

March 11, 2021

Good afternoon MES Families,

We hope your week is going well and that you've had a little bit of a chance to enjoy the terrific weather. We believe it is unfair that it will be back in the 40's this weekend - but spring is now just over a week away.

A few things for you this week:

*Please see the important information below from Chatham Health:

- In order to help ensure the use of 100% of available doses of COVID-19 vaccine at our clinics, we have launched a waiting/call-down list. This list will be used at the end of our vaccine clinics when we anticipate having extra doses (both first and second) available after all patients with scheduled appointments have been served. Residents who are interested in being called in to a clinic at the last minute for a vaccine should complete the registration form. Registration does not guarantee a call or a vaccine. Residents will be emailed or called based on our best estimate of available extra doses, which may result in some who are asked to come to a clinic but who ultimately do not receive vaccine. The link to our call-down list registration form is here: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Y3t0GwXQFE6z4iMR2Hq4C1TxQLVS3tJNkFL925rxaUZUNDNDVzhBS0hEMElAQjBRszNSRONIVENaUC4u>.

The link can also be found on our website: <https://www.chathamhealth.org/>

*We are currently working on report cards for Marking Period 2. A reminder that some grade levels did not have a particular special (Art, Music, PE, Spanish) in this marking period. If that's the case, there will be no grade there.

*Saturday marks the one year anniversary of our world turning upside down and backwards. On Friday, March 13th of last year, backpacks were being stuffed full of everything we could fit in there - and kids left the building completely confused - with some in tears. March to June was simply - exhausting. This year, while crazy and equally as exhausting, we have been together (sort of ... from a distance - wearing masks). As the world gets vaccinated and spring arrives - we hope for a return to ... we are not entirely sure what. What we do know - is that we wouldn't have wanted to navigate this with any other staff, students and families.

*As you may know, Dr. Sklarz, our Marlborough Superintendent, is retiring at the end of the school year. Please see the information below from Dr. Sklarz in regards to the search process for the next Marlborough Superintendent:

- I hope you and your family are doing well. Just think - the warm weather is arriving this week and the days are getting longer and of course April vacation is not far away.

I wanted to update you on the Board of Education action on conducting the search for the new Superintendent. At a recent Board meeting the Board unanimously voted to use the expertise of a search consultant who has many years of assisting Boards of Education in recruiting and appointing highly qualified Superintendents to lead school districts into the next decade. The search consultant selected is JE Consulting with the principle consultant, Dr. Joseph Erardi.

Dr. Erardi has already begun his work with the Board membership. Part of his process is to survey families, staff and community members. Dr. Erardi has asked us to forward the survey link to families. He assures us that confidentiality will be maintained in the process. This information will assist Dr. Erardi in developing a profile of the next Superintendent. The survey was prepared by Dr. Erardi and responses will be sent directly to him. The link for the survey can be found below.

Additionally, he has issued a press release that announces a Community Forum for school and community voices to be heard. The Community Forum will be held on Monday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m. The press release will be posted on the school and town websites.

Throughout this process please feel free to contact Board members at the BOE website.

David Sklarz, Superintendent and Wes Skorski, Board of Education Chairperson

Survey link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdv1j424OTdO1wz0Z67g7iLsZ09DTKQvLX_XbtGsRJ7BeSq-Q/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&qxids=7628

Have a terrific evening, a nice day tomorrow and a great weekend.

Dan & Kim