



OSPREY NEWS

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Dear Malletts Bay Families,

Happy Friday!


As I am sure all of you have seen in the news, Vermont has experienced a significant rise in Covid cases over the past few weeks. At MBS we are continuing to practice Covid mitigation strategies and our students have done a great job continuing to wear masks and practice hand hygiene. We are also very pleased to offer our Test to Stay program so that students who are close contacts can still attend school.

In order to get our Test to Stay program up and running in the morning, our team of school nurses needs to prepare for it each night before. So if we learn your child is a close contact early in the morning or during the school day, we will send students home for that day to quarantine, even if they are enrolled in the Test to Stay program. The following day, if they are asymptomatic and enrolled in the program, they can begin Test to Stay. This has happened a few times in recent weeks and we really appreciate your support and understanding in these instances!

Finally, I wanted to alert you to a series on Netflix called, the "Squid Games." [Common Sense media](#) reports that content in "Squid Games" includes significant violence and sexual content that is not recommended for children in elementary school. You can use the [parental controls](#) in the Netflix app to prevent your child from watching the "Squid Games." You can also monitor your child's social media and Youtube accounts as there are several clips from the "Squid Games" on these sites as well. Please feel free to reach out to myself, our assistant principal Mrs. King or our guidance counselor, Mrs. Peltier if you have further questions.

Respectfully,

Ms. Burke



Congratulations to Nathan Gardzina, Vermont State Winner of the 3rd Grade Cabbage Contest. Nathan won a \$1,000 scholarship for growing a 13 lb cabbage as part of a program through Bonnie Plants. MBS 3rd graders participate in the program as a supplement to our science curriculum.

Test to Stay Consent

- (please complete both to enroll your child)
- State Consent Form: [SY22 COVID-19 Testing Program Consent](#)
- School Consent Form - Malletts Bay School: <http://simplereport.gov/register/78RW>

Important Dates

- 12/23-12/31** Winter Recess (No School)
- 1/13/21** MBS PTA Meeting (Virtual) at 6:00
- 1/17/21** Martin Luther King Day (No School)
- 2/2/21** Early Release (dismissal at 12:45)

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But It's Just a Cold...

Remember that colds, flu, and COVID all share many similar symptoms. We do not know what virus someone has without a COVID test. Please keep your child home when they are sick. If symptoms continue past 24 hours, a negative COVID test (PCR) will be required before returning to school. Thank you for keeping MBS healthy!

Vaccination Information

If your child has received their second vaccine, please let me know. If you are able, please share a copy of their COVID vaccine card with me so I can add this to their vaccination records. Students are considered 'fully vaccinated' 2 weeks after their second dose. It will be helpful for contact tracing purposes if I have this information on file. You can contact me at josie.lang@colchestersd.org or 264-5904.

For parents of 3rd grade students:

Many 3rd graders still have books they signed out from Porter's Point and Union Memorial School. If found, your child can bring them to the MBS library. Mrs. Oglesby is happy to return them to PPS and UMS, so you can save a trip!

PTA

Hats and Gloves Drive

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



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