



# OSPREY NEWS

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Dear Malletts Bay Families,

Happy long, wintery weekend!

With the continued uptick in cases around the state during the Omricon variant, I know that Covid is on everyone's mind. **Thank you for all you are doing to help keep our community safe and schools open, including staying home when sick, hand hygiene, and wearing masks.**

As a school we are continuing to contact trace any instances where students are close contacts as a result of a school exposure. However, **we are beginning to transition to making personalized calls only to students who are unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated. If your child is fully vaccinated, you will now receive an email notification instead of a personal phone call in the event that your child is a close contact of an individual with Covid 19.**

I would also like to welcome Ms. Lisa Lavoie. For the remainder of the school year Lisa will be our Title I Math Teacher, as Mr. Jacobs has taken a leave of absence. Ms. Lavoie has taught Math, Science, and PE in a variety of different schools around the state of Vermont.

Finally, quarter 3 begins on Tuesday. This means that student's Unified Arts Classes will change with the exception of Physical Education.

Respectfully

*Ms. Burke*

## Important Dates

- 1/17** Martin Luther King Day (No School)
- 2/2** Early Release (dismissal at 12:45)
- 2/21/ - 2/25** Winter Break
- 2/28 - 3/1** Family Conferences (No School)

# PRESCHOOL

The preschool has started the new year with a study of winter. The children have been talking about winter weather and clothing, snow, snow people, and animal behavior in winter. Did you know Wilson “Snowflake” Bentley lived in Jericho, VT. In 1882, he started photographing and studying individual snowflakes. There are published books of his photographs. Many classrooms did a classroom web of prior knowledge asking the children what they knew about winter before the unit started. Another web will be made at the end of the unit to see how much the children have learned. Mother Nature has cooperated providing snow for us to bring into our classrooms for the children to experiment with. Snow in our sensory tables has been used to paint and to build small snow people.



## 3D Snow People



## Snow Faces

## PTA

It is time to order your yearbook! The cost is \$15.00 per book, and you can choose to add \$1 each for personalization and icons. We are also selling 5th grade ads to honor your student for \$10.00 each.

Here is the link [Malletts Bay Elementary School | Jostens](#).

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