



Mettawee Messenger

November 19, 2020 Principal: Brooke DeBonis 645-9009

Principal's Corner:

Holiday Sale & 6th Grade Businesses

It has been a tradition for our 6th graders to use their economics unit to develop budgets, create products, and run holiday stores for our school community to shop for their friends and family. It has been used as a fundraiser for their Spring trip to Boston. This is unfortunately a year where lots of traditions are being put on hold for the safety of ourselves and others.

We regret to inform you that we will not be having our holiday stores this year. We are hoping to have an engaging unit this spring for our sixth grade students to work on their business skills that will involve our whole school community. In the meantime, be safe, shop local, and take care.



Reminder - Wednesdays are NOT a DAY OFF!

Students are still responsible for submitting attendance and doing assigned work. We are finding that many students are not doing their attendance on Wednesdays. Neglecting to do your attendance constitutes an Unexcused Absence. Please communicate with us if your child is ill or will not be doing work for the day. FIVE Unexcused Absences could result in a call from Mrs. DeBonis regarding truancy.



Travel Restrictions for VT

There are no more colored county distinctions as Vermont implements a 14-day quarantine for every person coming to Vermont, or back to Vermont, for nonessential travel. Gov. Phil Scott announced the new measure to combat the pandemic at a press conference Tuesday amid a surge in Covid cases and multiple outbreaks spreading across the state.



TRAVEL: All non-essential travel to and from Vermont now requires [quarantine](#). Vermonters should limit non-essential travel to prevent the spread of COVID-19.



FLU SHOT: It's more important than ever to get your flu shot this year. Get your flu shot now through your healthcare provider, a pharmacy, or look for a [clinic near you](#).



PREVENTION: Limit social gatherings to 10 people or fewer, whether indoors or outside. Keep a 6-foot distance, wear a face mask and stay home when you're sick. See more [prevention tips](#).



TESTING: Contact your health care provider to find out about getting tested. There are [testing locations](#) throughout Vermont.





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COVID SCREENING SHEETS

We have switched to a new YELLOW SCREENING sheet with an added travel question. After Thanksgiving break we will no longer accept the blue screening sheet or the original yellow sheet that was not from a pull of pad.



FEVER

COUGH

SORE THROAT

Thanksgiving Recess

We will be closed for Thanksgiving Recess starting Wednesday, November 25th and will be back at school Monday, November 30th.

Be safe, stay healthy!



Celebrating Thanksgiving

A free Thanksgiving meal will be served to every student and staff member on Tuesday, November 24th, including pie! There is no need for you to pack a lunchbox on this day.

We ask that each child dress for the occasion out of respect for each other and in thankfulness to the kitchen for preparing such a feast.



Looking for a great Holiday gift?

Mettawee apparel is now available.

T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, masks, and even water bottles.

There was a flyer in your Big Blue folder last week or below is the link for shopping online!

<https://mettaweeschool.itemorder.com>

Order deadline is Thursday, December 3rd.

*** If you would like to purchase with cash or check and avoid the processing fee online...**

1. Write on the back of flyer what you want
2. The upcharge on names is \$5.00 each garment
3. Write your name and phone number so they can reach you with questions
4. **ONLY CASH OR CHECK** unless you order online
5. Checks should be made out to Millers screen printing and embroidery



Reminder about Hats and Mittens!

Please remember to have your child bring a jacket, a hat, and mittens to school EVERY DAY! We are outside a lot and are noticing that some kids are not prepared for the cold weather. We will not be able to lend these items to children as we have done in the past. If you need help obtaining cold weather items for your children please let us know. We can help you with that.





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Picture retake day is DECEMBER 7th!

If you would like your child to have their picture retaken, don't forget to bring the original packet back to give to the photographer.

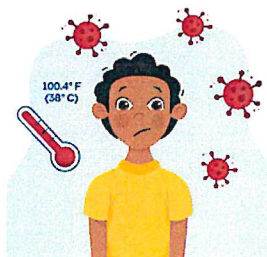


November 25-27th - Thanksgiving Break

December 23rd-January 1st - Holiday Recess

Don't forget to make your COVID Screening part of your morning routine!

If your child arrives at school without their screening form we will call home for that important health information. Please keep us all safe and remember to do your screening



CRAZY SOCK DAY AT METTAWEE!



Ellery and her PE class discovered a tree in the school yard with these BEAUTIFUL leaves on them.

Community Sharing Project

*Food items for the Community Sharing Baskets
are due today, Thursday, November 19th.*

*If you forgot to bring in your assigned item, please
do so by Friday so we can complete the baskets.*

Thank you so much for your generosity.





*Giving
Thanks*



Mr. Harmon's class is involved in a very elaborate bird study. They filled the trees with feeders and this afternoon was all about bird watching.



COVID-19: What is isolation, quarantine and self-observation?

	Isolation	Quarantine	Self-observation
	Can I go outside for walks, bike rides, hikes?	Going outside is okay as long as you are completely alone, until 14 days have passed and no symptoms have appeared. ³	Yes, but keep six feet away from others, except people you live with. Wear a mask if it's crowded.
	Can I go out for groceries and other essential items like medication?	No, not until 14 days have passed and no symptoms have appeared. ³	Yes, but keep six feet away from people you don't live with. Wear a mask. Wash your hands often and don't touch your face.
	Do I stay in a separate room in my home?	If possible, until 14 days have passed, and no symptoms have appeared. ³	No
	What if I start to feel ill?	Start isolation and call your health care provider.	Start isolation and call your health care provider.

² Recovery is when all three have happened (unless you get different instructions from your medical provider): 1) It's been 24 hours of no fever without the use of fever-reducing medication, and 2) Other symptoms have improved, and 3) At least 10 days have passed since any symptoms appeared.




Or if you didn't have symptoms when you were tested, recovery is when 10 days have passed since the date of your first positive test and you continued to have no symptoms.

³ For close contacts: 14 days since the day you were last in close contact with the person with COVID-19. For returning travelers: 14 days since you were last outside of Vermont (excluding select counties). Information at healthvermont.gov/covid19-travelguide.

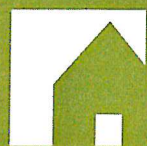
*You may get tested during your quarantine period if you never had any symptoms. Call your provider to arrange for testing on or after day 7. Stay in quarantine until you get your results. If the results are negative, and you still don't have any symptoms, you can end your quarantine.



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	Isolation	Quarantine	Self-observation
For whom?	People sick with COVID-19 or tested positive for COVID-19 but did not have any symptoms.	People with no symptoms and who <ul style="list-style-type: none">were in close contact with someone sick with COVID-19, orare returning to Vermont from out of the state (except select counties) for anything other than an essential purpose.¹	Other Vermonters who don't have symptoms.
 Do I stay home?	Yes	Yes	Staying home is still the best way to lower your risk. Follow prevention guidance when you go out.
 Can I go to work?	No. Work at home if your job allows it and if you feel well enough.	No. Work at home if your job allows it.	Follow health and safety guidance while at work. Work at home if you can.

¹ Essential travel may include for food, medical care, care of others, or work for businesses that are allowed to operate.



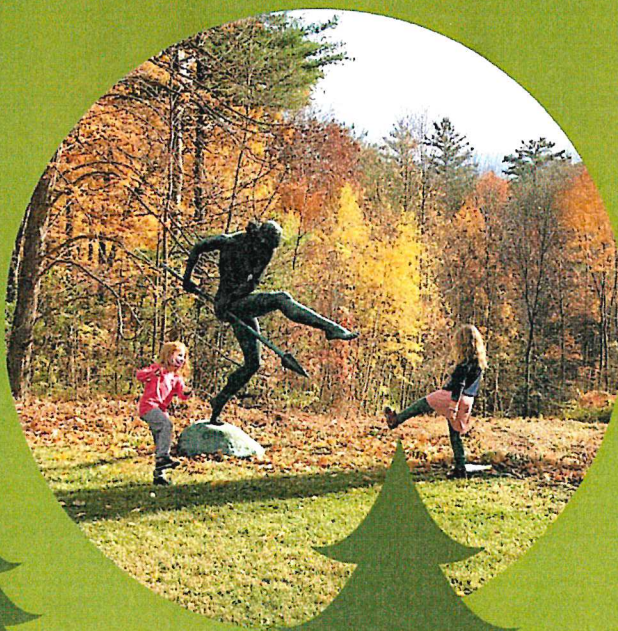
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WINTER WEDNESDAYS

When school is closed, come learn and play at SVAC.

Local students and their families are Members for a Day!

- ❄ Free museum admission on Wednesdays
- ❄ Discounts on classes
- ❄ Discount in the museum gift shop
- ❄ Gallery and outdoor scavenger hunts and raffle
(Thanks to Shire Kids for supporting this program.)
- ❄ Story Walks on the trails



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