



OSPREY NEWS

FEBRUARY 14, 2021

Dear MBS Families,

We are headed into our final week of trimester 2! Students have worked hard, earning recognition through our PBIS system and taking trimester 2 assessments. Please check out the photos below of our World Read Aloud Day on Tuesday, February 9th!

Over February break, our Food Services Team will be offering a week's worth of free breakfast and lunch for children in the district. This time you'll find more homemade items like a lasagna roll-up and mac & cheese that are frozen and ready to reheat. Pick up will be in the afternoon/evening on Monday, February 22. An email will be coming soon with more information.

The district has started getting information out to the community about the upcoming budget vote. Here is a [link to the first video of the Your Vote Matters series](#). These videos take viewers into our schools and give them an opportunity to see the impact that their educational tax dollars have on students. You can request a ballot be mailed to you through the Colchester Town Clerk's Office or through the state's [My Voter Page](#). You can also vote in person at Colchester High School on Tuesday, March 2 from 7am -7pm.

We are really looking forward to seeing you for our virtual conferences on March 2nd! Page 4 of this newsletter has sign up links. Also, due to school recess, our next edition of the Osprey News will go to families on Sunday, February 28th.

Respectfully,

Ms. Burke



Upcoming Dates

February 19: End of Second Trimester

February 22 - March 1: School Recess

March 2: Family Conferences

March 3: Remote Learning Day

March 5: Report Cards Go Home

NURSE

As this pandemic drags on, it's easy to get discouraged and sad that we can't hang out with our friends and family. We know that the next couple of months of winter will be challenging. We appreciate all of the sacrifices that our community has made to keep our students healthy and to keep our schools open.

Things we still need to avoid:

- Indoor gatherings
- Sleepovers
- Sharing meals with others (even outdoors)

Things we can safely do with others:

- Safe Outdoor Activities (Stay 6 feet apart and wear masks!)
- Sledding
- Snowshoeing
- Snowman building competitions
- Walks on the Bike Path (try it at night with a headlamp!)



Please continue to keep students home when they are sick. This includes even minor colds or 'the sniffles'. Any symptom, even a runny nose or headache, means you should keep your child home from school and contact me or your primary care provider for guidance on when they can return to school. Thank you for your help with this!

February 14-20 is Random Acts of Kindness week! Being kind and helping others is a great way to help kids boost their mood, self-esteem, and resilience. Simple acts of kindness can go a long way to brighten someone's day.



PTA

MBS Students are invited to become Bandits for the Big Change Roundup fundraiser for the UVM Children's Hospital! Every cent raised goes directly to our local hospital to help kids in our community get excellent care close to home. Last year our school collected over \$380. Let's top that!

Learn how your donations help children and families by watching [this video](#) tour led by patients including Sawyer, an MBS student in Mr. Cheney's fully remote 4th grade class. Due to health and safety considerations, students should not bring donations to school. Instead, please use [this website](#) to make a donation or take your collected change to any bank and convert it to a check payable to the UVM Children's Hospital.

Please note in the memo field that it's for "Team Malletts Bay School" and mail it to:

The UVM Children's Hospital ATTN: Big Change Roundup

111 Colchester Avenue

Given Courtyard 3

North Burlington, VT 05401

You are making a difference one dime at a time. Thank you for your participation!



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.



PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES

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Don't miss out on registration for February (and April) Vacation camps. You can register online or in office, open weekdays 7:30am-12pm. Our 2021 Virtual Summer Brochure is available [here](#), and resident registration is OPEN! We have many different options including day camps, travel camps, and specialty camps. Be sure to check out our ice rink at Airport Park this winter!

CONFERENCES

CONFERENCES ARE ON TUESDAY, MARCH 2ND. SIGNUP GENIUS WILL CLOSE ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH AT 4:00PM.

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

Hannah Terracino is currently on family leave

Guidance - Sim Peltier; simrat.peltier@colchestersd.org

Library - Carole Oglesby; carole.oglesby@colchestersd.org

Music - Tyler Mast; tyler.mast@colchestersd.org

Physical Education - Ryan Kluk;

ryan.kluk@colchestersd.org

Physical Education - Elizabeth Eastman;

elizabeth.eastman@colchestersd.org



CONFERENCES CLOSE THIS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH! HERE ARE THE LINKS IF YOU HAVE NOT SIGNED UP!

	3rd Grade:	4th Grade:	5th Grade:
Preschool:	<u>Mrs. Ford / Mrs. Bellavance</u>	<u>Miss Beck</u>	<u>Mr. Bean</u>
<u>Miss Darcie</u>	<u>Mrs. Cioffi</u>	<u>Mrs. Carney</u>	<u>Mrs. Boucher</u>
<u>Miss Nancy</u>	<u>Mrs. Ellingson</u>	<u>Mr. Cheney</u>	<u>Mrs. Buswell</u>
<u>Miss Taylor</u>	<u>Mr. Jacobs</u>	<u>Mrs. Chittenden</u>	<u>Miss Freed</u>
	<u>Mrs. Marlow</u>	<u>Mrs. Fischer</u>	<u>Mr. Galati</u>
	<u>Miss McKelvey</u>	<u>Mrs. Longchamp</u>	<u>Mrs. Miller</u>
	<u>Mrs. Rayner-Cyr</u>	<u>Ms. Taylor</u>	<u>Ms. Nuttall</u>
	<u>Miss Riggs</u>	<u>Mr. Winchester</u>	
	<u>Mrs. Schroder</u>		