



# OSPREY NEWS

NOVEMBER 15, 2020

Dear MBS Families,

Last week I shared information about updated guidance from the State which will go into effect tomorrow, Monday, November 16th. It has been a tremendous undertaking for MBS to be in compliance with these new standards. We spent many hours brainstorming, troubleshooting, measuring distances, rearranging classrooms and setting up new spaces. I am so grateful to the MBS staff, custodians, and district maintenance staff who worked tirelessly over the past two weeks and through the weekend so that we are ready for tomorrow. Included below are a few pictures below of some our new learning spaces.

Here is some additional information for you about the week ahead:

**As of Thursday, November 12th, we have made changes to our screening process.** We are now conducting our temperature screenings inside. This will allow our thermometers to function better as the weather gets colder. We have also added a question to our screening process, "have you travelled outside of Vermont?"

**The Vermont Department of Health has developed a Holiday Travel School Toolkit to help schools communicate about safety during the upcoming holidays.** Right now, social gatherings are a driving force behind much of the COVID-19 spread nationwide. Health Commissioner Mark Levine, MD, encourages Vermonters to avoid out-of-state travel which now requires quarantining upon return, regardless of the destination. It is the State's hope that making these sacrifices now will help flatten the sharp upward curve we're experiencing and that by doing so we can keep Vermonters working and our children in school.

**This Friday, November 20th at 3:00 pm is the last day to sign up for family conferences.** Please see page 3 of this newsletter for a link to our Sign Up Genius for family conferences. You can also call the MBS front office between 7:30 and 3:30 at 264 -5900 for assistance signing up for conferences.

Respectfully,

*Ms. Burke*



L to R: Mr. Winchester's Classroom in the Summit House, Mrs. Miller's new space in the Music room, Mrs. Chittenden's Class in the Cafe.

## Upcoming Dates

November 20: End of First Trimester

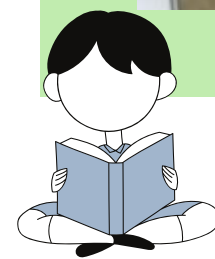
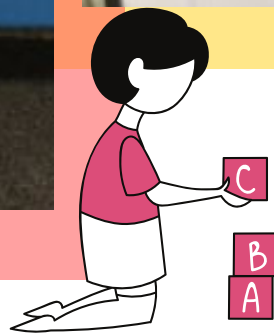
November 23rd and 24th: Conferences (No School)

November 25th - 27th: School Recess

December 4th: Report Cards Go Home

# PRESCHOOL

A graph is a pictorial representation or a diagram that represents data or values in an organized manner. The ability to read a graph is an important math skill. Preschoolers are introduced to graphs in various ways. Each day, children check in to show how they are feeling. This gives the teacher information on how each child is feeling and what they may need to help them get through the day. Each class graphs whether or not the children like the book that is read at circle time. This gives the teacher feedback on curriculum choices and interest in the subject matter. We also use graphs to compare how we are alike and different. The information provided on the graphs is interpreted by the children when they are asked what they notice on the graph. Math concepts and vocabulary used include more than, less than, equal to, column, and row. The children count how many names/faces are in each column and represent that number using “math hands”.



# CONFERENCES

Conferences are on Monday, November 23 and Tuesday, November 24th. Signup Genius will close on Friday, November 20th.

If you would like to schedule a conference with a Unified Arts teacher, please email them directly before November 20th.

- **Art** - Katie Miller; [katie.miller@colchestersd.org](mailto:katie.miller@colchestersd.org)  
\*Hannah Terracino is currently on family leave\*
- **Guidance** - Sim Peltier; [simrat.peltier@colchestersd.org](mailto:simrat.peltier@colchestersd.org)
- **Library** - Carole Oglesby;  
[carole.oglesby@colchestersd.org](mailto:carole.oglesby@colchestersd.org)
- **Music** - Tyler Mast; [tyler.mast@colchestersd.org](mailto:tyler.mast@colchestersd.org)
- **Physical Education** - Ryan Kluk;  
[ryan.kluk@colchestersd.org](mailto:ryan.kluk@colchestersd.org)
- **Physical Education** - Elizabeth Eastman;  
[elizabeth.eastman@colchestersd.org](mailto:elizabeth.eastman@colchestersd.org)



Conferences close this Friday, November 20th! Here are the links if you have not signed up!

## 3rd Grade:

[Mrs. Bellavance/ Mrs. Ford](#)  
[Mrs. Cioffi](#)  
[Mrs. Ellingson](#)  
[Mr. Jacobs](#)  
[Mrs. Marlow](#)  
[Ms. McKelvey](#)  
[Mrs. Rayner-Cyr](#)  
[Ms. Riggs](#)  
[Mrs. Schroder](#)

## 4th Grade:

[Ms. Beck](#)  
[Mrs. Carney](#)  
[Mr. Cheney](#)  
[Mrs. Chittenden](#)  
[Mrs. Fischer](#)  
[Mrs. Longchamp](#)  
[Ms. Taylor](#)

## 5th Grade:

[Mr. Bean](#)  
[Mrs. Boucher](#)  
[Mrs. Buswell](#)  
[Ms. Freed](#)  
[Mr. Galati](#)  
[Mrs. Miller](#)  
[Ms. Nuttall](#)