

MES Family email update - August 26

Good afternoon MES Families,

We hope that things are going well and you are getting to enjoy these last few days of August. Hard to believe that the month is quickly coming to an end.

We have a number of things to share with you this week:

*The MES Bus Routes have been posted on the MES website. You should see the link on the left hand side of the website homepage - **DATTCO - Check My Child's Bus Route.**

*There are a number of new fliers from AHM that are located on the website - **Fliers - Community.**

*We will have a short Virtual Meet & Greet for all of our Grade 1-6 classrooms on Friday, September 4th from 8:30 - 8:45 a.m. There will be some additional time from 8:45 - 9:00 a.m. to have a quick Virtual Meet & Greet with some of our non-classroom teachers. Links to the Virtual Meet & Greet sessions will be sent as we get closer to next Friday.

*We met with Chef Heather today to go over what breakfast, lunch in the classroom and lunch time snack will look like. We'll continue to finalize details as we get closer to school. A couple of topics we discussed - 1. Cash will not change hands at lunch/snack time as students will send any money to the office at the start of the school day and 2. We will not ask families to fill out the Snack Permission form again this year. We will go with what we have on record and only send the form out to new families and incoming Kindergarten families. If you have a change - your student will now be allowed to purchase snack at lunch time or they will no longer be allowed to - please let us know and we'll update their information in the system.

*Instrumental Music Night will be a virtual event this year. The Virtual Instrumental Music Night will take place on Monday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m. The event link will be sent out as we get closer to September 14th. Mrs. Arseneault will be touching base with students during the first few days of school to let them know what some of the band options are.

*Anna Holden, one of our MES parents, will be leading an Anti-Racism Task Force. We are hoping that the group will have a representation of MES Staff and MES families - with potential membership from members of the Marlborough community. The first virtual meeting will be on Thursday, September 3rd at 1:00 p.m. The Google Meet link will be sent out closer to the meeting.

*Virtual Story Time is tonight at 6:30 p.m. The Google Meet link for tonight's Story Time is: meet.google.com/phr-bmqr-piq

*Next week, which will be the Wednesday right before the start of school, we will use the end of Story Time to allow any students the opportunity to ask questions that they might have concerning the start of the school year.

Have a terrific evening,

Dan & Kim