



# OSPREY NEWS

OCTOBER 11TH, 2020

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Dear MBS Families,

We have been busy preparing for our in person students return to four days a week back in school! Included below is some general information as well as information about arrival and dismissal. On page 2 nurse Josie also has some general information for families.

**This past week several schools in the district experienced problems with internet, including MBS.** Our IT department has been working hard to resolve these connectivity issues. Thank you for your patience as this created problems with virtual learning last week.

**October 14 is a professional development day in CSD.** This means there will be no remote learning on October 14th.

**November 2nd is Election Day.** We will not have school on November 2nd.

**November 9th will be picture make up day.** Virtual students can come between 3:30 and 4:45 PM.

**As we begin our phased return to in-person instruction, we will have a greater number of students and families in the bus loop at that time.** We appreciate your understanding as we manage an increase in traffic with more students coming to school beginning October 19th. Here is some updated information that will help ensure that arrival and dismissal are as safe and efficient as possible for everyone.

## Arrival

- We will continue to do health screenings in the MBS bus loop. However, please be aware buses will now pull to the left hand lane of the bus loop.
- If you drive your student to school, please pull all the way forward, make sure anyone in the car over the age of 2 is wearing a mask and your child exits the car on the passenger side.
- Bus pick up times may be later by 5 - 15 minutes with more students riding the bus.

## Dismissal

- Please complete this [google form](#) with dismissal information now that we will be returning to in person instruction.
- Before each grade level's return to four days, each child will be assigned a number to help our pick up process run more efficiently. Please display this number on the right hand side of your dashboard. Third grade numbers will go home with students this week on Tuesday for "Blue" day students and Friday for "Green" day students.

Respectfully,

*Ms. Burke*



# NURSE UPDATES

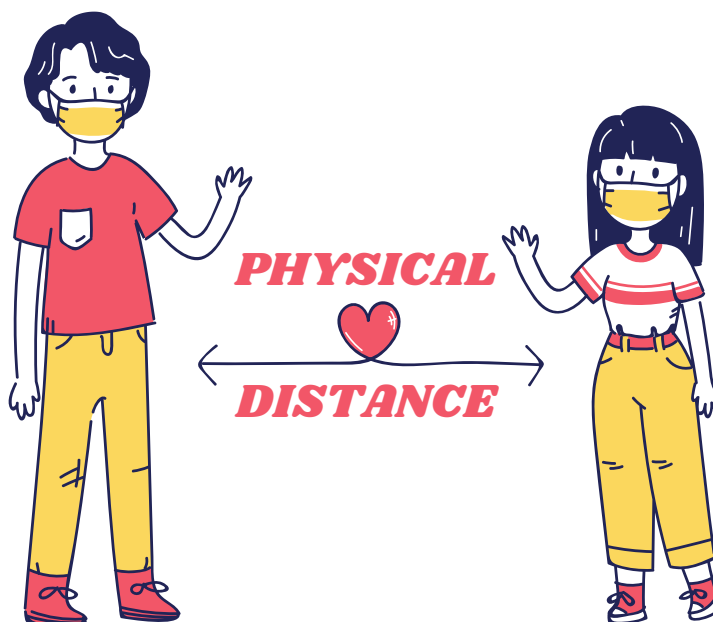
**I can't thank our awesome MBS Families enough. Thank you for all that you are doing to help with our new health and safety protocols. Here are a couple of FAQs that I've been addressing recently:**

**My child's younger sibling has a sore throat. Can they still attend school?** Yes! The younger sibling should stay home, but the child who is not ill can still attend school.

**A parent in the home has just returned from traveling to a yellow or red zone and needs to quarantine. Does my child need to quarantine too?** No. Only the person who traveled needs to quarantine.

**A family member in the home has a cough and is waiting the results of a Covid test. Does my child need to stay home?** No, generally the child who is not ill does not need to quarantine or stay home from school while awaiting Covid test results for someone else in the home. The exception to this is if the person in the home being tested traveled to a high risk area, or has a known exposure to someone with Covid-19, in which case it might be best to keep your child home until the test results are back.

The Vermont Department of Health just published a new information sheet for families on when to keep your child home sick, when they may require a Covid test, and when they can return to school. Just a reminder that ANY COUGH likely indicates the need for a Covid test before your child can return to school. Contact me or your child's pediatrician for guidance. [Here is a link to the information.](#) Keep in mind that this information could change depending on Covid activity in our community.



# PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES

**Phone:**  
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Colchester Lions will be hosting a Spooky goodie bag giveaway at the Colchester Town Offices on Saturday, October 24th. This will run from 1pm to 4pm but bags are limited so be sure to arrive timely! This is a drive-thru event so you will not leave your car. We will ask that you wear facial coverings to retrieve your goodies. One bag per child.

### **Keep an eye for a few of our upcoming programs:**

Afterschool Archery on 10/13,

You've Been Slimed on 11/1,

Snacks Ideas on 11/8!

Learn more and register at <https://secure.rec1.com/VT/colchester-vt/catalog>.

## **The Edge:**

There are openings at The Edge for Tennis Camp. Contact The Edge at 802-879-7734 for details!