



OSPREY NEWS

APRIL 11TH, 2021

Dear Families,

As Superintendent Minor shared on Friday, we have recently received updated guidance from the Vermont Department of Health. We will continue to update you about what these changes will mean for Malletts Bay School soon. Here are just a few reminders for this last week of school before April Break:

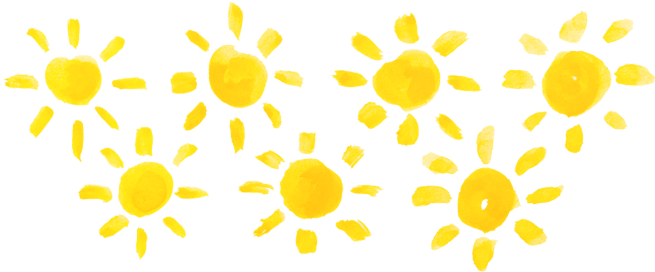
Our daily health screening process is from 8:15 - 8:40. When you arrive, please make sure that you drive all the way through the bus loop to where the health screening is held. Please do not unload at the main entrance.

When we return from April Break, we will be participating in the Great Kindness Challenge. We will also be administering the Smarter Balanced Assessment May 3rd - May 21st and will have a few events to kick off SBAC testing. Check out page 4 of this Newsletter for more information about Kindness Week.

I hope to share more information about the updated guidance shortly. However, the guidance does allow for the community usage of school grounds. That means you are welcome to come to our school grounds on the weekend our after the school day ends.

Respectfully,

Ms. Burke



Upcoming Dates

April 19 - 23: School Recess

April 26 - 30: Kindness Week

May 6: 3rd Grade Information Night at
6:30

May 3 - 21: MBS SBAC Testing

June 11: Field Day

PRESCHOOL

The preschool has been learning about a different set of R's this month, reduce, reuse, and recycle. We discussed how every action we take makes a difference in the Earth. We use terms like "happier" or "sadder" to describe our impact on the Earth. The children have brainstormed ways to make the world a better place, created art and robots re-using materials found at home, and practiced sorting recycling into glass, metal, plastic, paper, compost, and things that cannot be recycled. Ms. Taylor's class has used Google Earth to "visit" their homes. Our culminating activity is a Zoom visit with Recycling Rhonda from the Chittenden Solid Waste District. We will be sharing the link with families if they would like to join us.





PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES

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- There are still spots open for the Youth Lacrosse League! For more information and to register visit: <https://colchestervt.gov/348/Youth-Lacrosse>
- Summer camp registrations are still open but spots are filling up quick! To see what is still available visit: <https://colchestervt.gov/335/Program-Registration>
- 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.

MBS PTA

Claussen's Flower Sale Fundraiser

This spring the MBS PTA will hold two fundraisers through Claussen's in Colchester. Please complete this [order form](#) if you are interested in participating in the sale. Once you have completed your order, please total, hit submit and send a check for the amount that you have ordered in with your MBS student **by Monday, April 26th**.



For this first round of ordering the PTA will do a curbside pick up on Wednesday, May 5th from 5:00 - 6:30.

Help support Malletts Bay School while you shop at Hannaford on Essex Way in Essex Junction. From now until May 29, 2021, earn School Dollars when buying over 1500 participating products. Look for the shelf tags or check this list. Get 3 School Dollars for every 4 participating products you buy. Then don't forget to deposit your School Dollars in the tower at Hannaford!

Shopping online? No problem. You will receive School Dollars with your receipt. Drop your School Dollars in the store tower when you pick up your groceries or send your school dollars in to MBS with your student. Hannaford.com/helpsschools.



GUIDANCE UPDATES



The Great Kindness Challenge

April 26 - 30

Our school is proudly participating in The Great Kindness Challenge, a week-long program dedicated to creating a culture of kindness and compassion in communities worldwide.

To help our students “practice kindness” and put their compassion into action, they will receive a Great Kindness Challenge checklist.

We will encourage all students to complete as many acts of kindness as possible at school and we hope you will celebrate them from home!

Together, we will lift each other up, cheer each other on and show the world that **KINDNESS MATTERS!**



During our Great Kindness Challenge Week, we are encouraging students to “dress up for kindness”

- Tuesday, April 27 - Wear blue or yellow, the colors of kindness and MBS.
- Thursday, April 29 - Dress up as a person that is a “superhero” to you because we’re “Superheroes for Kindness”.
- Friday, April 30 - Wear a wacky or mismatched outfit because “we’re wacky for kindness”