

MES Family Update - July 8, 2020

Good afternoon MES Families,

We hope you are having a good week. We are wondering where the summer weather has gone.

A few things for you as we move through the first full week of July:

*If you borrowed school technology - iPads and/or Chromebooks - please return to school as soon as possible as we are inventorying our devices, cleaning them up and getting them ready for the 2020-2021 school year.

*We are still looking for a number of our Library books. Please return books to the Book Return bin that is located outside of the front doors.

*Yearbooks have finally arrived. We will set-up a pick-up schedule and get that out to you in the very near future.

*Thanks again to everyone who took the time to fill out our initial survey on reopening school. We had over a 70% return rate. There may be additional surveys as we continue planning on reopening. For survey results: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/stories/SM-FCF2FDXD/>

*Virtual Story Time is tonight at **6:30**

p.m. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83652203295?pwd=VUNKR1oxbzBpYXVuTXY5bTRyNCtVZz09>

*There are two New Fliers on the website - both in the Community Section:

- EASTCONN Adult Education
- Mad Science / Art-ventures for Kids

*Our weekly MES Task Force Meeting was yesterday. We are looking at ways to have a wider audience 'attend' the meetings to hear some of the discussion first hand if interested. Apologies to those of you who expressed interest in being on the committee. Unfortunately with 23 people already, we didn't want the group to be too large to function effectively. A couple of key points from yesterday:

- The mask/face covering requirement is not a Marlborough requirement, but a Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) requirement.
- Our reopening plan is due to the CSDE by Friday, July 24. We'll be placing the plan on our website and providing a link to families through one of our weekly email updates.

*Here is some mask/face covering tips from Nurse Mecca in the Health Room:

- Let kids pick the color and fabric of their masks. Try different styles of mask to see which is the best fit for your child.
- Be a good role model by letting your child see you wearing a mask. Make a play face covering for stuffed animals or dolls
- Have your child practice wearing a mask. Start out gradually for short periods of time and work up to daily use. Think of a fun activity that you can do with your child while wearing a mask.
- Be consistent with mask wearing habits. Teach your child to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before and after wearing a mask. Make sure they cover their nose, mouth, and chin.

*Reminder - the weekly Virtual Story Time is tonight at 6:30 p.m. Hope to see you there.

Have a great rest of the week,
Dan & Kim