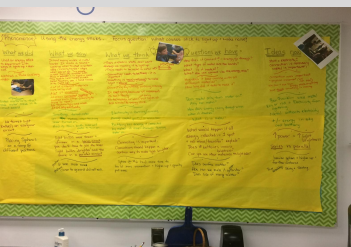




# Malletts Bay School Staff Newsletter

## Week of November 12, 2018

### NGSS Public Representation



We are all gearing up for our new NGSS Units and several folks are also piloting new kits from Foss Science. One of the NGSS instructional practices I've seen in classrooms piloting NGSS units is public representation. Public representation is making students' observations, hypothesis visible and is also a way of summarizing their thinking and learning about the scientific process.

**Welcome to our first staff newsletter. Brooke and I will send newsletters on a regular basis in order to consolidate all of the information you need for the week ahead in one place. We hope to get them to you on Fridays for the upcoming week.**

## PBIS Universal Tier Updates

The PBIS Universal Team met on November 12 to review our Trimester 1 behavior data. Some themes in the data emerged, including a spike in referrals from 11:15 - 1:00 school wide. To help address this we are going to "token up" and empower some of our students to hand out tokens during these times. We are also going to work on making the lighting in the cafeteria less over-stimulating for students. Please also be present in the hallway when your students are transitioning during this time to provide tokens for respectful behavior and to remind students of the hallway expectations.



*MBS Staff Picture at the Monster Mash.*

We are also seeing a trend of "disrespectful communication" within the data. After we return from break students will participate in a kindness and gratitude project that will be rolled out at our All School Meeting this Thursday.

## Upcoming Faculty Meetings

November 15

Grade Level Teachers will be working on our NGSS science rollout. Fourth and fifth grade will learn more about their trimester 2 units. UA teachers and Review team will meet about student plans.

November 29

**All teachers will do iSTEAM work together.**

December 12

We will be learning about the Integrated Field Review, a process that all CSD schools will be participating in on January 24th. We will also come back to the norms that we brainstormed at the beginning of the year.

*"Anyone who does anything to help a child in [their] life is a hero to me." - Fred Rogers*



**Snow Stays on The Ground!:** As we head into Winter Weather, please remind students that snow stays on the ground. This will help to reduce the number of referrals on the playground and help our recess monitors.

**All School Meeting:** Our next All School Meeting will be this **Thursday, November 15.** We will be highlighting respect and gratitude during the meeting, as we are seeing “minor disrespectful communication” and “minor defiance” as our two highest behaviors. We’re going to call all classes to the gym at the same time in an effort to begin and end on time.

**Contacting the Office for Student Support:** If you need support for a student from the office **please contact Jeanne at x5902 or Pam at x5907. If Pam and Jeanne are not reachable, try Josie at x5904.** They can radio Jordan, Brooke or Jayme. We are often out and about in classrooms and checking in with students. We may not be in our offices. Having Jeanne or Pam radio us is the best way to get in contact.

**Getting a Message to Brooke or Jordan:** If you need to get a message to Brooke or Jordan during the school day and we are not in our offices please leave a message with Pam or Jeanne if it needs to be resolved within the next 24 hours. Otherwise, please send an email or place a note in one of our boxes.

**Next Early Release, Wednesday, December 5th:** Our next early release day is Wednesday, December 5th from 1:15 until 3:30.



### Empower Students to Prevent Bullying

Just like Tom from Sweethearts and Heroes shared at our Nov 2 assembly, most bullying situations can be defused in the first 10 seconds of the interaction. Encourage students to jump into action with these A-B-Cs:

A: When you see someone being teased or bullied, get them **AWAY** from the situation

B: Sometimes kids just need a **BUDDY**. Walk up to the student and ask them to play with you or eat lunch with you.

C: **CONFRONT** the bullying behavior or tell a trusted adult.



**Meetings with Jordan:** Faculty and staff returning from the 17-18 school year, please reach out to me at [jordan.burke@colchestersd.org](mailto:jordan.burke@colchestersd.org) to set up a meeting if you haven't already. I am hoping to meet with as many returning staff as possible before December 21 to get your perspective on our work here at Malletts Bay School.

**Conferences, November 19th and 20th:** Thank you for your patience with pick-a-time. Jordan will make the rounds making sure that all teachers can log in to pick-a-time. Pre-K piloted Sign Up Genius this round of conferences and grades 3-5 will switch to Sign Up Genius for the March conferences because it has been much more user-friendly.

During conferences the PTO will provide a meal, most likely pizza, in the mid to late afternoon.

If you need an administrator present at a conference, please reach out to Jordan or Brooke ASAP. Here is a link with some reminders about best practice in parent teacher conferences - credits to Julie Benay and Kari Carney. [Best Practices in Parent Teacher Conferences](#)

**New Paging System:** MBS has been the recipient of a School Safety Grant and we are getting a new paging system. The system will be installed very soon and Jordan is working with the vendor to make the installation as minimally invasive as possible. Installation could begin as early as next week.

## **Jordan's been reading....**

**"If Humility is So Important Why are Leaders So Arrogant?"**

***Classroom Instruction that Works, 2nd Edition*** -  
Especially the Chapter on Similarities and Differences

***China Rich Girlfriend*** - Just for Fun!

