



OSPREY NEWS

JANUARY 24, 2020

Dear MBS Families,

Here are a few reminders for the week ahead. I've also included a few pictures of our student learning this past week!

As a reminder from Nurse Josie, please keep students home for any signs of illness including headaches and fatigue. If your student has just 1 symptom, they can return when they are improved. If they have 2 or more symptoms, (such as a runny nose and sore throat) or any new cough please contact their primary care provider before returning to school to determine if a COVID test is needed. Thank you for your cooperation; it is helping to keep us open! Please contact Nurse Josie at josie.lang@colchesersd.org if you have further questions.

During pick up and drop off times, **please be mindful that we have several students coming to and from MBS on the bike path.** This year we have several students walking and riding bikes to and from school.

We have several important upcoming dates listed in the box below. **This year our conferences will be held remotely via zoom on March 2nd and March 3rd will be a remote learning day.** Links to sign up for the conferences will go live in early February.

Respectfully,

Ms. Burke



Students in Mrs. Eastman's PE classes enjoyed snowshoeing! Our 5th graders are learning about layers of the atmosphere and our preschoolers are learning about community helpers.

Upcoming Dates

February 2: World Read Aloud Day

February 3: Early Release

February 11: MBS PTA Meeting

February 18: End of Second Trimester

February 22 - March 1: School Recess

March 2: Family Conferences

March 3: (Wednesday) Remote Learning Day

The next topic in our Virtual Family Night Series is anxiety. We invite you to join us next Tuesday evening,

January 26th from 6:30 - 8:00 pm via Zoom.

[Zoom Link to Register](#)



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Anxiety with Jayme Gaudet and Tisa Begnoche

Strategies to help your child be in charge of their anxiety and worries.



PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES

Phone:
802-264-5640

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Check out some of Colchester Parks and Recreation's upcoming programs like National Tater Tot Day (1/30), Harry Potter Digital Escape Room (1/31), and Afterschool Snowshoeing! You can find information on these programs and more, [HERE](#). And you can visit [this link](#) to register. Reach out to Hannah at Colchester Parks and Rec with any questions, 802-264-5640.



PTA

Capture the memories with your 2020-2021 Malletts Bay School Yearbook. [Order Online here!](#) The yearbooks are \$15.00 and this year you can add some personalization for an extra fee if you are interested. Parents of 5th graders may buy an ad for \$10.00 to congratulate your child and wish them well!

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PRESCHOOL

Snow offers endless opportunities for family playtime— both indoors and out.

Young children find snow magical. It's unique. They can control how it changes and do whatever they want with it. There's no right or wrong way to play with snow, so perfection doesn't matter. As families play together, children learn skills like cooperation, turn taking, and problem-solving.

SNOW NATURE

Go on a hike to collect natural materials to use when constructing snow sculptures.

Construct your own snowman to feed the animals. Put birdseed in his hat, a carrot nose, and eyes made out of nuts or other tasty treats. Notice if animals have eaten the food. Can you tell if animals have been there? Do you see tracks?

SNOW SCIENCE

Explore how snow melts together as a family. **Melting:** Fill several containers with snow and bring inside. Put them in several places around your home—on a table, in the freezer, in the refrigerator, near a sunny window, under a light bulb. Ask children to guess which will melt first, last. Set a timer for every 10 minutes and check progress.

Snowball thermometer: On a mild day, make snowballs of the same size and place them on different surfaces like a rock, patch of grass, sidewalk, parked car. Observe which one melts first. Ask children why?

TRUCE FAMILY PLAY TIP

Develop a family screen turn off ritual. Here are some ideas: Count all the screens that are on as you turn them off. See if you can turn off all the screens in a minute or less. Have a bin or basket where you put all portable screens during family play time.

SNOW GAMES

Have a snowball throwing contest.
Draw targets in the snow. Ice cube hunt:
Freeze colored water into ice cubes, and hide them around yard or park. Optional: assign points to each color.

And, of course, it's just plain fun for everyone. Watch children as they play. This can help you figure out what they are working on and can help you know what to say and do.

SNOW ART

- 1.Fill spray bottles with water and a little food coloring. Spray paint your snowman or other designs you've made.
- 2.Spread snow on a tray or cardboard box. Use old, dry markers to color the snow.
- 3.On fresh snow, frame your picture with sticks. Then paint with water color paints. As a family, create a large mural, with each family member contributing ideas and artwork.
- 4.Create a "snow snake" with a line of snowballs. Paint with water colors.

WHAT DO THE EXPERTS SAY?

Snow play requires creativity, scientific observation, and negotiation skills. Think of the creativity fostered as children build snow creatures and use various objects to decorate them. They learn the complexities of problem solving as they try to mold snow into different designs and learn about the properties of physics as they build jumps for sledding or walls for snow forts.

- Dana Gorman, Playfully Learning Blogspot

SNOW CONSTRUCTION

Gather snow in a bowl or bucket to bring inside. Find a place you don't mind getting wet. Provide spoons, scoops, measuring cups, small cars/trucks/ planes, bowls of different sizes, sandbox toys. Children (and adults) will be more comfortable wearing mittens when playing with snow inside.