



OSPREY NEWS

MARCH 21ST, 2021

Dear MBS Families,

Happy Spring! I hope you are enjoying the beautiful weather and sunshine. Here are a few updates for the upcoming week:

We are holding a virtual information night for parents and caregivers of current 2nd grade students on Thursday, May 6th at 6:30. The virtual family night will be a chance for us to welcome parents and caregivers of incoming third grade students about Malletts Bay School. The information night will be held via zoom. More details to follow!

As part of our CSD COVID recovery plan and ongoing efforts to bolster learning opportunities for elementary students, **we are excited to share that we are expanding our elementary summer school offerings for students identified as needing more support. This summer, our program will offer half-day, in-person learning, five days a week, for five weeks.** The focus of this half-day program will be to strengthen academic and social skills for current K-5 students by targeting literacy and mathematics instruction, all while having some summer fun! Our goal is to run programs at UMS, PPS, and MBS from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm starting in July.. Stay tuned, more details will be available in April!

We are continuing to follow our typical absence procedures regarding student assignments. If your child is out of school due to quarantine or travel, your child's teacher is able to provide books and assignments, but it is not possible to replicate everything that happens during the regular school day.

We are required by law to track attendance, including remote learning days and when a student misses school due to quarantine and/or illness. That said, that attendance policies and procedures have been relaxed to accommodate this unusual year. Therefore unless your child's teacher or the MBS administration contacts you regarding your child's attendance, you do not need to be concerned about attendance even if your child has more absences than expected.

Respectfully,

Ms. Burke



Fifth graders experiment with conduction, convection and density!



Third graders are weaving in art!

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We appreciate everyone's efforts to keep MBS healthy! Please continue to keep sick children home for any cold symptoms. Call your pediatrician for guidance on whether covid testing is needed before returning to school. Generally, more than 1 symptom, or ANY cough will require a covid test prior to return to school.

MBS was fortunate to have UVM nursing student Hannah Gould in the health office for the past 2 months for her Pediatric clinical rotation. As part of this clinical rotation, student nurses are required to perform a health assessment about the strengths and needs for the school. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, Hannah sent out a survey to several faculty, both teachers and administration, asking about Mallets Bay School. The responses overwhelmingly was mental health needs during the pandemic. Hannah researched and wrote [this helpful informational letter](#) for parents in regards to mental health.

Hannah and her mom, Karen, a CNM in MA and her inspiration to become a nurse, at Hannah's freshman year White Coat Ceremony for UVM Nursing.

Hannah is also a part of our community as a volunteer EMT for Colchester rescue!



The CMS PTA Needs You!

Without your help, the CMS PTA may dissolve. For current members to be comfortable with the continuation of the CMS PTA, we would need to fill all 4 board positions (President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary) and have additional active members to fill committee needs. This commitment would be for the remainder of this year through the next school year. Through the years, the PTO, which became the PTA in 2019, has helped fund many activities and events. Here are some examples of what PTO has done in the past.

- Coordinate a school dance
- Support the CMS OOTM and LEGO teams
- Purchase snacks for students during SBAC's
- Co-sponsor Speakers
- Sponsor Africa Jamono Assembly
- Help pay for licenses for remote learning
- Coordinate Teacher Appreciation week
- Purchase furniture for faculty room
- Help purchase books for a classroom
- Purchase t-shirts for a project
- Help fund COVID safe 8th grade recognition

Please take the time to read [this message](#), which provides information about the current openings and other important details. If you are interested in joining, please email Danielle Bevins at daniellemarinello@yahoo.com.

Family Input Forms

Please click the link to complete your rising student's input form. This will help us when making class lists next year. Please note: your child's current teacher and teacher next year will read this form. We do not accept teacher requests. Rising 3rd grader's forms are due Friday, March 26th.



[Rising 3rd Grader Input Form](#)



Virtual Family Night

CSD Community,

Here's a reminder for our upcoming virtual Family Night. On Tuesday, March 23 from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm we invite you to join Joelle Van Lent, a clinical psychologist, as she offers general support in navigating the difficulties of this pandemic. She'll provide insights on how stress impacts children and how we can support their resilience. This is the fourth installment of the CSD Family Night Series which offers a chance for families to connect with community experts on a variety of topics. All sessions are free and open to any caregivers.

Here's the zoom link:

[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMude2grzMvHNxhr-TxbhXKHSTkr3oBbvgP](https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJMude2grzMvHNxhr-TxbhXKHSTkr3oBbvgP)

Here's the Family Night Series flyer for more information:

https://www.csdvt.org/district/INCLUDES/docs/CSD_FAMILY_NIGHTS_2020-21_FINAL.pdf

We hope to see you there!

Colchester School District

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Colchester Parks & Rec Summer camps are filling up so be sure to get registered before it's too late!

2021 Colchester Youth Lacrosse League sign ups are live, we will provide more information to registrants regarding the season dates/details when provided with COVID-19 spring sport guidelines. Find more information and a registration link here: <https://colchestervt.gov/348/Youth-Lacrosse>

School Year 21-22 A.C.E. Before & Afterschool registration opens to the public on Monday, March 22nd. Spaces fill fast, for more information contact us at 802-264-5640.