



# OSPREY NEWS

OCTOBER 18TH, 2020

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Dear MBS Families,

We are very excited to welcome all of our in-person students back to school for their first four day week of in-person instruction, with third grade beginning tomorrow! In order to follow the most recent guidelines from the State Agency of Education we will be doing our best to limit students being in close proximity to each other and continue to use additional layers of protection such as wearing masks, standing side-by-side instead of face-to-face, and practicing good hand hygiene. We have also purchased plexiglass dividers in each of our classrooms as an additional layer of protection.

Here is some more information about our transition back to four days of in person instruction and the weeks ahead:

**Masks are still required for all students in the Colchester School District. Teachers will take time during the first days of school to reteach expectations as classes return.** Students will also still have two outside mask off breaks throughout the day and be able to take their masks off during meal times. Here is a link to a video for students and families about [wearing a mask at MBS](#).

**As we begin our phased return to in-person instruction, we will have a greater number of students and families in the bus loop.** We appreciate your understanding as we manage an increase in traffic with more students coming to school beginning October 19th. ***During morning drop off, please pull all the way up in the loop, make sure your child is ready to exit the car on the passenger side, and wear a mask in the car. This will ensure that our arrival routine is safe and efficient for everyone.***

**Currently ridership on most MBS buses is low.** Several families have asked about having their child ride the bus as we begin four days a week of in person instruction. On most buses students are sitting by themselves. As ridership increases, some students may need to sit two to a seat. On the bus students are a required to wear masks, drivers space students out as best they can, and windows are be kept open part way to encourage air flow. Buses may run 5 - 15 minutes later in both the morning and afternoon as we return to 4 days a week of instruction.

**Please let us know how your child should be dismissed at the end of the day.** If you haven't already, please complete this [google form](#).

**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. Our IT department Help Desk can be contacted at 264-5727.

**November 3rd is Election Day.** We will not have school on November 3rd.

**November 9th is picture retake day.** Virtual students may come between 3:30 and 4:45 PM to have their pictures taken.

Respectfully,

*Ms. Burke*

# PRESCHOOL



Preschool activities are rich in math and science opportunities. We know that children learn best through play. This month, the preschoolers will have the opportunity to dissect a pumpkin, balance gourds on the balance scale, explore the principals of sink and float in the water table, mix two colors (red and yellow) to create a third color (orange), measure pumpkins and apples, use ramps and inclines, and learn about the life cycle and parts of pumpkins and apples. Vocabulary introduced will include: ramp, incline, distance, speed, height, circumference, tall/taller/tallest, big/bigger/biggest, small/medium/large, balance, sink, float, seed, pulp, ribs, flesh, skin, and the life cycle of a plant: seed, sprout, flower, pollination, fruit, seed.



# PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES

**Phone:**  
**802-264-5640**



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Colchester Lions will be hosting a Spooky goodie bag giveaway at the Colchester Town Offices on Saturday, October 24th. This will run from 1pm to 4pm but bags are limited so be sure to arrive timely! This is a drive-thru event so you will not leave your car. We will ask that you wear facial coverings to retrieve your goodies. One bag per child.

### **Keep an eye for a few of our upcoming programs:**

You've Been Slimed on 11/1,

Snacks Ideas on 11/8!

Learn more and register at <https://secure.recl.com/VT/colchester-vt/catalog>.

## **The Edge:**

There are openings at The Edge for Tennis Camp. Contact The Edge at 802-879-7734 for details!