



OSPREY NEWS

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Dear Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. Here are a few things I'd like to share about the upcoming week:

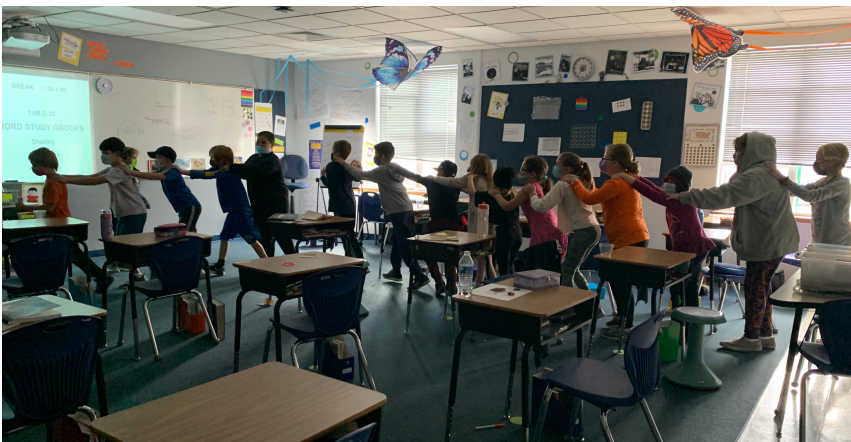
As the weather continues to change, please make sure your child comes dressed for the changing Vermont weather conditions. Classes will continue to go outside for instruction and mask breaks throughout the school day.

Now that we are several weeks into the school year, learning is in full swing. In the next couple of weeks teachers will be assessing the progress our students have made in both reading and math. Also some of your child's Unified Arts classes will change beginning Monday, November 1st with the start of 2nd quarter.

Finally, our Sign Up Genius for the November 22nd and 23rd virtual conferences will go at noon this Monday, October 25th. The Sign Up Genius will be open for families to sign up for conferences through 4:00 pm on Friday, November 19th.

Respectfully,

Ms. Burke



We had a Dance Party Schoolwide Celebration today!

Important Dates

- 10/29** Last Day of 1st Quarter
- 11/4** Picture Retakes 8:30-9:30
- 11/12** Last day of 1st Trimester
- 11/19** Report Cards Sent Home
- 11/22 & 11/23** Conferences

NURSE

I would like to extend a sincere 'thank-you' to the families of MBS. I know this year has been so challenging, and I appreciate your diligence in keeping sick kids home, picking them up from school when they aren't feeling well, and getting covid tests so they can return quickly.

Here are some of the most frequently asked questions I get this year!

Q: Does my child need a Covid test? **A:** Generally, if your child has any symptoms (Yes, even a runny nose) that last longer than 24 hours, they should get a Covid test before returning to school. You can always contact me or your child's pediatrician if you're unsure.

Q: Where can I get a test? **A:** I direct most families to the Vermont Department of Health pop-up sites. They have locations on Malletts Bay Ave in Winooski, Pine Street in Burlington, and a new location at the CHC on North Winooski Ave in Burlington. You can walk-in, but to avoid the wait it's best to schedule an appointment online. Results have been coming back after about 36 hours. You do not need a doctors order to test at these locations, and can go even if you are sick. More information about test sites and to pre-register for an appointment can be found [here](#).

Q: Once my child has a negative test, when can they return to school?

A: Students can return when they have been fever-free for 24 hours (without fever reducing medication) and their symptoms are improved. Please let me know if they tested, and their test results.

Q: My child's sibling is quarantined from an exposure at school, can they still go to school? **A:** Yes, only the sibling who is a close contact needs to quarantine. Other children in the household can continue to go to school. If the quarantined sibling becomes ill, then I would advise keeping your other children home from school until the quarantined sibling get tested.

PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES



Colchester Parks and Recreation's fall brochure is now out! Visit 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.

