



OSPREY NEWS

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Dear Families,

We are getting closer and closer to the first day of school! This week, our faculty and staff returned for in-service training. We had a chance to reconnect as a staff, understand the health and safety procedures in place for the upcoming school year, and prepare classrooms. Next week we'll have a chance to do more professional development as a staff. We will focus on learning in the hybrid model, promoting positive behavior in students, equity, and introduce more training on the health and safety guidance! Below is more information about the start of school including some helpful links.

[Here is a supplement to our family handbook about the reopening of school at MBS.](#) This handbook supplement was updated as of August 21st. Information in the handbook supplement is subject to change if more guidance comes from the Vermont Agency of Education, but we thought it would be helpful for you to have this now!

Our staff is making series of videos for students to watch before the upcoming year. Here are two short videos about our health screening process for students who arrive by [bus](#) and by [car](#). Special thanks to Nurse Josie, Mrs. Eastman, Mr. Kluk and Mr. Jacobs. We'll have more coming to you soon!

There will be school for students in the Blue/Lakers group on Wednesday, September 9th. There were several dates on the [calendar](#) where a week was unbalanced in the number of in-person days for one of the learning groups. One example of this is the first week of school because there is no school on Labor Day, Monday, September 7. That means that the Blue/Laker group only gets one in-person day that week (Tuesday). To ensure students have an equal number of in-person opportunities the schedule on September 9th has been adjusted so that students in the Blue/Laker group could attend on that day.

Teacher placements will be sent to families via email on Tuesday, August 25th in the afternoon. For students in grades 3-5, your child's teacher for the 20-21 school year will send you an email on Tuesday to introduce themselves. Please make sure your contact information is updated in infosnap so that we can get this information to you as soon as possible.

Chorus will still be offered to fifth grade students. We will share more specifics about chorus soon. Next week we will have more information about fifth grade band too!

Respectfully,
Ms. Burke

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