



OSPREY NEWS

OCTOBER 4TH, 2020

Dear MBS Families,

As Superintendent Minor shared in her message this past Friday, the district developed a phased timeline for elementary students to return to school. Here is the timeline Superintendent Minor shared on Friday, with respect to third through fifth grade. Preschool students will continue with their regular schedule, four days a week.

Third Grade: Beginning on Monday, October 19, all 3rd graders will attend school in person Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. They will learn remotely on Wednesday.

Fourth Grade: Beginning Monday, October 26, all 4th graders will attend school in person on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. They will learn remotely on Wednesday.

Fifth Grade: Beginning Monday, November 2, all 5th graders will start attending school in person, 4 days a week. However, there is no school on Tuesday, November 3, so for their first week, they will attend in person on Monday, Thursday and Friday and will learn remotely on Wednesday.

This gradual addition of more students in the building will allow us to evaluate our systems as they flex to accommodate things like arrival/dismissal, lunch preparation, supervision of outdoor mask breaks, acquisition of additional PPE and necessary furniture such as desks, and allotting additional time for hygiene routines such as regular handwashing. We appreciate your support and understanding as we prepare to bring all elementary students back to school and will continue to use this newsletter and our school messenger system to keep you updated with logistics in the coming weeks as more students return to school.

In addition to this information about the phased return of elementary students, here is some additional information for the week ahead:

If you drive your child to school, please wear a mask during drop off. This is for the safety of everyone, including our health screening staff. If possible, please also have your child sit on the passenger side of the car. This will allow students to exit the car quickly and safely.

Students should complete their virtual assignments to be marked "present" on remote days. On remote days, students enrolled in in-person learning are expected to respond to their teacher's Morning Message in Google Classroom and complete their assignments as best as possible.

Please make sure your child comes to school dressed for changing Vermont weather conditions. We will continue to go outside as much as possible for recess and outdoor instruction so that students have a chance to get fresh air and take a break from masks.

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 and the zoom link will be sent out 15 minutes before the meeting. Page 3 of this newsletter also has more information about our PTA. If you have questions or would like to join, contact Tiera Porter, MBS PTA president at Tiera.Porter@uvm.edu.

Wednesday, October 14th is a professional development day. There will be no remote instruction for students on this day.

Respectfully,

Ms. Burke

Preschool

Preschool is wrapping up their theme of back to school and self. They have focused on learning classroom routines and expectations. The children participated in a guided discovery of the correct way to use each area in the classroom and the different materials available. Each class then created Class Rules that were generated and agreed upon by the children. We practiced hand washing and what it means to give each other “space” to keep ourselves and our friends safe. The children have done a remarkable job wearing their masks! We have had discussions on how we are the same and different from each other and how those similarities and differences make us special. In October, we will be discussing Apples, Pumpkins, and the Five Senses.

[Our First Self Portraits, with masks that open and close to reveal the faces](#)



PTA UPDATES

The PTA meets the 2nd
Thursday of the Month.

10/8/20	3/11/20
11/12/20	4/8/20
12/10/20	5/13/20
1/14/20	6/10/20
2/11/20	

*Zoom Links will be sent out 15
minutes before the meeting
through the MBS school
messenger system.

NEXT MEETING:

OCTOBER 8
6:00-7:00PM

MBS PTA AGENDA

October 8, 2020
6:00PM – 7:00PM
ZOOM

- Introductions / Ice Breakers
- Officers 2020 /2021
- School Update
- Fall Fundraiser Update
- Yearbook
- Old Business
- New Business
- Adjourn

Fall Fundraiser:
Information
coming soon!

To find out more about the
PTA visit our website at
<https://www.csdvt.org/mbs/pto.php>

or on
FACEBOOK
at

Mallets Bay School PTA

The Mallets PTA is dedicated to making the 2020 / 2021 school year as memorable as possible. We are currently looking into a variety of ideas to continue to support the MBS community in a safe and enriching way. If you have any ideas please come to a PTA meeting or e-mail us at:

malletsbayschoolpta@gmail.com