



OSPREY NEWS

OCTOBER 25TH, 2020

Dear MBS Families,

Our fourth graders will be returning for the first week of in person instruction beginning tomorrow. We are looking forward to having them back in the building! Thank you for your flexibility with the changes we made to our dismissal routines last week as we welcomed our third graders in the building.

This past Friday, October 23rd, the Vermont Agency of Education issued a new set of guidelines for a Strong and Healthy Start. It is possible that some of our routines and systems will need to be modified as a result of these guidelines. As a district we are currently reviewing the guidelines and will keep you informed about any changes we need to make as a result of these guidelines.

We are extending our dismissal time for pick up until 3:20. We begin our dismissal process at 3:00 and currently have a rush of traffic in between 3:00 and 3:10. If you are able to, please feel free to come between 3:10 and 3:20 when there is less vehicle traffic. This will help us with the high volume of traffic in the parking lot and bus loop. We have staff who are available to provide students with supervision until 3:20.

Colchester School District will be hosting virtual Family Nights. These family nights will be with local experts covering a variety of topics including resilience, anxiety, fostering connections, and promoting independence in children. The first Family Night is titled "Parenting Through the Pandemic" and takes place this **Tuesday, October 27**. Tisa Begnoche and Dan Gaudet will guide families through creating a space place at home, 1-2-3 magic, and reinforcement ideas for supporting learning at home. [Click here to view the full flyer](#) which includes zoom links to the upcoming and future presentations.

November 2nd is the beginning of the second quarter. Our Unified Arts classes are on a quarterly rotation and students will have a new Unified Arts rotation beginning November 2nd.

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.

Conferences will be held on November 23rd and 24th via zoom. MBS will use Sign Up Genius again for parents and caregivers to sign up for conferences. The MBS Sign Up Genius will go live the week of November 2nd. The Sign Up Genius will be sent out via school messenger.

Respectfully,

Ms. Burke

NURSE UPDATES

Spooky Season may look different, but we can still celebrate while taking additional safety precautions. Stay 6-feet away from others who are not in your household, keep celebrations outdoors & wear a face mask.

**WITH A FEW
ADJUSTMENTS
SPOOKY SEASON CAN
STILL BE FUN!**



This is an important year to get your flu vaccine! Since flu season runs from October to May, it's best to get your flu shot before the end of October, but it is available throughout the flu season. Call your child's pediatrician to schedule an appointment.

[Check out my new nurse website](#) (found through the MBS website)! There's lots of helpful links, including the newest guidelines from the VT Dept of Health on [returning to school after illness](#).

PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES

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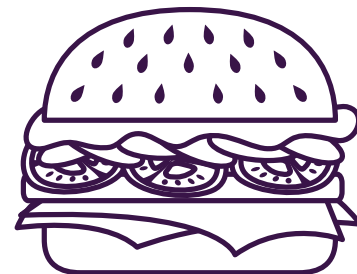
We still have 3 spots available in our Afterschool Archery Clinic on October 27th for grades 3-5.



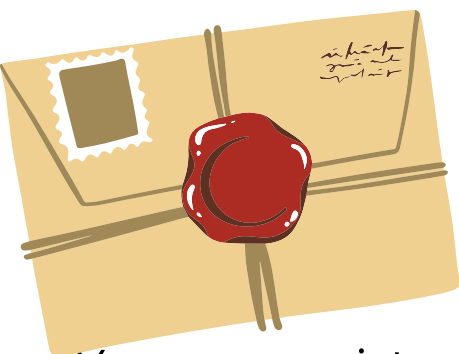
Check out our You've Been Slimed program on November 1st from 10-11:30am to make multiple types of slime! This program is for ages 6-10.



We also still have a couple spots in the Afterschool Snacks program from 1-3pm on November 8th... you won't want to miss these delicious ideas! This program is for ages 8-12.



Lastly, don't forget to register to receive a special Letter From Santa. We have to inform his elves in the next couple weeks!



You can register for Parks and Recreation programs [here](#).