

MES Family Update – April 8, 2021

Good afternoon MES Families,

We hope that you are having a terrific week. We have been very lucky with the weather this week for recesses and mask breaks. We are also seeing students enjoy snack and independent reading time outside.

A few things for you this week:

*We have had a number of students return to in-person learning from their distance learning classrooms. We've also had families inquire about what the transition back to in-person learning would look like - as they feel it would be a good time to ease back into school before we start again in the fall. Please reach out to us if you are considering a return to in-person learning and would like to ask questions about the steps we've taken to keep students and staff safe all year.

*One of the ways we've kept everyone safe is by sticking with our mitigation strategies - podded classes, desk shields; social distancing and most importantly mask wearing. Please be sure that your student's mask fits well over the mouth and nose. Please remind those students who are riding the bus that mask wearing on the bus is a critical step in keeping them and those around them safe.

*We continue to be in need of substitute teachers and substitute para-educators. If you or someone you know is interested in subbing, please reach out to the Main Office (860-295-6220). Substitute teaching is a terrific resume building opportunity for any of those college students who are looking to get into the field of education - and are heading home soon.

*A reminder that due to popular demand, we have reopened the Spirit Wear fundraiser - with some new items. The sale will now close on Monday, April 19th. Visit - <https://spiritsale.online/marlboroughes/shop/home> if you are interested.

*Please see the following fliers on the school website in the 'Fliers' section.

- Community - AHM Drug Take Back Event - April 24
- Park & Rec - Kid's Fishing Derby at Blish Park - May 8
- Park & Rec - Kid's Sewing - Stretch and Sew Leggings - April 21

*It's that time of year when we reach out to families for feedback on our annual Family Survey. Please use the following link in order to access this short and important survey:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfZ-HeokAI3YvX3d7GwkWapSoY76z1QDM57AUmUTMiGQQ2oFQ/viewform?gxids=7628>

*Thanks to everyone during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up for making sure to leave the driveways unblocked on School Drive. Our neighbors appreciate the opportunity to come and go when needed.

*A reminder that the MES Spring Vacation week is coming up - Monday, April 19 through Friday, April 23.

Have a terrific Friday and a great weekend.

Dan & Kim