



Malletts Bay School Staff Newsletter

Week of March 25th, 2019

Cafe and AM Behavior Reminders

When students arrive in the morning, they should go out to the playground or in to the cafeteria for breakfast until the bell rings at 8:30 unless they are in band or have made special arrangements with a teacher. Please continue to remind students of this expectation. **We now have a set of green and pink passes that we will begin giving students on Tuesday, March 26th.** Also, please **review cafeteria expectations, routines and procedures with students.** Also, in regard to the cafeteria, students should not use the door immediately behind Claire.

Connecting Placement and Equity

We have an equity goal in our Continuous Improvement Plan. We're currently doing some work with Outright Vermont regarding equity and gender fluidity. We also are reexamining our Universal PBIS practices for next year to align our response to minor behaviors as a school.

This spring, as we begin with the placement process, equity will also be a focus of our work. Jordan and Brooke have worked to develop a system using the Google Suite that gives immediate feedback on the balance of student diversity and needs within classes.



We will begin placing students this week during staff meeting and team time. UMS and PPS will also use the same process placing 2nd to 3rd grade students. Here is a [tentative timeline](#) for the placement process.

Upcoming Professional Development

March 28th Staff Meeting	April 4th Staff Meeting	April 11th Early Release Day
All teachers will begin to work together on the placement process for next year.	All teachers will begin to work together on the placement process for next year.	Classroom Teachers prek - 5, Special Education Team prek - 5, UA Team: Essential Expectations
		Support Staff: Trainings with Andy Fulton and Jackie Lansberg

“In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt.” - Margaret Atwood



Reminders and Upcoming Events

SBAC Summative May 6th-22nd: The dates for SBAC testing have been set based on feedback from the leadership team that 3rd Grade, Summit House, and Lighthouse can share computers, that the test works best to do the reading portion first, and that it is best to test after **April Break. Greenhouse and 4th grade are scheduled to take the test May 6- 9th and Harmony House and 5th Grade are schedule to take the test May 13th - 16th. Fifth Grade will also take the science test on May 20th and 21st.** Jordan and Brooke are working with communities during Team Time to set the time of day. **We will also do an SBAC kickoff at our May All School Meeting which will be Friday, May 3rd**

Team Time: We'll begin working on a placement rubric this week during team time in preparation for placing students in grade level teams next week.

French Club: Mrs. Oglesby is now hosting an informal French club in the MBS Library, for students who want to practice their French and connect with other French-speaking students. We meet Wednesday mornings from 8:15 - 8:40, and many club members are interested in speaking and reading activities. Fluency is not required, but participants should have some understanding of the language. À bientôt!!

Outages this Week: Brooke is out of the building until 11:30 on Monday, March 25th. Jordan will be out of the building on Friday, March 29th.

Outright Vermont Family Presentations: Outright Vermont will be at MBS on March 27th from 6:30 - 7:30 PM to do a presentation geared for families of children in grades pre-k - 5. Outright will also be doing another family/caregiver presentation on April 9th at Colchester High School, geared toward students in grades 6-12..

MBS Apparel Fundraiser: The PTO is doing a spring MBS apparel fundraiser. The same company that did the silk screen on our T-Shirts has created more MBS swag. Here is the [link](#) if you are interested in ordering anymore MBS gear. **Orders are due by March 29th.**

Upcoming Field Trips:

March 29: Ms. Carmichael to Starbase

April 4: Mrs. Ellingson to Starbase

April 5: Mrs. Boucher to Starbase

April 16: Mr. Galati to Starbase

April 18: Mrs. Buswell to Starbase

May 2: Mrs. Carney & Mr. Cheney to Vermont Statehouse

May 2: Ms Lesage & Ms Taylor to Rock of Ages and Ben & Jerry's

Calendar of Upcoming Events

April 5: End of Third Quarter

April 10: Early Release Day

April 22 - 26: School Recess

May 3: All School Meeting SBAC Kickoff

May 6 - May 21: SBAC Testing

May 8th: 3rd Grade Family Night (6:30 - 7:30 PM)

June 11th: Fly Up Day (9:00 - 10:00)