



# OSPREY NEWS

SEPTEMBER 17, 2021

Dear Families,

Here are a few updates for the week ahead:

Our students are close to earning their first school wide celebration! Ask your child what they have done to be safe, respectful, and responsible to earn Oscar fish tokens!

In the month of September, Vermont schools practice safety drills. This week we practiced an evacuation (fire) drill. Next week we will practice a "Clear the Halls" (lockdown) drill and our bus safety drills. We always announce our first drills to staff and students ahead of time so everyone can prepare for our practice. Our first fire drill was held this week and our students did a great job!

The district and the schools often use text messaging to send reminders, announcements, or alerts that point to an important email. If you would like to receive text messages you must opt-in using your cellphone, they are not sent automatically. To sign up for text messages, text "yes" to 67587. Within 24 hours of sending the request, you'll receive an automated confirmation message. You can unenroll from text messages at any time by texting "stop" to 67587.

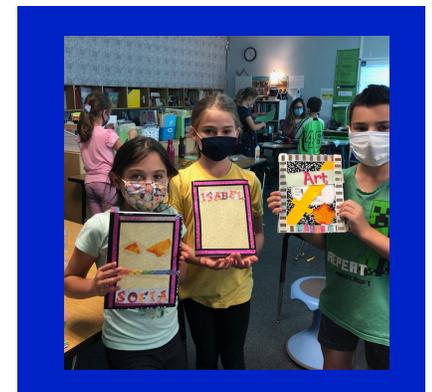
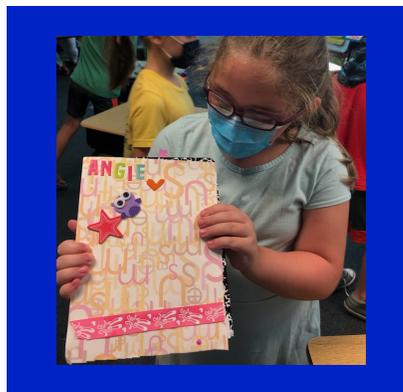
Finally, thank you for your help in following our COVID protocols. Here is some general information for when your child needs to stay home when sick. Click [here](#) for some important information about when to keep your child home, when to quarantine and when to get a Covid test.

Respectfully,

*Ms. Burke*

## Important Dates

- 9/21** Fundraiser Pickup 3:15-5:00
- 9/27** Picture Day
- 9/29** Early Release Day
- 10/8** Professional Development Day,  
No School
- 10/11** School Recess
- 10/14** October PTA Meeting



**Mrs. Boucher's class decorated writing journals to use for writing inspiration throughout the school year!**

# Preschool

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Many concepts are taught in preschool using songs and body movement. Using a multisensory approach to learning stimulates the brain in a variety of ways and provides the children more than one way to recall information. They can remember what they saw, what they heard, or what they did. This improves both long and short term memory. One of the songs we have been singing this week is Mat Man. The children love this song. During this activity, the children are practicing listening skills, waiting their turn, working together towards a common goal, remembering the words to a song, naming the parts of the body and what they do, and working through disappointment if they do not get the body part they wanted. This song also improves a child's body awareness, pre-writing skills, and their ability to draw a self portrait. [Here](#) is the link to the Youtube video we listen to.



## PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES



Colchester Parks and Recreation's fall brochure is now out! Visit [colchestervt.gov/recreation](http://colchestervt.gov/recreation) for more info on youth programs, adult programs and the youth basketball league! The fall brochure covers the months of September, October, November and December and will be updated as more programs are added. For any questions call our office at 802-264-5640.

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# CLAUSSEN'S PICK UP



You can pick up your Claussen's Fundraiser order between 3:15-5:00 on Tuesday, September 21!

