



OSPREY NEWS

SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2020

Dear MBS Families,

Now that we've completed the second week of school, we have hit the ground running with academics! Check out page 2 of this newsletter for some pictures of the first two weeks of school.

Students are quickly learning Google Classroom and will begin submitting assignments in Google Classroom over the next couple of weeks. Here is a [link to some family resources about Google Classroom](#).

Thank you for your patience as we adjusted both our arrival and dismissal routines. Just like Colchester Middle School, we are now dropping off in the bus loop. Per Vermont State Law, cars may not pass buses in the bus loop. As Superintendent Minor shared in her newsletter on Friday, we're asking all of our community members to join forces to keep our kids safe by paying extra attention while driving in town.

Today was picture day for our "Green" students and Monday, September 21st will be picture day for our "Blue Students." This year families will order pictures online. Here is the [link](#) to order pictures online. Our password at MBS is mbs320. Virtual students can come to MBS to have their picture taken on Monday, September 21st from 3:15 - 5:00 pm. A make up picture day will be scheduled shortly.

Students should log into Chromebooks with their school email address. This means students and families will be unable to login with a personal email address. Per our device contract, students and families are responsible for both the chromebook and the chromebook's charger. Any student that loses their charger will need to replace it by purchasing it from our IT department for \$25.00 or by purchasing one online.

As a reminder from Nurse Josie, please keep your child home if they have symptoms of Covid -19. When you send your child to school you are certifying that your child has not been in close contact with anyone diagnosed with Covid-19, traveled to an area that requires quarantine upon return and is free of symptoms of Covid-19.

All students will practice a fire drill this coming week. In accordance with guidelines from the state around physical distancing, our drills will be slightly different, but we will still conduct fire drills and safety drills this year. We are planning on practicing a safety drill during the week of September 21st.

Masks with a valve are not permitted at school. If a child arrives with a valved mask, we will provide them with a surgical or cloth mask here at school.

Fifth Grade Families, it is not too late to sign up for chorus! [Here is the sign up for chorus](#). Please direct any questions about chorus to Mrs. Towle at Melissa.Towle@colchestersd.org.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, October 8th from 6:00 - 7:00 PM for our next PTA meeting. New members are always encouraged to join. The meeting will be held virtually. More details to follow. If you have questions or would like to join, contact Tiera Porter, MBS PTA president at Tiera.Porter@uvm.edu.

Respectfully,

Ms. Burke

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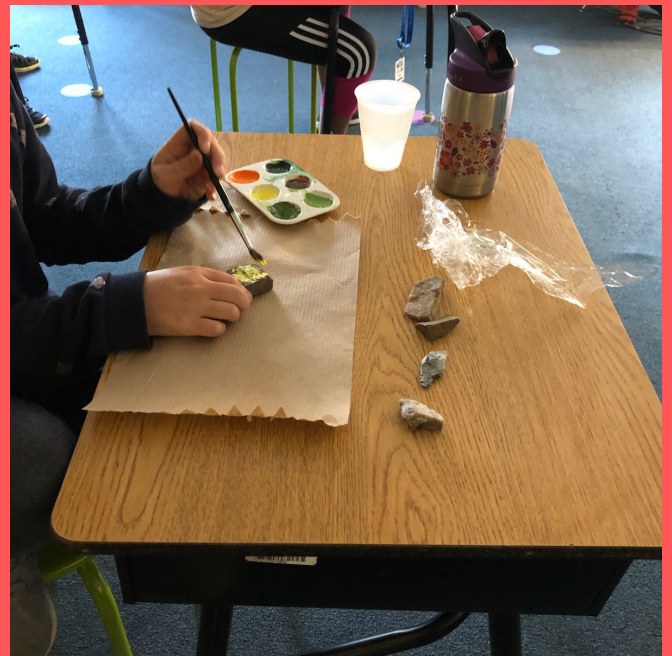
Students in Ms. Taylor's Class working hard



Student artwork displayed outside our Main Office



Our preschoolers came back September 10th



Painting rocks in Ms. Beck's Class