

MES Family Update - October 8

Good afternoon MES Families,

We hope your week has been going well. Hoping that everyone has a terrific long weekend.

A few things for you:

\*A reminder that there is **No School on Monday, October 12** - Columbus Day and **No School on Tuesday, October 13** - Professional Development Day.

\*Along with the fact that breakfast and lunch are free for all MES students, our waiver also allows for free meals for anyone in the household ages 18 and under. We would need to know each morning - by 9:30 a.m. - if we were preparing a meal for a non-MES student. The pick-up time would be down by the Community Room/Cafeteria between 1:30-1:45.

\*iBoss: With MES' move to 1:1 devices for every student, our responsibility, under the Children's Internet Protection Act, is to ensure their safety when using the device, no matter what the location (home or school). With the implementation of iBoss Cloud, security follows the student - no matter what their location. When our children are logged into their account under our Marlborough Domain ([sstudent@marlborough.k12.ct.us](mailto:sstudent@marlborough.k12.ct.us)), iBoss ensures safe internet access and blocks access to unsafe locations, no matter if they are on a school issued device or a personal device - at school or at home. The security is provided anytime your children are logged into their Marlborough Google or Google Product account (you can tell this by looking at the top right hand side of the task bar and clicking on the circle with a letter in it). A drop down box will tell you what google account is logged in. If it is the [marlborough.k12.ct.us](http://marlborough.k12.ct.us) account, iBoss will monitor the searches and block access if needed. If iBoss finds inappropriate searches, it will both block and flag the search. Reports of inappropriate searches are generated - containing specific information on IP address, user, date, time, and search information. iBoss has no ability to access any information loaded on devices, it monitors searches that are made under your student's Marlborough Google account - by whoever might be searching under that account in the home. More information on iBoss can be found at: <https://www.iboss.com/education/>.

\*We continue to post new fliers on the website in the Fliers section on the main page. As you might imagine, there are currently not the usual number of events and activities due to the current circumstances.

\*Box Tops will be sent in at the end of the month. A reminder that they are now done digitally.

\*Thanks to everyone for their assistance in making drop-off and pick-up move as smoothly as possible with the volume of vehicles that we have. Please make sure that Mrs. Mucha has your vehicle number and your name for her list in the afternoon before driving by her. Having number cards more visible - on the passenger visor, standing up against the window - makes it easier for recording and for getting children to the correct vehicle when we bring them out of the Community Room.

\*Nurse Mecca is reminding everyone that this year we are not supplying changes of clothing in the Health Room. Please be sure that your children have a change of clothing at school - for accidents, recess slips in the mud, etc.

Have a terrific evening, a nice Friday and a great long weekend.

Dan & Kim