

OSPREY NEWS

OCTOBER 15, 2021

Dear Families.

I hope this newsletter finds you happy and well! Here are a few updates for the upcoming week:

It's hard to believe, but November is right around the corner and conferences are coming up soon. **This year's conferences will be held virtually again on November 22nd and 23rd.** Sign ups for conferences will open on Monday, October 25th at noon via Sign Up Genius. We'll send information via school messenger.

If you drive your child to school, please plan to drop them off between 8:15 and 8:30. We do not have supervision for students before 8:15 am.

Picture retakes have been scheduled for Thursday, November 4th. This is Beltrami Studio's retake policy: "Should your portraits not meet your expectations, you may return the entire package on absentee day for retake. There will be no charge to retake your image due to problems in quality. However, there will be a charge of \$5.00 for the following reason: hairstyle change or haircut was needed, change in eyeglass frame, your clothing was unsatisfactory or there is eyeglass glare or reflection (not always possible to eliminate in some eyeglasses). "

Finally, page 3 of this newsletter has updated information from Curriculum Director, Gwen Carmolli about learning if a student needs to quarantine.

Respectfully,

Ms. Burke

Important Dates

10/29 Last Day of 1st Quarter11/4 Picture Retakes 8:30-9:3011/12 Last day of 1st Trimester11/19 Report Cards Sent Home11/22 & 11/23 Conferences

PRESCHOOL

The preschoolers have been learning about trees and who lives in them. The teachers each picked a favorite activity that they have done with their class. Ms. Darcie picked the shape owl project. Each child was given the option to choose from pre-cut pieces of construction paper "feathers" or they could cut or rip their own construction paper "feathers". They then constructed their owl however they wanted, enjoying the process of creating something. Each owl is truly unique. Ms. Taylor's students are doing a multi-step, multi-day tree project. First, they used watercolor paint to paint fall trees. Next, they will use their scissors to cut them out. This is a fantastic fine motor activity. Ms. Nancy used tempera paint and balled up aluminum foil to create fall trees. The children showed the ability to inhibit by using controlled "taps" to make the leaves. The focus of these projects was not on the final product but on the process and skills practiced while creating the masterpiece.







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At Home Learning 2021-2022

Dear Families.

We are so grateful to have our learners back in school full-time this year. And, with the pandemic still impacting our lives, we understand that there are times that students may need to stay home while waiting for test results or quarantining.

Please notify school if your child needs to be home due to COVID. Later that day or early the next day your child's teacher will reach out with information about devices, materials, and daily learning opportunities.

When an entire class is out: The classroom teacher will contact you with information about materials and learning on the first day the classroom is out, and then provide a blend of synchronous and asynchronous lessons for upcoming days that the entire classroom is out. The teacher will provide a morning meeting, reading and math lesson, and then post learning activities for reading, math and unified arts on the classroom platform.

When some children in the class are out: The teacher will be focusing on the inperson learning at school, and will post learning activities on the classroom platform for students at home. If a student needs to be out longer than a week the teacher or someone from the school will work with the family/caregiver to make additional arrangements for learning.

Our teachers and families have done an amazing job adapting to each and every shift in learning. We really appreciate all of the effort and flexibility in this ever-changing environment!

Best.

Gwen Carmolli Director of Curriculum, CSD

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PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES



Colchester Parks and Recreation's fall brochure is now out! Visit <u>colchestervt.gov/recreation</u> 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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