



OSPREY NEWS

AUGUST 27, 2021

Dear Families,

Our teachers and staff are so excited to have students back this week! Page 4 of this newsletter has pictures from our first week. Here are a few updates for the week ahead:

Students are learning our School Wide expectations of Safe, Respectful, Responsible and Healthy. Check out this [video](#) of our mascot, Oscar the Osprey, modeling handwashing and mask wearing.

Our first PTA meeting will be held virtually on Thursday, September 9th at 6:00 pm. If you are interested in joining the PTA please contact Katie Miller at Katie.Miller@colchestersd.org New members are always welcome.

There is information below on how to use our website to submit a dismissal change. You can also call the front office to make a dismissal change. Please make dismissal changes before 2:00 pm so that we have enough time to process the change and communicate with your child's teacher.

This year we'll be sending our Osprey News every Friday afternoon, apart from school breaks, so that you can have it for the upcoming week.

Respectfully,

Ms. Burke

Important Dates:

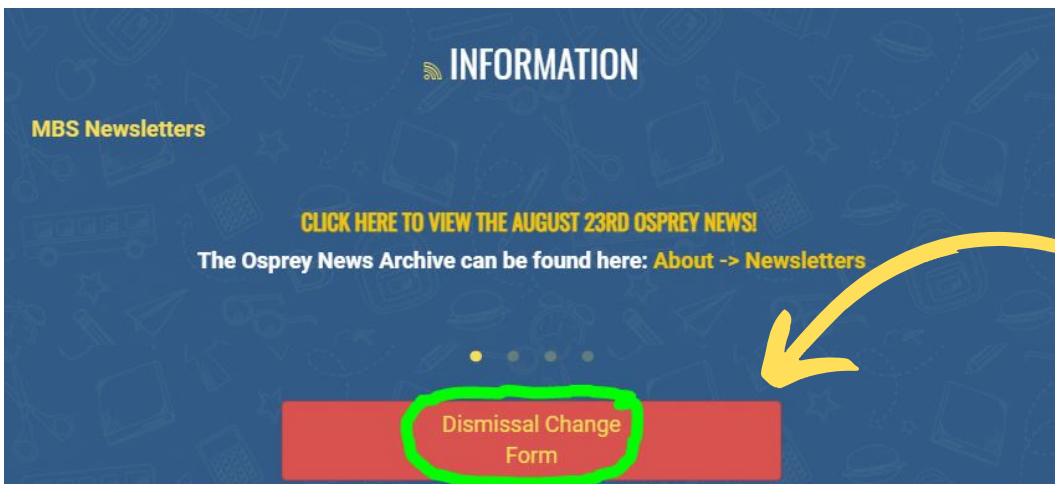
8/30 First Day of Preschool

9/6 Labor Day (No School)

9/9 PTA Meeting

9/27 Picture Day

9/29 Early Release Day



Dismissal Change:

Go to the MBS Website and click the red "Dismissal Change Form" button on the first page!

NURSE JOSIE

Welcome back Osprey Families! It's great to be back at school! I hope everyone had a fun and healthy summer. I had a great time hiking, paddleboarding, and camping with my family this summer.

While we were hopeful at the end of the last school year that Covid was behind us, the new delta variant had some other plans, and cases in the community are unfortunately on the rise. MBS will be following most of the same strategies we used last year to keep our students and staff healthy. We will be wearing masks, practicing routine handwashing, and cleaning surfaces regularly.

The most important way to keep MBS safe and open for in-person learning, is to stay home when you're sick. This will require diligence from our whole community. The best way to stop the spread of Covid in school is to prevent it from ever getting in. Even mild symptoms like a sore throat or runny nose could be covid. I would encourage you to get your child tested early for symptoms. Testing is free and easy and can be done at any of the pop-up sites. More information about the Vermont Department of Health pop-up sites can be found [here](#).

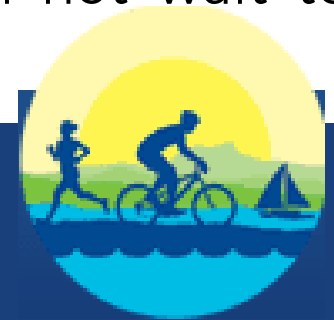
I'm happy to answer any questions you have about Covid! Feel free to contact me via email at Josie.Lang@colchestersd.org, or by phone at 264-5904.



PRESCHOOL

The preschool staff is so excited for our first day of school on Monday! Please make sure your student has a labelled backpack with a complete change of clothes, water bottle, and diapering supplies (if applicable). Ms. Darcie will meet families near the fence to the community garden. Ms. Taylor will meet her students outside the Greenhouse doors. Ms. Nancy will meet her class on the playground. Please say a quick goodbye to your child when the time comes. Prolonged goodbyes are difficult for everyone involved. Walking away may be hard if your child is upset, but please trust that we have a lot of experience helping children settle in for the day. There are many fun activities planned that will quickly distract and engage the children. We can not wait to see you on Monday!

PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES



Colchester Parks and Recreation's fall brochure is now out! Visit colchestervt.gov/recreation for more info on youth programs, adult programs and the youth basketball league! The fall brochure covers the months of September, October, November and December and will be updated as more programs are added. For any questions call our office at 802-264-5640.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



One of the first buses drives by the main entrance on the first day of school!



Our art teacher, Mrs. Terracino, shows a group of students what Malletts Bay School art is all about!



Mr. Mast and his marvelous musicians get familiar with the much-missed music room!



The Lighthouse 5 team! Ms. Nuttall, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Janelli, and Mrs. Buswell