



OSPREY NEWS

MAY 2, 2021

Dear Families,

Our Kindness Week was a great success! Check out the pictures on page 3 of this newsletter! Here are a few reminders for the week ahead:

This week and next week are SBAC week at MBS! The SBAC is a standardized test that all students in grades 3-9 take in the State of Vermont are required to take. Most of our classes are taking the SBAC at the very beginning of the school day. Please make sure that your child arrives at school before 8:30 each morning, gets a good night's sleep, and **most importantly brings their Chromebook and Chromebook charger to school. Students will be taking the SBAC on the Chromebook that has been assigned to them.**

This Wednesday, May 5th is our last remote Wednesday. Starting on Monday, May 10, K-5 students currently enrolled in in-person learning will be back 5 days a week, with a 1:00 pm dismissal on Wednesday. All students will have lunch and recess before dismissal and no remote learning will occur between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. Our Wednesday dismissal process will operate the same as the other days of the week.

Please let us know your child's dismissal plans for Wednesdays on this [google form](#) prior to Monday, May 10th.

During arrival, please **pull all the way through the bus loop and wait until your child has been greeted by an MBS staff member before letting them exit your vehicle.** Please also Make sure that your child is getting out on the right side of the car so they are not crossing traffic as they exit your vehicle

We have a lot of traffic coming through the bus loop in the mornings and this will help to keep everyone safe and traffic flowing smoothly. Thank you for all of your patience during arrival and dismissal.

Respectfully,

Ms. Burke

Upcoming Dates

May 3 - 21: MBS SBAC and VSA Testing

May 3 - 7: Teacher Appreciation Week

May 6: 3rd Grade Information Night at 6:30 for families and caregivers

May 12: School Nurse's Day

May 13: MBS PTA Meeting @ 6:00

May 31: Memorial Day - No School

June 11: Field Day

PRESCHOOL

Dear MBS Preschool Families,

The Agency of Health and Human Services issued new child care licensing guidance that goes into effect on May 1, 2021. Many of the changes align with the guidance for K-12 that was recently issued by the Agency of Education.

There are two major changes that will be happening as a result of the new guidance. The first is that we will no longer be doing the health screening. Like our grade K-12 counterparts, preschool health screenings will now need to be done at home prior to leaving for school. Thank you for taking the time to think about your child's exposure to COVID and recognizing any symptoms they may be exhibiting. You provide an integral part of our ability to keep everyone healthy and our doors open.

The second change is that we will be able to use the playground structures! Only one class is allowed on the equipment at a time. This has caused Ms. Taylor to change her afternoon schedule a bit. Ms. Taylor's afternoon class will now be coming inside for lunch first, and going out to the playground after lunch. Please meet Ms. Taylor at the school doors at 12:00. All other classroom drop off and pick-up schedules will remain the same. Since each class will be out on the playground alone and have access to the entire space, we will be using the gate that is closer to the Malletts Bay School instead of the gate that is on the backside of the playground. There is a hand sanitizing station set up outside the gate. Please make sure your child uses hand sanitizer before going into the playground. Children who go directly inside at drop off will be given hand sanitizer prior to entering the classroom. We are so excited to be able to use our beautiful structure!

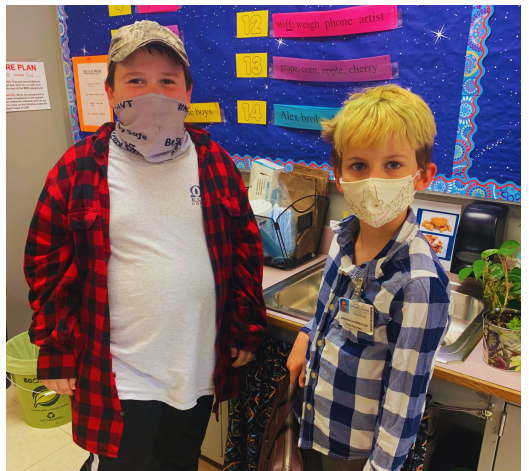
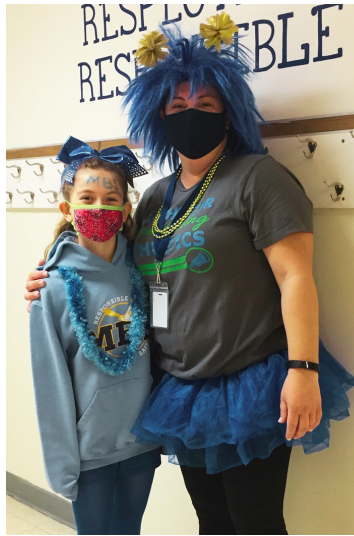
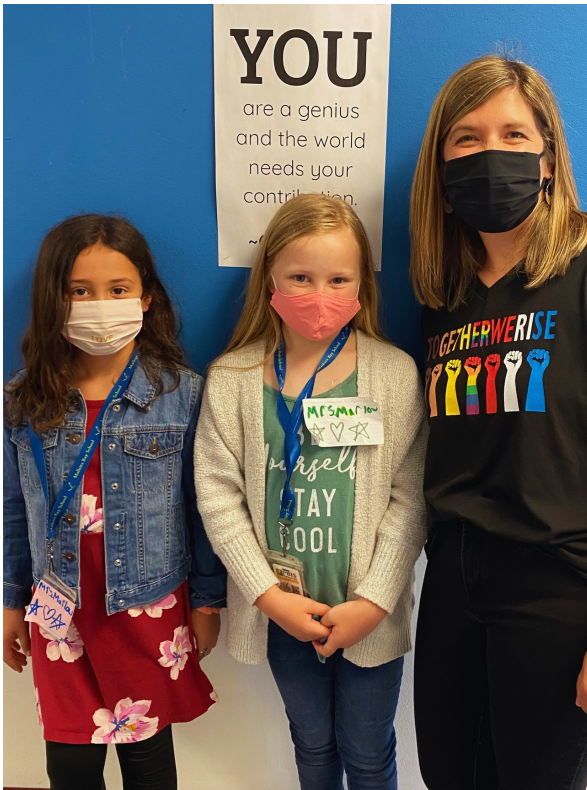
Mask use and social distancing guidelines are still in place for the remainder of the school year.

Thank you,

MBS Administration



KINDNESS WEEK





PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES

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Join us on June 5th for the annual Causeway Race!! Choose to run either a 5K or 15K and enjoy the scenic Colchester Causeway. This race traverses flat gravel and dirt trails surrounded by diverse wetlands and scenic views of Lake Champlain. The race is open to all ages, however, runners in the 15K must be at least 12 years of age or older. Proceeds will go towards the maintenance and improvements to the Causeway for future generations! For more information [click here!](#)



MBS PTA

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.

Thank you to those that ordered in the 1st round of the Claussens Fundraiser your orders will be ready to be picked up on May 5th from 5:00-6:30 at MBS.

The 2nd round is now open and orders will be taken until May 14th for a May 26th 5-6:30 pick up at MBS! [Please use this link.](#)



Thank you for your support!

