

MES Family Update - September 24

Good evening MES Families,

Another week is flying by. We have been blending our time between classroom learning and time learning outside on our purple yoga mats. Placing our yoga mats outside - kept a distance apart, allows us to learn and utilize a mask break at the same time. We are very grateful for our time in school and very proud of everyone for quickly adapting to the way our school is currently organized.

A reminder that school breakfast and lunch is free for every single MES student until the end of December. Children interested in grab and go breakfast can pick one up at one of our two distribution locations at our school entrances. If they would like school lunch, they need to tell their teacher in the morning. In order for Chef Heather to have enough lunches ready, she needs the lunch numbers right away in the morning. Chef is doing a great job of feeding everyone - thank you Chef Heather!

Our drop-off and pick-up procedures are being fine-tuned on a daily basis. We appreciate everyone working with us to ensure the safety of all. Many of our children are very young and we need to guarantee that they safely move away from their vehicles in the morning and safely back to their vehicles in the afternoon. Securing car seats takes time - thank you for patience in this process. We would appreciate it if all vehicles could stay in line as they depart the Community Room Lot. Vehicles passing others in line is a serious safety concern – as some students need to enter or exit their vehicles on the road side.

We have been completing quick visits to classrooms. Being able to see all of our kids in a small setting is nice and gives us a chance to talk and answer any questions they may have. Part of our discussion has been about our technology monitoring software that collects information on all internet activity throughout the building. We shared that while our children are at school, their families trust us to keep them safe. Safety while on technology is important - so we shared strategies with students for keeping themselves safe. We also discussed the importance of reaching out to a trusted adult if they ever make a mistake or feel uneasy about an on-line situation. In the older grades, students had questions on safety surrounding social media. We answered initial questions and will provide more guidance as the year progresses.

Yearbooks: A few copies of last year's yearbook are still available for purchase (\$21). If you would like to purchase one, please contact the Main Office.

PTO: The PTO would be thrilled if any families that shop at Stop & Shop would consider selecting Marlborough PTO to receive their points. Also, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the Marlborough PTO! Just go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2835313> and confirm the Marlborough PTO as your charity and then shop through this link whenever you shop on Amazon.

As we approach the end of our third week of school, we want to share that we are incredibly grateful for the support and kindness we are surrounded by. We don't always get to say as many personal 'thank yous' as we'd like.

With the passing yesterday of Audrey Skorski, one of our Grade 6 parents, the MES Family lost an amazing advocate for our school and our school family. At this time, our thoughts are with the entire Skorski family.

Kim & Dan