



OSPREY NEWS

JANUARY 31, 2020

Dear MBS Families,

Happy (almost) February! Here are a few reminders for the week ahead.

Thank you for your patience at arrival on Friday. Because the temperatures dipped below zero, we made a few adjustments to our arrival process, including shortening the arrival line to reduce the amount of time students and staff were outside. I know this made drop off take a little longer than usual - thanks for your understanding with this!

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 this Wednesday, February 3rd at 8:00 am.

Please make sure that students are taking good care of their Chromebooks and chargers. Students should be bringing their Chromebooks to and from school daily. If your child loses their charger, you can purchase one through Amazon for \$15.00 or purchase one through our IT department for \$25.00.

Please check out page 2 of this newsletter - it contains important updates from our nurse, Josie Lang, including about bringing Valentines to school.

Respectfully,

Ms. Burke

Upcoming Dates

February 2: World Read Aloud Day

February 11: MBS PTA Meeting

February 18: End of Second Trimester

February 22 - March 1: School Recess

March 2: Family Conferences

March 3: Remote Learning Day



NURSE



Many families are wondering about Valentines Day celebrations. If your child's classroom decides to participate, we are asking that only paper Valentine cards be brought in, but NO attached candy, pencils, treats, etc! Please close valentines with stickers or leave unsealed (no licking!) Please do not send cupcakes or shared treats. We know it's hard to change traditional celebrations, but we appreciate your help in keeping MBS safe.

Please send extra masks in your child's backpack. Because of the colder air, masks get wet at recess and need to be changed when kids come inside. It will be good to send in 2 extra masks for use during the day. Also remember to wash masks after use. This will prevent buildup of germs and odors and keep kids healthier. Wash in the washing machine and dryer or handwash and hang to dry!

Cleaning out your closets? The health office is in search of extra leggings or athletic pants, specifically sizes 12 to 16.

And finally, a reminder to keep students with ANY symptoms of illness home from school. Even a runny nose or headache, though mild symptoms, should stay home until they are improved. If a student has 2 or more symptoms, or ANY cough, call their primary care provider to determine if a COVID test is needed. Getting a covid test for any illness is common practice and easy to arrange. Kids can get a lower nasal swab, which makes the test easy and pain free. The sooner you call your pediatrician to get this arranged, the quicker we can get your child back to school!

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Check out some of Colchester Parks and Recreation's upcoming programs. ! 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!