

SANFORD SPOTLIGHT

Students in SHS Alternative High School Visit Wall That Heals Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall



Students in the Alternative Program at Sanford High School took a visit to The Wall That Heals Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall.

Karen Webb, who is in her 26th year as director of the Alternative Program, said it was very moving for the students and an excellent opportunity for them to see a famous monument. Students took the time to look at all the names on the wall.

Freshman Marley Rawlings said “it was eye-opening to be able to see the history and walk around. I’d definitely visit it again if it came back.”

Many of the students enjoyed being able to talk with some of the veterans who were there.

Read more [here](#)

Extended Learning Opportunities



Katie Schindler

As the Career Exploration Coordinator at Sanford High School and Regional Technical Center, Katie Schindler helps students prepare for their post-high school pursuits.

“I’m really passionate about helping people create their futures,” Schindler said. “That drives me, to watch students thrive and see their confidence grow.”

Schindler coordinates Extended Learning Opportunities (ELO's) for students. ELO's at Sanford High School and SRTC provide students with the opportunity to have learning experiences at a business or community organization or with community experts in particular fields.

"The ELO program is very important for some of our students who learn in different ways," SRTC Director Matt Petermann said. "They can utilize resources around them to learn about and reflect on a subject in a non-traditional way."

Students work with professionals in our community who become "mentors" to them in their areas of expertise. The experiences can be short-term, such as a job shadow, community interview, or a guest speaker visit, or long-term, such as a semester or year-long study.

"ELO's expand our academic programming in countless ways because they cater to the interests and post-secondary goals of our students," Sanford High School Principal Amanda Doyle said. "We are so fortunate to have willing community partners, talented teachers, and a creative Career Exploration Coordinator to support these unique learning experiences for our students."

The program has been very successful at SHS and SRTC. Fifty students were in the program last year, according to Schindler.

Part of Schindler's responsibilities include setting up internships with the students and getting the required paperwork taken care of. Students don't typically start their internships until their senior year or second year if it is a two-year program.

Read the rest of the article [here](#)

Sanford Schools Legacy Foundation: Leveling the playing field



Carl J. Lamb School gets long awaited equipment upgrade

At least eight annual Color Fun Runs and countless bake sales later, Carl J. Lamb School students will soon have a new major playground structure to climb and swing from. The new set is in production now and should be delivered Oct. 5-6 and installed shortly after, replacing the original structure built in 1990 behind the building.

“We’re very excited to see it all come together,” said Lydia Lehoux, mother of three and co-president of the PTA. “The old playground was 32 years old and many parts were original. It is well-loved and “frankensteined” back together, but she’s had a good life and needs to be replaced.”

Drainage work funded and completed by the school department will be done later this month, setting the stage for the new \$40,000 structure funded by the Parent-Teacher Association, led by co-presidents Lydia Lehoux and Amy Boyce Sevigny.

“Year after year we hosted fundraisers for the playground, so to finally see it come to fruition is so amazing,” said Lehoux. “It is so exciting!”

“At this point,” agreed Superintendent Matt Nelson, “there are a lot of bake sales that went into this effort!”

Read the rest of the article [here](#).

Custodial Appreciation



Welcoming vestibule at Carl J. Lamb

The Sanford School Department would like to recognize our custodial and maintenance staff's hard work over the summer to make our educational environment clean, safe, and inviting to everyone.

The summer is actually the busiest time of the year for the custodial and maintenance crew because they have ten weeks to turn the buildings around and be ready for students and staff in the fall. They deep cleaned every area of our buildings, including washing and removing all the furniture from every room.

They then cleaned the rooms from the top down, including lights, windows, and walls, and ended with refinishing the floors or washing the carpets.

They also created a new welcoming vestibule at Carl J. Lamb School (pictured left) with upgraded LED lights, a new ceiling, and an updated reception counter. Additionally, they painted and gave the entire lobby at the school a facelift.

The maintenance team also spent a lot of time keeping the lawns at our schools at bay from the rainy summer.

We shine the spotlight on our custodial and maintenance teams, who worked diligently behind the scenes to create an optimal learning environment for our students and staff.

Sights Around Our Schools

Margaret Chase Smith



Meet Margaret Chase Smith's Den Ambassadors! They are comprised of ten dedicated fourth grade students. They play a pivotal role in shaping the direction and culture of the school. Check out Margaret Chase Smith's newsletter [here](#).

Carl J. Lamb



At Carl J. Lamb, high fives are given to students who exhibit outstanding core values during the school day. When students receive a high five, they're entered into a raffle to win a prize. Check out Carl J. Lamb's newsletter [here](#).

Sanford Pride



It has been great to see so many students and staff sharing their pride and school spirit by wearing new Sanford Pride spirit wear at school. Check out Sanford Pride's newsletter [here](#).

Sanford Middle School



Therapy dogs from the Animal Welfare Society in Kennebunk visited Sanford Middle School. Click [here](#) for the school's newsletter.

The Spartan Times

The Spartan Times is the high school's online newspaper. The writing staff is composed of reporters in grades 9-12 who are enrolled in or have completed the CCP Journalism Elective course or the School Newspaper Enrichment class.



Contests have begun for all of Sanford High School's fall sports teams and fans are eager to learn what to expect for the upcoming seasons. We've reached out to each varsity coach for each team's goals, expectations, and challenges for the upcoming season.

Read more [here](#)

Employee Spotlight

This edition of the Employee Spotlight is on Kathryn McCall, who is the Self-Contained Special Education teacher at Carl J. Lamb



How long have you worked in the Sanford School Department?


I am in year 17 as a self-contained special education teacher - all at Carl J Lamb. Prior to that, I was a special education ed tech for 5 years - I worked as an in-home support coordinator for 5 years in between being an ed tech and becoming a teacher.

What's your favorite part about working in Sanford?

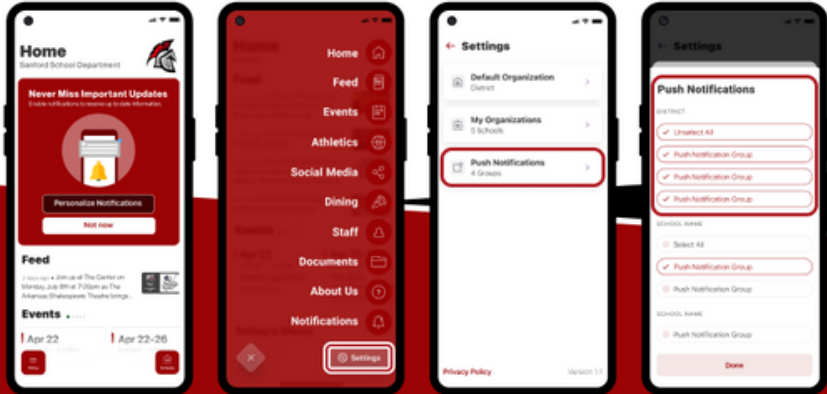
The students! I have been fortunate enough to work with some of the most amazing students who have taught me so many things.

Read more [here](#)

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Announcements



The Sanford School Department is hiring! Scan the QR code on the left to check out all of our openings.



Click this [link](#) for a list of announcements in the Sanford Community.



Do you have a story idea that you think should be in a future newsletter? We want to hear from you! Contact Communications Coordinator Sam Bonsey at sbonsey@sanford.org.

Main Street Memo



Favorite views in the City, promotions for Sanford officers, Selfies with Scarecrows and much more in the latest Main Street Memo! Check it out [here](#).

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