



# OSPREY NEWS

SEPTEMBER 3, 2021

Dear Families,

We have had a great first week and a half of school! Many classrooms have met their goal as students have earned Osprey tokens for showing Safe, Respectful, and Responsible behavior.

In thinking about the weeks and months ahead, we want to plan in case a class needs to switch to at-home learning due to close contact with a positive COVID-19 individual. Here at school, this planning includes teachers putting together at-home work packets and showing students how to use Google Classroom. Google Classroom is the platform students will use to access their online work in case of a class quarantine.

The below information is important and will hopefully help families with their own planning in the event their student's class needs to learn from home at some point this school year.

## **If a classroom is determined to have had close contact with an individual positive for COVID-19:**

- **Someone from the district will contact you to let you know that your child's class needs to quarantine and learn from home.** Prior to 8:30 on the first day of learning from home, your child's classroom teacher will send information including a schedule about what to expect. **Someone from the school will also be in contact using school messenger about how to retrieve your child's CSD Chromebook.**
- On the first day that your child is learning from home, **you can expect their teacher to hold a virtual Morning Meeting at 9:00 to check in with students and make sure they understand the assignments they have for the day.**
- Your child should have already received or will soon receive a packet of at-home work that will be used in the event of a classroom closure. After the 9:00 virtual morning meeting, your child will use that packet as their learning for the day. We hope this will give families time and flexibility to prepare for the next days ahead.

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**Students in Ms. Barone's class are learning how to use Chromebooks and Google Classroom.**



- After the first day of learning, at-home instruction will include a mix of synchronous (real time over Google Meet or Zoom) and asynchronous (working independently at their own pace) learning. **Teachers will continue to hold a virtual morning meeting at 9:00 am.**
- Each classroom at MBS has a Google Classroom. Students will be learning how to use Google Classroom, Zoom, and Google Meet in the event their class has to learn from home. **Assignments will be ready for students in Google Classroom at 8:30 in the morning.**
- Occasionally, a child may need to quarantine independently of their class. For example, if they are identified as a close contact of someone who rode the bus and sat near them. In cases like this, **we will follow normal absence procedures, just as if your child was out for any other illness.** Your child's teacher can provide asynchronous schoolwork that your child can complete at home while they are quarantining. Just let them know that's something you would like to receive.

We are hoping classrooms will be in person as much as possible this year. We will continue masking, hand hygiene, and podding students to prevent the spread of Covid - 19. Thank you so much for your support.

Respectfully,

*Ms. Burke*

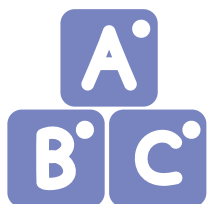
A group of students in Mrs. Fischer's class spends some time outdoors.



Our Registrar, Mrs. Brigante, and Title 1 Reading Instructor, Mrs. Kellar, - Accidentally matching!

# PRESCHOOL

September is all about setting up the classroom culture and expectations in preschool. We have spent the first week of school introducing the children to the materials in the classroom, the classroom routine, and our school rules to keep us safe and allow us to have fun while we are at school. The children have learned so much already! Here are some pictures of the first few days of school.



## PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES



Colchester Parks and Recreation's fall brochure is now out! Visit [colchestervt.gov/recreation](https://colchestervt.gov/recreation) 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.

## PTA

Please join us on Thursday, September 9th at 6:00 pm on Zoom for our first PTA meeting of the 2021-2022 school year. We are always looking for more parents to get involved to support the school, children and MBS community. The PTA coordinates fundraisers to raise money to support the students and teachers in a variety of ways. We also create the yearbook, hold assemblies, and organize activities for teacher appreciation week. Before Covid restrictions and social distancing, we hosted family/community events such as the Monster Mash in October and the Lucky Day Carnival in the spring. We look forward to seeing you on Zoom!

Current officers and open positions:

President Christine Lombard

Vice President Jessica Langer

Treasurer- open

Secretary- Elizabeth Eastman

