



# OSPREY NEWS

DECEMBER 13, 2020

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Dear MBS Families,

Here are a few updates for the week ahead:

**Beginning tomorrow and extending through December 22nd, we will be having Spirit Days!** Check out page 3 of this newsletter for the different Spirit Day themes this week and next. Special thanks to the MBS PTA for sponsoring the remote craft project on Wednesday, December 16th.

**We are continuing to follow our typical absence procedures regarding student assignments.** If your child is out of school, your child's teacher is able to provide books and assignments, but it is not possible to replicate everything that happens during the regular school day.

**We are required by law to track attendance, including remote learning days and when a student misses school due to quarantine and/or illness.** That said, that attendance policies and procedures have been relaxed to accommodate this unusual year. Therefore unless your child's teacher or the MBS administration contacts you regarding your child's attendance, you do not need to be concerned about attendance even if your child has more absences than expected.

**We are excited to announce the CSD meals program will be offering free breakfasts and lunches for families over the break (December 22 - January 4th).** More information about this program is on page 4 of this newsletter.

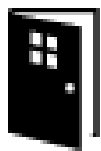
Respectfully,

*Ms. Burke*

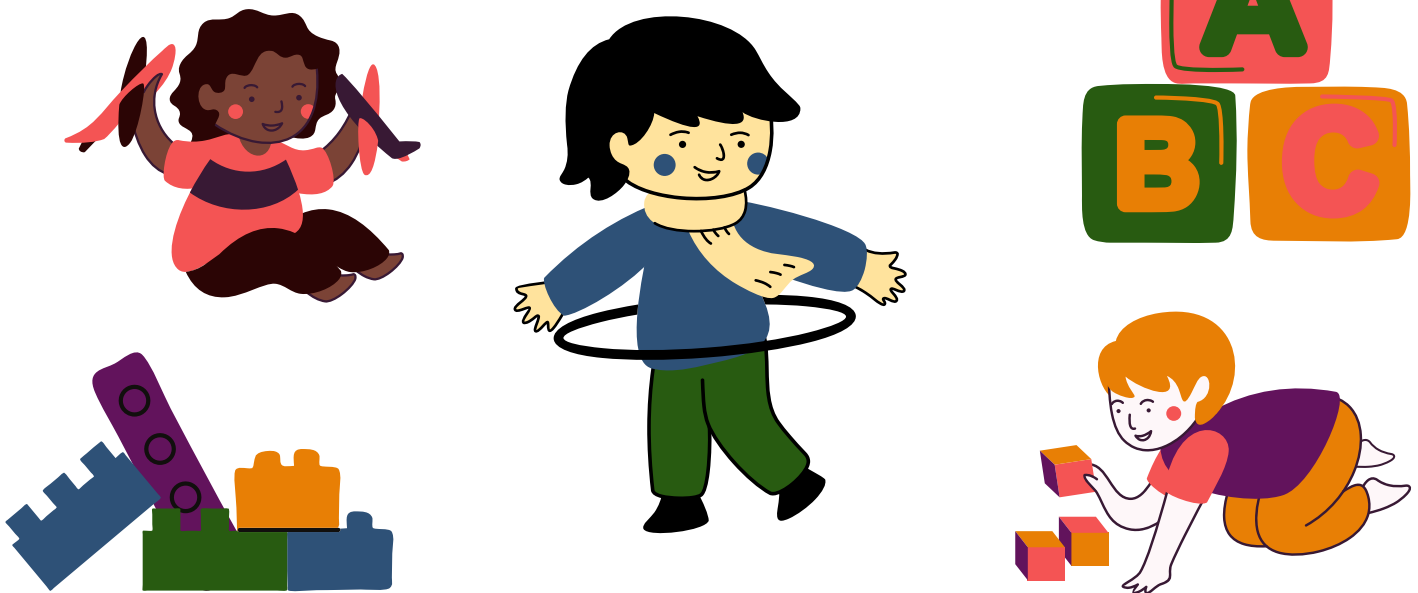
# PRESCHOOL

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Every preschool family will be receiving a copy of their child's Teaching Strategies Gold Assessment in the mail this week. Teaching Strategies GOLD® (TSG) is the state approved assessment tool used to track the developmental progress of children attending public preschool programs in Vermont. It helps teachers to observe children in the context of everyday experiences, which is an effective way to learn what the children know and can do and collect data in real time. The TSG collects information on Social Emotional, Motor, Cognitive, Literacy, Mathematics, Science and Technology, Social Studies, The Arts, and English Language Acquisition skills. Teaching Strategies GOLD® can be used to assess all children, including English-language learners, children with disabilities, and children who demonstrate competencies beyond typical developmental expectations. For more information on the TSG, please visit [their website](#).



## Teaching Strategies®



# SPIRIT WEEK

## MBS Theme Days 2020!

December 14-22, 2020

Monday, December 14	Tuesday, December 15	Wednesday, December 16	Thursday, December 17	Friday, December 18
 Stop, drop and read, dance or draw!	 Hat and Hair Day!	 Remote Day Snowman craft!	 Classroom Door Decoration!	 Dress to impress! Wear fun, favorite, or fancy clothing!
Monday, December 21		Tuesday, December 22		
 Riddle Challenge Day: Can your class work together to solve riddles? Whole School Meeting		 Cozy Day!		

## PTA

Want to support MBS while online shopping?  
 From kitchen supplies to jewelry to candles,  
 you can order many items all while supporting  
 MBS by shopping at the online storefront.  
**[Click here for the fundraiser storefront link.](#)**





# FOOD BUNDLE

CSD Community,

We are excited to announce that the CSD Food Service Program will be offering a Winter Break Food Bundle which will include FREE meals (8 breakfasts and 8 lunches) for children 18 and younger. We will not be delivering the food bundle, instead, use [the link](#) or phone number listed below to sign up before December 16th and then come to the main lobby of Colchester High School on Wednesday, December 23 between 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm to pick up your free food bundle.

The menu isn't completely set yet, but you can expect breakfast items like yogurt with granola, cereal bars, blueberry waffles, fresh fruit, and juice.

For lunch, there will be things like a grilled chicken caesar salad, chicken nuggets with sweet potato fries, homemade goulash, veggies and fruit. Each family will also receive a gallon of milk.

**What:** Free Winter Break Food Bundle, includes food & drink for 8 breakfasts and 8 lunches

**How:** Sign up by filling out [this form](#) or by calling 264-5743 before December 16th.

**When:** Pick up your meals on Wednesday, December 23 between 5:00 - 6:00 pm

**Where:** Main lobby of Colchester High School

It is important to note that these meals are for any CSD child, not just those in need. Funding is based on participation, so the more people that sign up for the meals, the stronger we can be for those who need us most. By signing up and coming to pick up the food bundle, you will be supporting our community.

We'll send out another reminder before the sign-up deadline next Wednesday. Thank you for your support!



Food Service Program  
Colchester School District