

Dear Sansome Families:

We hope everyone had a warm, fuzzy **Valentine's Day** even if the temps. were so cold! Thank you to Lucca's Mom-Raquel, who sent the amazing cupcakes in to school. They were actual works of art! We can certainly put you in touch with Raquel if you are looking for designer baking for an upcoming special occasion.

Kindness Week will be happening Feb. 22-25th! Kinders, Room 7 and Room 9 have been making kindness cards that will be sent over to Lincoln students along with a sweet treat. The Gr. 2/3 classes and Room 8 have made cards for the seniors in our community at Westwood Estates. The Gr. 4/5 students are writing kind notes to the students at Westwood, letting them know that we are thinking of them too! Staff will be on the look out for students being kind. If a student is caught being kind, they will be given a gem to place in their classroom **Kindness Jar**. The jars will be set up outside of Mrs. Chase's office so we can all see which classroom is leading the way with kind deeds. Students will also be looking out for **pets** and bringing in any food, toy, or pet related item to be donated to two local pet shelters. Students who bring in a Pet donation will have their name entered in a Kindness draw with the winner announced on Feb. 25th. **Pink Shirt Day is Wed. Feb. 23rd**, a school-wide day to celebrate kindness! Thank you to Mrs. Chase and Sansome Staff for participating in this upcoming week and spreading Kindness through our Community.

Covid Update: As of Feb. 15th, schools will return to the "**Yellow**" Response level. Extra-curricular activities are again permitted. Field Trips will be considered after March 1st. Masks will still be required indoors for staff and students but will **not** be required during PE classes. Medical masks or 3 ply masks for students and staff are recommended and should be snugly fitting. Other cloth masks can again be worn but again should be snugly fitting. Students will remain in cohorts, but cohort sizes may be up to a max. of 75 students. Physical Distancing of 2m. is still a requirement for when students are eating and/or taking mask breaks.

Visitors to the school are still required to wear masks but outdoor mask wearing on SJASD property is now optional although recommended. Physical distancing of 2m is to be maintained when beyond the family cohort.

2nd Dose Covid Vaccine Clinic will be held at Sansome School on March 15th. Please find the attached information and consent forms. If you need a hard copy of the consent form, please contact our Office 204-889-6000.

Boston Pizza Fun Lunch - is coming up **Friday, Feb. 25th**. Thank you to Parent Council for organizing this special lunch. Lunches will be distributed by our Lunch Supervisors.

Transportation: We continue to have issues with traffic and congestion in the parking lots. We ask that parents please park in the **east parking lot** and walk their Primary students to their line-up area. Some parents are finding it very difficult to back out of a parking spot due to the steady stream of cars dropping students off at the step area. This congestion in the east parking lot may have been compounded by asking the Gr. 4/5 Parents to also use the east parking lot. We are hoping that the drop off and pick up situation will become easier with milder temps. Please use extra caution when exiting our east parking lot and driving on the surrounding streets. Our Patrols are waiting for cars to come to a complete stop before crossing our students.

Basketball Clubs: Afterschool Basketball Clubs have started for the **Gr. 4/5** Girls and Boys. Thank you Coaches Starkell, Iliffe, and Wasilewski! Practices run from **4:00-4:50** on their specified days. Girls practice on Tues. Feb. 22/ Friday Feb. 25/ and Mon. Feb. 28 with Coaches Starkell and Iliffe. Boys in Room 21, 22, and 34 practice on Wed. Feb. 23/ Wed. Mar. 2. Boys in Rooms 6 & 33 practice on Thurs. Feb. 24/ Thurs. Mar. 3. Both groups of Boys practice with Coach W and Coach Weekes.

Ti-bert Le Voyageur will be providing Sansome students with virtual, interactive presentations on March 8th and March 9th. The students are sure to enjoy his fast-paced sessions filled with music, song, and history!

Wishing everyone a family filled long weekend! Have fun,

Henrietta Hoch & Rob Bell

Grade 5 Families: If you haven't already, please send your Lincoln registration forms back to the school ASAP.

No School: Monday, February 21st

Next Early Dismissal Day: Tuesday, March 1st. Students will be dismissed at 3:18 pm. Early dismissals happen on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Buses run approximately 30 minutes earlier.

Water Bottles: Please remember to send your child with a reusable water bottle. The water fountain spouts are closed but we do have bottle fillers attached to the fountains.