



# OSPREY NEWS

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Dear Families,

As the district has shared, Colchester Schools will begin a Test to Stay Program this Monday, November 15th for students in grades K-12. Test-to-Stay is designed by the Agency of Education with the goal of limiting out of school learning for students needing to quarantine as a result of a school exposure to Covid 19. I encourage you to watch the following [Town Hall](#) and/or review the [November 4th CSD newsletter](#) that explains more about Test to Stay.

In addition to the details shared in the video and the newsletter above here are some important details about Test to Stay:

- **The Test to Stay location in Colchester is the Community Center next to Bayside Park.** It will be open from 6:00 am- 8:00 am on school days for enrolled, asymptomatic students.
- **If we learn your child has an exposure to Covid 19 mid-day, they will still be sent home that day to quarantine.** The following school day enrolled, asymptomatic students are eligible to participate in the Test to Stay program.
- **If your child is not enrolled in the test to stay program, during the time their class is quarantined they will complete an asynchronous learning menu and/or learning packet.**
- **In order for your student to participate in this program, you must register them ahead of time using both of the following consent forms:**
  - State Consent Form: [SY22 COVID-19 Testing Program Consent Form](#)
  - School Consent Form: [Malletts Bay School: http://simplereport.gov/register/78RW9](#)

If you have further questions about our Test to Stay program, please reach out to our school nurse, Josie Lang at [josie.lang@colchestersd.org](mailto:josie.lang@colchestersd.org).

Respectfully,

*Ms. Burke*

## Important Dates

**11/19** Report Cards Sent Home

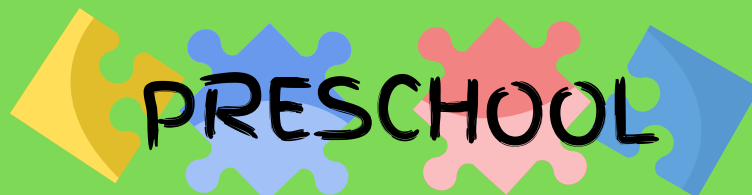
**11/22-11/28** School Recess

**11/22 & 11/23** Conferences

**12/7** Final Picture Retake Day

**12/8** Early Release Day (12:45 Dismissal)

# Fall Conference Links



## PRESCHOOL

[Miss. Darcie](#)

[Miss. Nancy](#)

[Miss. Taylor](#)



## 3rd Grade

**Greenhouse**

**Harmony House**

[Mrs. Ford](#) [Mrs. Raynery-Cyr](#) [Mrs. Boucher](#) [Mrs. Ellingson](#)

[Ms. Hoss](#) [Ms. Riggs](#)

[Mrs. Cioffi](#) [Mrs. Schroeder](#)



## 4th Grade

**Lighthouse**

**Summit House**

[Mrs. Carney](#) [Mrs. Fischer](#) [Ms. Beck](#) [Mrs. Longchamp](#)

[Mr. Cheney](#) [Ms. Taylor](#) [Mrs. Chittenden](#) [Mr. Winchester](#)



## 5th Grade

**Lighthouse**

**Summit House**

[Ms. Barone](#) [Ms. Freed](#) [Mrs. Buswell](#) [Mrs. Miller](#)

[Mr. Bean](#) [Mr. Galati](#)

[Ms. Nuttall](#)

# PRESCHOOL

Winter weather is coming. Dressing and undressing for outside are some of the longest routines in a preschooler's day. We encourage independence with dressing, feeding, and toileting. The children are incredibly capable when given the opportunity to practice and step by step instruction on the routines of the day. They get a tremendous sense of self satisfaction when they learn to do something new in the routine. We have created a visual to show the order of steps in the process. They hang in our hallway. Please ask your child's classroom teacher if you would like a copy for your home.

For more information on age appropriate routines your child can be working on, please see these articles on ways to encourage self help skills in children and tips for teaching your preschooler important self help skills.

## Dressing Strip



## Undressing Strip



# PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES



There's still time to register for the Colchester Youth Basketball League for grades 1-8! Practices begin the week of November 29th with games beginning after the new year. Make sure to register before the deadline of December 20th to join a team! To register call us at 802-264-5640, visit our office at 781 Blakely Road, Colchester, VT 05446 or visit [colchestervt.gov/CYBL](http://colchestervt.gov/CYBL)

## PTA

### Hats and Gloves Drive

From today until December 22nd, the PTA is collecting new hats and gloves for donations. Please deliver to Josie Lang, School Nurse.

**CHECK OUT THE NEW  
SCHOOL STORE**

### Food Drive

If you would like to contribute to the Giving Thanks Food Drive for CSD families, please send your student in with non-perishable items before November 17.

### Lost and Found

Please remind your student to check the lost and found. We have several tables full of items!

