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Malletts Bay School

Home of the Ospreys

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Staying Safe in a Digital Age: **TECHNICOOL**

Mark your calendars now for a very special presentation! Malletts Bay School will host TECHNICOOL on Tuesday, November 8th.

TECHNICOOL is a Technology Safety Program for children and teens in grades 4-8, their parents/guardians, and their educators. This program is aligned with today's technological age and its impact on our children's lives.

TECHNICOOL encourages safe online behavior by addressing the potential benefits and risks presented by these influential technologies, and by providing adult participants with resources and concrete tools to safeguard the children and adolescents in their lives. Some of the specific topics TECHNICOOL addresses are:

- Cyberbullying
- Sexting
- Cell phone use
- Private profiles and social networking sites
- Sharing personal information
- Digital Memory
- Safe passwords

Each presentation covers these topics in a manner that is appropriate for the group in attendance. TECHNICOOL provides separate student presentations, varying by grade to assure that both content and

language are developmentally appropriate. Their parent/guardian and educator presentations are also different from one another, as they provide information that addresses the specific concerns each group has in relation to the children or students in their lives.

Because TECHNICOOL is funded by grants from the VT Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, the Comcast Foundation, and the VT Children's Trust Foundation, they are able to do these presentations at no cost to Vermont schools or community organizations.

Students in grades 4 and 5 will attend workshops during the school day. Parents and educators are invited to attend an evening presentation at MBS from 6-7:30 p.m. Parents from throughout the District are also welcome to attend. It is never too early to learn how to navigate the online world and keep your children safe.

We need at least 10 parents and educators to sign up for the evening presentation, so please RSVP by calling MBS at 264-5900.

If you would like to learn more about TECHNICOOL, visit their website at www.technicoolvt.org.

Calendar

Tuesday, October 18th: School Board meeting, CHS library, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 20th: All School PJ Day to celebrate great citizenship during NECAP.

Thursday, October 20th: Call to schedule November parent-teacher conferences after at 8:45 a.m. 264-5900.

Friday, October 21st: No school for students. Teacher in-service day.

Friday, October 28th: Monster Mash Party sponsored by MBS PTO.

Tuesday, November 1st: Colchester Walks! Kickoff party for new indoor walking program sponsored by Colchester Recreation, kickoff held at MBS, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 3rd: MBS PTO meeting in the library, 6:00 p.m. Free childcare available.

Tuesday, November 8th: "Technicool" presentation for parents and other interested adults, MBS, 6:00 p.m.

Parent-Teacher Conferences November 21st

This year, all schools in the Colchester School District will hold parent-teacher conferences on the same day! Conferences will be held from Noon to 8 p.m. on Monday, November 21st. There is no school for children that day.

Teachers have some flexibility to schedule conferences at times other than the designated conference hours, so if you need a different day or time,

you can let your child's teacher know. We know that many of you will want to coordinate conference times between the different buildings in the District. To make this a bit easier, we are asking parents to call the MBS main office to schedule their conference. *We will begin accepting phone calls after 8:45 a.m. on Thursday, October 20th. Please do not call prior to that date. The school phone number is 264-5900.*

Free French Lessons Offered by CHS Student

As the world becomes increasingly global, knowledge of a foreign language is becoming extremely important. Put your child on the fast track to success by introducing them to French! Classes will be held weekly at Malletts Bay School, and will consist of an array of games, songs, books, and fun. The idea is to establish an interest in foreign language and an awareness of foreign culture so that your child is not only prepared for French (or Spanish) in middle school, but also develops an interest in and respect for world cultures that will last a lifetime.

Contact Charlotte at charlotte.goodenow@gmail.com or on my cell phone at (802) 338-1916 with inquiries by October 22, 2011. Please indicate your child's age, name, and a brief description of your schedule. If you are interested in my background in French, feel free to ask. I look forward to meeting you!

Picture retakes will be taken next Wednesday, October 19th. If you are not satisfied with your child's photo, please send unwanted packages to school with students who need to have their pictures taken again.

Student Proposals: PJ Day and Osprey Flag!

We encourage student "citizenship" by accepting student proposals and acting on them whenever possible. This year, we will continue with our student initiated Lunchroom Advisory Group. Ms. Millham is working with a new student group focused on increasing re-cycling in the lunchroom.

Two recent student proposals will be acted on next week. Fifth grader Shianne Lavalley proposed

flying an "Osprey" flag on our flagpole to "show everyone we are good students and respect our community." The flag has been created and we'll be having an all school flag-raising next week. Student Myla Jacobs proposed an "All School Pajama Day" that could be earned for safe, respectful and responsible behavior. The Ospreys have been GREAT citizens during NECAP, so we will have our PJ day next Thursday, October 20th.