department's Winter Break.



The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

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This month's social emotional learning theme is:

Compassion

Compassion is empathy in action.

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| Dec | respect |
| Jan | compassion |
| Feb | courage |
| Mar | responsibility |
| Apr | honesty |
| May | everything is possible/possibilities |
| Jun | pride |

This month **reflect and take action**: Do something compassionate for a colleague, a student, a parent, and/or a family member; remember to do something kind for yourself too. Encourage our students to do the same. **Circle up as a class**: Share with students what you did to show compassion and how it made yourself and others feel. **Celebrate successes!**

What Color is Our County this week?

York County's designation remains yellow.

Reminders

- Please be sure to complete your child's symptom checks each day before sending them to school.
- Please call our school nurse, Amy Humphrey 324-8481 or ahumphrey@sanford.org for your nursing questions.
- If your child has tested positive or has been in direct contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19, please do not send them to school. Call Nurse Amy please, even if your child is asymptomatic.
- We need to remain vigilant with our safety protocols / procedures:
 - Wearing of face coverings
 - Maintain physical distancing
 - Wash / sanitize hands frequently
 - Stay home if you are a direct contact or if you don't feel well.

Helpful tips for students for their upcoming Winter NWEAs:

- CJL students will be taking their reading and writing NWEA assessments somewhere between January 25th - February 12th.
- Teachers will share your child's specific schedule with you next week.
- **Alert teachers asap, if your child is going to be absent during the window.**
- NWEAs provide us with valuable information regarding your child's strengths and weaknesses in literacy and mathematics which allow educators to make instructional decisions tailored to your child's needs.
- Research shows that students who come to school well rested, with a healthy snack, and water bottle, and who take their time to do their best work on the NWEAs, fare better on the assessment.
- We continue to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students for the remainder of the year. We also provide free healthy snacks, but sometimes it's a whole banana and sometimes it's a few cucumber slices. So it's always good to send another from home just in case.
- The NWEA is adaptive, meaning that when children answer a question successfully, their next question is a little harder and when they get one wrong, the test gets easier. This helps ensure that students don't experience testing fatigue.
- It's important that students complete their NWEAs unassisted so that teachers will be provided with usable data to guide their instruction.
- However, please encourage students to let an adult know if their headphones aren't audible, if they can't read a word on the math assessment, or if they experience any technical difficulties.
- It's okay for them to ask to take a break.
- They are allowed to use blank paper and a pencil to assist them on their math assessment. Some questions even have a calculator to assist.
- It's important to teach them to read all of the directions, questions, and answers thoroughly before choosing their response.
- Going back into a passage to find evidence to support an answer is also helpful.
- Most importantly, let your children know that it's okay to make mistakes and that no one is perfect. We'll be proud of them for making their best effort.

CJL Students/Families/Staff (at school or remote)... Every Friday:

Wear Sanford Spartans colors (Red, White, & Black) or wear CJL clothing to show your school spirit!

Attendance Update/Reminders:

- Please tell Mrs. Hurley or Mrs. Mallon 324-8481, if your student will be absent on in-person or remote days, by 8:30am. Thank you!
- If you are going to be taking a vacation, please **contact the principal** about getting the attendance excused **and** **contact the school nurse** for rules regarding quarantining or testing for COVID-19.

Let's have a safe and successful week!

Take care,
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