

OSPREY NEWS

SEPTEMBER 24, 2021

Dear Families,

Happy first week of fall! Just a quick reminder for about our arrival time:

We're asking everyone to be extra careful in the driveway during arrival and dismissal. CMS students are using the spaces around the bus loop to learn and play.

It was a busy, fun-filled week at MBS. Check out a few of our pictures below!

Important Dates

9/27 Picture Day
9/29 Early Release Day
10/8 Professional Development Day,
No School
10/11 School Recess (No School)
10/14 October PTA Meeting

Respectfully,

Ms. Burke



L to R this week: Our preschool students building a tree, Oscar is overflowing because we met our schoolwide behavior goal and Carney's Crew using "seed" stories to get the writing process started!

NURSE JOSIE

Weekly COVID Surveillance testing for students will begin this Monday, September 27.

- Testing will occur weekly on Mondays
- Students MUST have parental consent on file to be tested
- Just one enrollment is needed for the program. You do not need to sign up weekly. If you missed sign-ups this week, no worries! You can enroll your child at any time. Please sign up via the link sent from the district.

Here is what the testing process will look like at MBS:

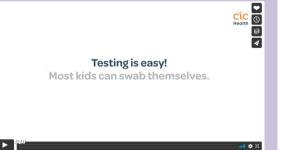
- A team of nurses will travel to each classroom. The students enrolled in the program with parental consent will step into the hallway for testing.
- The testing team will talk students through the testing steps. We expect most students will be able to do the test themselves.

They will:

- Blow their nose
- Sanitize their hands
- Rub the swab inside their lower nostrils
- Put the swab into the collection tube
- Sanitize their hands

<u>Here's</u> a video that you can share with your child that shows what the actual test looks like:







Results will be available to parents/guardians via a private login to a personal testing portal. Look for an email entitled 'binx notification' to the email you provided. After your child's first test, you will be able to create an account.

In the event of a positive test, the family will receive a call from the Vermont Department of Health and the district will follow our normal procedures to identify and provide quarantine guidance to any school-related close contacts.

We hope that this added layer of protection helps keep our school safe and healthy this year.

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PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES



Colchester Parks and Recreation's fall brochure is now out! Visit <u>colchestervt.gov/recreation</u> 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.

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