



OSPREY NEWS

MAY 20, 2022

Dear Malletts Bay School Families,

We had a fantastic time at the Fun Run today! Thanks to Mrs. Eastman and the MBS PTA for helping to organize this inaugural event - it was a blast!

Next Friday, May 27th, Mr. Mast and Mrs. Towle will be holding a fifth grade band and chorus concert in the gym. We'll be holding two concerts and offer a live streaming option to families and also to any students who prefer to watch the concert outside of the gym.

Finally we need your help! If your child has regular access to a smartphone or tablet, please talk with them about responsible behavior online, especially with messaging apps. Several students are using Snapchat to communicate with each other outside of school hours. Some of these conversations on Snapchat have led to disciplinary and friendship problems during the school day. Here is a link to resource from [Common Sense Media](#) with information for families about Snapchat.

Respectfully,

Ms. Burke



Mrs. Eastman getting our third graders started on the Fun Run!

Upcoming Dates

May 30: Memorial Day; No School

June 2: PTA Meeting @ MBS School
(6:30 pm)

June 3: Field Day

June 7-9: Bayside Days

June 9: Step Up Day

June 10: Last Day of School

Nurse

MBS, like all of Colchester, is experiencing a large number of Spongy moths which recently hatched. Newly hatched caterpillars spin a thin silk-like thread that allows them to blow in the wind and land on other trees, structure, and unfortunately, people. We literally had caterpillars falling from tree branches last week causing some distress and itchy rashes on many students and staff.



These tiny caterpillars don't bite. The rash is caused from their tiny hairs (called setae). Not everyone is sensitive to these hairs, but some people react with a very itchy/stinging, annoying rash. Students were experiencing the rash on their neck, arms, and sometimes legs.

If your child is experiencing a rash from these annoying critters, here are some tips for management at home:

- Check clothing when coming in from outdoors and remove any caterpillars
- Wash any exposed areas with soap and water
- Apply cold compresses, calamine lotion, or hydrocortisone cream
- Consult your child's pediatrician if the rash does not improve after 2-3 days, or it's significant and causing a lot of itching or distress.



Here's more information:

- <https://www.verywellhealth.com/caterpillar-rash-3969706>
- <https://www.poison.org/articles/caterpillar-stings>

MBS PTA

Please pick up your Claussen's order on Tuesday, May 24th between 3:15 and 5:30 pm. If you are unable to come at that time please reach out to coordinate another time with our PTA President, Christine Lombard at clombard97@gmail.com.

If you ordered gift cards and would like them sent home with your child, please email Christine at clombard97@gmail.com