



OSPREY NEWS

APRIL 9TH, 2022

Dear Malletts Bay School Families,

Our latest PBIS celebration has been a door decorating contest. Our students have been decorating doors with a craft provided by the MBS PTA. I've included a few pictures below for you to see!

We need your help - if your child has a pair of "Heely" shoes, please make sure that the wheels are removed if they wear them at school. We do not permit students to wear the heels in "Heely" shoes at school due to safety concerns and the scratches they leave on floors.

Stay tuned for more information if you have a student who will be in third grade next year. Next week's *Osprey News* will include more specific information about second to third grade transition activities.

Finally, thank you to our PTA for putting together our MBS Yearbook yet again this year! **Correction from last week's newsletter:** The deadline for ordering yearbooks is Friday, April 15th.

Respectfully,

Ms. Burke

Upcoming Dates
April 11 - April 15: Spirit Week (see p. 3)
April 14: April PTA Meeting at 6:00 PM
April 18 - 22: School Recess (No School)
May 2-20th: SBAC Testing
May 20th: MBS Fun Run



Preschool

A recent publication of the listserv Natural Resources examined the importance of asking open ended questions to preschoolers. To subscribe or get more information, please contact Camille Catlett at camille.catlett@unc.edu. The following is an excerpt from the publication.

Nurturing a Child's Curiosity: New research shows that the more curious children are, the better they do academically in reading and math once they enter school. Touching something interesting, asking a question, leaning in to look closely, and repeating an action again and again to see what happens are ways we use our curiosity to discover how the world works. Check out [this website](#) to learn how questions and other strategies can promote curiosity in infants and toddlers.

Using Open Ended Questions with Children: This website summarizes the benefits of asking open-ended questions, then provides an awesome tutorial on how to use open-ended questions in a variety of applications (e.g., to challenge thinking, to explore books). Along with tips from experts, you'll find lots of examples [here](#).

Benefits of Asking Young Children Open Ended Questions: Through the use of language and open-ended questioning, adults are able to expand young children's curiosity and ability to reason, creativity, thinking ability and independence. Learn more [here](#).

Gain Language Skills and Learn About STEM Through Storybook

Conversations: Reading a book with a child can be a great way to use open-ended questions to support many kinds of learning. Check out a great guide for using dialogic reading practices to do just that with Eric Carle's *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. You'll even find a link to a video of a parent reading that book to her toddler and more [here](#).

NOTE: This is one of the **many** great new resources on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) learning for young children with and without disabilities on the STEMIE [website](#).

Using Questions to Guide Hands-On Exploration: This video shows educators guiding children in hands-on explorations. Though their environments differ, the educators use the same strategies to encourage children to think, predict, describe, and explain using the language of science. Visit [this site](#) to discover the video and related resources.

GUMDROP With a Message About Questions: I call short, engaging videos that pack a content punch "gumdrops." [This gumdrop](#) highlights the things that young children are expecting of us including the request that we ask more engaging and thought-provoking questions than "what color is a banana?"

SPIRIT WEEK

April 11-15

next week

MBS Spirit Week 2022!

April 11-15

Monday-HERO DAY!



Whether your hero is a professional athlete, famous scientist, or even your teacher, come dressed up as your hero!

Tuesday-Match/Mismatch Day!

Dress up the same with as many friends and classmates as you want or be twins with the entire front office, including Ms. Burke and Mrs. King, by wearing mismatch clothing!

Wednesday-Class Choice Day!



You and your classmates will vote on a special class theme for the day. Keep it a secret until Wednesday!

Thursday-Time Travel Thursday!

Time Travel and dress up like you are from any time period that you wish. When will you travel to?!

Friday-MBS Spirit Day!

Show your school pride and wear the blue and yellow MBS colors!

