



Dear Families:

Fulfilled, happy, confident, responsible, kind, and loving. We have learned that these are goals families want for their children, and as teachers, what we want for our students.

We recognize that as a family member, you are our students' first teacher and we want to partner with you to help our children become tolerant, compassionate, and caring adults. To support achieving these goals and to help our students build their social-emotional skills, we are pleased to share that we are implementing Sanford Harmony in our school community.

This social emotional learning program has been made available through the generosity of entrepreneur and philanthropist, T. Denny Sanford. Mr. Sanford selected National University to disseminate Sanford Harmony at no cost to elementary schools and organizations throughout the United States.

Social emotional learning (SEL) helps children by promoting their health and emotional well-being and contributing to the prevention of violence, truancy, bullying, and substance abuse. In addition, SEL is associated with significant gains on academic achievement tests.

Sanford Harmony is designed to build healthy relationships among students by having them engage in activities that promote understanding and respect. Over the course of the five units listed below, students will enhance their abilities to learn, work, and spend time together.

- Diversity and Inclusion
- Critical Thinking
- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Peer Relationships

Information will be sent home periodically, sharing activities in each unit. You will find out more about Harmony Goals, Meet Up, Buddy Up, and other fun strategies being used in the classroom. We welcome your feedback. To learn more about Sanford Harmony please visit sanfordharmony.org.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Jessica Davis
Principal