



OSPREY NEWS

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Dear Malletts Bay School Families,

As we change our clocks and "Spring Ahead" into next week, I wanted to update you on a few things:

As Superintendent Minor shared last week, starting on Monday, March 14, masks will be optional inside Colchester preK-5 schools. As we go forward with this next step, we want students, families, and staff to know how important it is to respect one's personal choice to mask. We will be talking with students about what respecting mask choice looks like in school and we also ask for help from families to have conversations with your children to support their tolerance, respect, and kindness towards others. Here is a google [slide show](#) created by teachers at the Shelburne Community School to help prepare students for this transition. Several of our teachers here at MBS have also used it.

Also beginning Monday, students will begin to mix pods at recess time. Teachers have reviewed recess expectations for students over the past several days. As part of the transition, we will have two classes at a time have recess together for the next several weeks. We are doing this gradual transition because it has been two years since students have had a recess with students outside of their classroom pod.

Finally, I wanted to say that our fourth grade students who took the NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) did a great job last week! Our NAEP test administrators were impressed!

Respectfully,

Ms. Burke

Upcoming Dates

March 18: Staff Development Day (No School)

April 6: Early Release Day (Dismissal at 12:45)

April 14: April PTA Meeting at 6:00 PM

April 18 - 22: School Recess (No School)

Input Forms:

Please click the name of your student's classroom teacher. You will be directed to complete a form. The forms are due March 18th. *We do not take teacher requests.*

3rd Grade:

[Mrs. Boucher](#)

[Mrs. Cioffi](#)

[Mrs. Ellingson](#)

[Mrs. Ford](#)

[Ms. Hoss](#)

[Mrs. Rayner-Cyr](#)

[Ms. Riggs](#)

[Mrs. Schroeder](#)

4th Grade:

[Ms. Beck](#)

[Mrs. Carney](#)

[Mr. Cheney](#)

[Mrs. Chittenden](#)

[Mrs. Fischer](#)

[Mrs. Longchamp](#)

[Ms. Taylor](#)

[Mr. Winchester](#)

Colchester Dance Team

Click [here](#) for more information!



A collage of images and text for Eagle Island Camp. It includes a photo of a group on a boat, the camp's logo (a tree in a circle with 'EAGLE ISLAND CAMP'), a photo of a girl smiling, a photo of a girl in a kayak, and a photo of a sailboat. Text includes: '31 Acre Island on Upper Saranac', '442 Gilpin Bay Road Saranac Lake, NY', 'All-Gender Day Camp Ages 7-11 June 27 - July 1, \$395', 'Overnight Camp for Girls Ages 9-15 1 and 2 week programs starting at \$995/week', 'Nature, Sailing, Hiking, Teambuilding, Crafts, Swimming Lessons, Exploration, Paddling, Community Building, Camper-led Play, and more!', and 'eagleisland.org'.

Preschool

Preschool Enrollment Information 2022-2023 School Year

Enrolling in preschool can be an exciting time for families as their children prepare to enter a new world of learning and adventure. We believe preschool is an important foundation for building lifelong learners and thank you for considering the Colchester Early Education Program for your child. Welcoming new families into our preschool is always a priority for us and we wanted to share with you our updated enrollment procedures for the 2022-2023 school year:

Lottery Process: We currently have more families interested in our program than we anticipate having slots available next year. To determine students that will enter in the 22-23 school year, we will hold a lottery on or before April 6, 2022. Information about our lottery process can be found [here](#).

Application: Please complete this [application](#) to indicate your intent to enroll on or before **April 1st**. If you have any difficulty completing the application, please contact Nancy Smith at Nancy.Smith@colchestersd.org or 264 - 5894. Once it is completed, we will confirm the receipt of your application.

Developmental Screeners: Please complete the two developmental screeners [here](#) prior to **April 1, 2022**. Please click on the choice that allows you to fill out both the ASQ-3 and the ASQ-SE2 questionnaires. We also have hard copies available.

If you have any questions about our program, the preschool application process, or our developmental screeners please feel free to email Nancy Smith at nancy.smith@colchestersd.org.