

MES Family Update - January 28, 2021

Good afternoon MES Families,

We hope your week is moving along well. It looks like a very, very frigid end to the month of January. Hard to believe we'll be kicking off February on Monday.

A few things for you today:

*The Marlborough Spirit Wear fundraiser continues - with a deadline of Monday, February 8th. The following link will get you to the fundraising site: <https://spiritsale.online/marlboroughes/shop/home>. It shows that MES families and staff have already purchased 180 items. A reminder that the fundraiser benefits the MES School Activity Fund and the MEA Fund. Thanks to those of you who have been able to make purchases.

*Our weekly Tuesday morning call with DPH/SDE and our weekly afternoon call with Chatham Health both delivered the same message - continue to stress the importance of keeping up with all of the mitigation strategies. They mentioned the importance of mask wearing, social distancing and checking for any signs/symptoms of COVID-19 - and to stay home if you are not feeling well. Please remember to check the mask fit for your students to make sure that it covers the mouth and nose and that it is snug enough to stay in place.

*We were reminded that the current vaccination group is the 75 and older portion of Group 1B. Educational staff is also in Group 1B and it is anticipated that school staff may begin to receive vaccines in late February or early March. Chatham Health asked us to let people know the following information for individuals 75 and older. Please pass this along to anyone you know is this part of Group 1B:

- CVS Pharmacies in Colchester and Windsor Locks will be offering COVID-19 vaccine in their stores beginning February 3rd.
- Appointments can be scheduled via the CVS webpage: <https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine?icid=cvs-home-hero1-banner-1-link2-coronavirus-vaccine>

*We are pretty certain that tomorrow will be an indoor recess day based on the weather forecast - so no need to send in bags of recess clothing. It looks like the 'Feels like' temperature will be around -4 degrees at recess time.

*We'd like to thank the PTO for once again supporting the High Tech - High Touch workshops for classes. We've had a number of grade levels take advantage of these virtual experiences with terrific reviews. We are also working with the PTO on the possibility of an all on-line Munson's Chocolate fundraiser this spring.

We hope that you have a terrific Friday and a nice weekend. We are also hoping that Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow next Tuesday - as we are hoping for an early spring.

Take care,

Dan & Kim