



OSPREY NEWS

NOVEMBER 22, 2020

Dear MBS Families,

It's hard to believe but our first trimester has ended today and our November School Recess is about to begin! Here are a few updates for you:

Colchester School District is 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 next Family Night is titled "Safe and Sound" with Gillian Boudreau and takes place this Tuesday, November 24th at 6:30 PM. [Click here to view the full flyer](#) which includes zoom links to the upcoming and future presentations.

As the weather continues to turn, students will be going outside daily. Please make sure your child comes appropriately dressed with boots, a coat, mittens, hat, and snow pants if necessary for varying Vermont weather conditions.

Students should be bringing their Chromebooks and Chromebook chargers to and from school daily. We are continuing to do this in the event classrooms need to go into an intermittent closure. Please support your child in helping them to remember to bring their Chromebook to and from school.

Colchester School District recently made a few adjustments to the school year calendar. Adjustments have been made to meet the minimum number of days required by the state. Please review the latest version of the [school calendar](#) here on the CSD website.

Finally, we are looking forward to our Virtual Fall Conferences this Monday, November 23d and Tuesday November 24th. Your child's teacher should share a Zoom or Google Meet link prior to the start of the conference. See you then!

Respectfully,

Ms. Burke

Upcoming Dates

November 20: End of First Trimester

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

November 24th: Virtual Family Night with Gillian Boudreau 6:30 PM

November 25th - 27th: School Recess

December 4th: Report Cards Go Home

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Vermont is seeing a significant surge of new COVID-19 cases across the state. Starting November 14, 2020, Governor Scott's [Executive Order](#) prohibits gatherings with people from other households. This includes both inside and outside gatherings, and in public and private spaces. Additionally, the Health Department strongly advises against non-essential travel, even within Vermont. Any non-essential travel to and from Vermont requires quarantine.

These new guidelines are hard for many families as the holidays are usually a time to gather and spend time with friends and family. If you decide to travel for the holiday, you will need to keep your child home from school and quarantine for 2 weeks after you return (or 1 week followed by a negative PCR test).

Please be considerate of the teachers, staff, and other families who are choosing to not travel so that we can safely return to school. Many teachers and staff are making sacrifices this holiday season so that we can continue educating your children. We also need our families to comply with the guidelines so that we can continue to keep school open.

For more information on [hosting out-of-state visitors, travel & quarantine](#), and for [testing information](#), visit the Vermont Department of Health website.

Avoid non-essential travel,
even within Vermont.



Do not get together or
socialize with anyone you
don't live with.



All non-essential travel to or from
Vermont now requires quarantine.

PTA

We know this year isn't like any other so we are changing the format. This year there will be one store code for everyone to use. Shipping will only be offered direct to customers. Please share the link with anyone interested in supporting MBS. By shopping with this link, the MBS PTA will receive between 30-50% of sales that will be directly used to benefit the MBS Community. For more information please contact the MBS PTA at malletsbayschoolpta@gmail.com.

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