



OSPREY NEWS

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Dear Families,

This is a busy and exciting week for us at MBS - our teachers and staff will be returning for inservice this Thursday. We are looking forward to returning to school, learning together as a staff, and most of all getting ready for students to return on September 8th! Here are a few updates for you:

We will notify anyone who applied for a waiver request about the status of your request by August 21st.

We will be contacting families directly once a student's placement is finalized. Notifications about class placement will go out the week of August 25th. Thank you for your patience with class placement. Because of the hybrid model and some families choosing full time remote learning, class lists are currently being redone. We are taking this time to ensure that we have equitable and balanced classrooms and that the number of students in a room is as small enough to allow for physical distancing. Teacher assignments will be sent out on August 25th. As of right now, there will be 9-13 students per classroom in the hybrid model. Class sizes will be about double those numbers when students return to full-time, five days a week in person learning.

Every student will receive a chromebook and use Google Classroom in grades 3-5. Google Classroom will be new for our third grade students and families - and we spend the first weeks of school helping students use Google Classrooms and chromebooks. Students will use both Google Classroom and chromebooks on remote learning days. We are currently developing a series of Google Classroom resources to assist students, families, and caregivers.

.Smart Start and Open House will be virtual this year. We are currently organizing a series of activities for both Smart Start and Open House. We will continue to update you about both events in this Osprey News.

Picture Day is tentatively scheduled for Friday, September 18th for students in the "green" group and Monday, September 21st for students in the "blue" group. We're currently working on a plan for picture day for students who are learning at home full time.

We have an MBS reopening supplement to our family handbook that we will share later on this week. The guide will have a summary of the changes families can expect going into the 20-21 school year. We will send the guide out to you by Wednesday, August 19th via school messenger.

Respectfully,

Ms. Burke