



OSPREY NEWS

MARCH 28TH, 2021

Dear Families,

I wanted to begin by thanking you for all of your support this year in following our COVID-19 protocols. Last week Chittenden County experienced a spike in case counts. It is an important reminder for us to continue with mask wearing, social distancing, staying home when sick, and hand hygiene. We really appreciate all that you are doing to help us reinforce these practices with your child.

Here are a few updates for the week ahead:

With the warmer weather, we have more students walking and riding their bikes to and from school. Please be extra careful when entering and exiting the parking lot.

Fourth quarter begins tomorrow! This means that with the exception of PE, your child will rotate into a different set of Unified Arts classes.

As part of our COVID protocols, students are not drinking directly from the water fountain this year. Please send your student in with a water bottle if possible.

Finally, although we are not able to hold our usual Lucky Day Celebration this year, Mrs. Eastman and Mr. Kluk will hold a socially distanced version of some of our Lucky Day games as a part PE classes this week. Thanks to the MBS PTA and our PE Department for their sponsorship of this year's event and for keeping the tradition alive. We'll share pictures next week!

Respectfully,

Ms. Burke



Ms. Beck's fourth grade had an "Around the World" celebration after meeting their class goal!



Mrs. Cioffi's third grade had a Fort Day celebration after meeting their class goal!

Upcoming Dates

March 29: First Day of Fourth Quarter

April 8: MBS PTA meeting @ 6:30

April 19 - 23: School Recess

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

May 3 - 21: MBS SBAC Testing

PRESCHOOL

Dear Family,

Enrolling in preschool can be an exciting time for families as their children prepare to enter a new world of learning and adventure. We believe preschool is an important foundation for building lifelong learners and thank you for considering Malletts Bay School Preschool for your child. Below are the updated enrollment procedures for the 2021-2022 school year:

Lottery Process: We anticipate having more families interested in our program than slots available next year. To determine students that will enter in the 21-22 school year, we will hold a lottery on Wednesday, April 7th. Here is our [lottery process](#).

Application: Please complete this [application](#) to indicate your intent to enroll on or before April 2nd. If you have any difficulty completing the application, please contact Nancy Smith at Nancy.Smith@colchestersd.org or 264 - 5894.

Developmental Screeners: Please complete the two developmental screeners [here](#) prior to April 2nd, 2021. Please click on the choice that allows you to fill out both the ASQ-3 and the ASQ-SE2 questionnaires. We also have hard copies available.

Information Session: [Here](#) is an informational slideshow about our program. It is also available on the Malletts Bay School and Colchester Early Education Program websites.

Respectfully,

Jordan Burke
Principal
Malletts Bay School

Nancy Smith
Facilitator
Colchester Early Education Program

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.



PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES

Phone:
802-264-5640



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Colchester, VT 05446

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.

BIG CHANGE ROUND UP!

MBS Students are invited to become Bandits for the Big Change Roundup fundraiser for the UVM Children's Hospital! Every cent raised goes directly to our local hospital to help kids in our community get excellent care close to home. Last year our school collected over \$380. Let's top that!

Learn how your donations help children and families by watching this video tour led by patients including Sawyer, an MBS student in Mr. Cheney's fully remote 4th grade class: <https://youtu.be/waD1oUM2VEA>

Due to health and safety considerations, students should not bring donations to school. Instead, please use this website to make a donation: <https://give.uvmhealth.org/MBS> or take your collected change to any bank and convert it to a check payable to the UVM Children's Hospital. Please note in the memo field that it's for "Team Malletts Bay School" and mail it to:

The UVM Children's Hospital
ATTN: Big Change Roundup
111 Colchester Avenue
Given Courtyard 3 North
Burlington, VT 05401

You are making a difference one dime at a time. Thank you for your participation!