



OSPREY NEWS

DECEMBER 3RD, 2021

Dear Families,

Happy December! Our staff enjoyed seeing families during our fall conferences - thank you for coming!

It is hard to believe we are in the last month of 2021. Here are a few updates for the upcoming week:

With winter weather now upon us, **please send your child to school appropriately dressed for the changing Vermont weather conditions.**

If you are in need of clothing for your child, your child's classroom teacher or our school counselor, Simrat Peltier at simrat.peltier@colchestersd.org can help.

A few conflicts have come up between students regarding trading items including Pokemon cards and baseball cards. **Please remind your child to keep items of financial or sentimental value at home.**

If you are interested in having your child participate in our Test to Stay Program, you must register them ahead of time using both of the following consent forms:

- State Consent Form: [SY22 COVID-19 Testing Program Consent Form](#)
- School Consent Form: [MallettsBaySchool: http://simplereport.gov/register/78RW](#)

Respectfully,

Ms. Burke

Important Dates

12/3 Report Cards Sent Home

12/7 Final Picture Retake Day

12/8 Early Release Day (12:45 Dismissal)

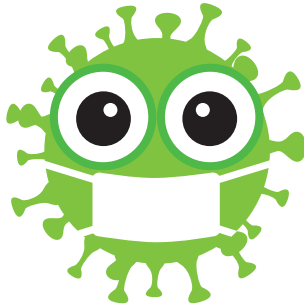
12/9 MBS PTA Meeting @ 6:30

12/23-12/31 Winter Recess No School

Nurse

But It's Just a Cold...

Remember that colds, flu, and COVID all share many similar symptoms. We do not know what virus someone has without a COVID test. Please keep your child home when they are sick. If symptoms continue past 24 hours, a negative COVID test (PCR) will be required before returning to school. Thank you for keeping MBS healthy!



Vaccination Information

I'm so happy that the COVID vaccine is now available to the MBS age-group. If your child has received their second vaccine, please let me know. If you are able, please share a copy of their COVID vaccine card with me so I can add this to their vaccination records. Students are considered 'fully vaccinated' 2 weeks after their second dose. It will be helpful for contact tracing purposes if I have this information on file in the event of a COVID case in your child's classroom. You can contact me at josie.lang@colchestersd.org or 264-5904.



Preschool

Every preschool family will be receiving a copy of their child's Teaching Strategies Gold Assessment in the mail after December 15th. Teaching Strategies GOLD® (TSG) is the state approved assessment tool used to track the developmental progress of children attending public preschool programs in Vermont. It helps teachers to observe children in the context of everyday experiences, which is an effective way to learn what the children know and can do and collect data in real time. The TSG collects information on Social Emotional, Motor, Cognitive, Literacy, Mathematics, Science and Technology, Social Studies, The Arts, and English Language Acquisition skills. Teaching Strategies GOLD® can be used to assess all children, including English-language learners, children with disabilities, and children who demonstrate competencies beyond typical developmental expectations. For more information on the TSG, please visit their website.



PTA

Hats and Gloves Drive

The PTA is collecting new hats and gloves for donations until December 22nd. Please deliver to Josie Lang, School Nurse.



CHECK OUT THE NEW SCHOOL STORE