



## Sparta Superintendent Schwemmer's Scoop

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- **Shout out** to **OUR STAFF** for rocking it this week! Our custodians, cooks, secretaries, paraprofessionals, technology department, district office, administrators and teachers have worked **TIRELESSLY** to open this school year and they deserve to be commended! **OUR STUDENTS** have done phenomenal with mask management and learning how to be super safe at school and they deserve to be rewarded! **OUR FAMILIES** have been extremely supportive of our staff and students in allowing us to all work together to be back in school and they deserve to be applauded! **OUR COMMUNITY** has shown us love in so many ways they deserve to be patronized! We are truly a tremendous school community and this week has been nothing short of miraculous and marvelous!
- Please send in **wipes** with your child so they may effectively clean their desks throughout the day.
- Remember, every **Wednesday** is Remote Learning Day for all students with no student attendance at school. Teachers will provide log in or homework instructions.
- If you indicated on the **childcare survey** you needed help on Wednesdays, we have had two people express interest in providing childcare for our families. Please call Samantha Comer 618-340-2781 or Bonnie Wilson at 217-816-0213.
- Check out this link! I have followed this series and it has really driven my decision making as an administrator and parent. I highly recommend all teachers watch it, as well! The **IEA and IASA** worked with the University of Chicago on this awesome

resource.

[https://echochicagosessionrecordings.s3.amazonaws.com/IEACOVID\\_kto5\\_8-13-2020.mp4](https://echochicagosessionrecordings.s3.amazonaws.com/IEACOVID_kto5_8-13-2020.mp4).

- We have **NEW STAFF!** We are fortunate to have gotten great people to work with us this year. I hope you get a chance to meet them all! They are:
    - **SHS- Kyle Gerlach- Special Ed; Charlie Merker & Valerie Foster- Paraprofessionals**
    - **SLS- Cameron Selman-Special Ed; Taylor Harbough-SLP; Brandy Mueller, Heather Wilson, Becky Weber, John Watts- Paraprofessionals; Jaimie Smith- Cook; and Traci Pflasterer- Secretary**
    - **EAC- Aleen Dutkanych- 3rd grade; Luke Lochhead- 4th grade; Connor McCall- PE; Roxy Mines- Paraprofessional; Georgette Smith- Custodian**
  - Don't forget to download our **APP** for Android and Apple Stores by going to your play store or app store and search using the name **Sparta Schools**, follow us on **FB @spartacommunityunitdistrict140** and **Twitter @spartadist140!**
  - **Sparta Community Hospital** will be at all schools giving hygiene presentations within the next 2 weeks.
  - We love **TECHNOLOGY!** Every child grades K-2 will have an iPad to go home this year, while each student grade 3-12 will be 1:1 with chromebooks. Thank you to our technology department for working tirelessly to get our devices ready for deployment!
  - We have some awesome new programs you will hear about- **Lexia and Power Up!** Expect to see some information from your child's teacher soon. They will help remediate skills lost during our COVID shutdown.
  - Big thanks to **Scott Rust from DQ** for his generous donation to staff this week by giving us free lunch daily!
  - Big thanks to **Sparta Lincoln PTO** for providing vouchers for the food truck this week. It was GOOD!
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#### Upcoming Events

- August 19- Remote Learning from Home
- August 24- September 5- NWEA Testing
- August 27- WHCO People Speak