

# Mettawee Messenger

November 24, 2020 Principal: Brooke DeBonis 645-9009

### Principal's Corner:

#### A Thank You Note:

I wanted to thank the teachers and staff members who helped to make this "Feast Day" a special event even though it was a completely different Thanksgiving celebration. I would like to thank our kitchen staff, Tera Williams and Lisa Olsen who prepared, cooked, and served a delicious Thanksgiving luncheon for all students and staff members. In addition, I would like to thank Lisa Hoyt for creating a thoughtful video for our community that we will be sharing out on our Mettawee Community School Facebook page this week. Thank you to all my staff who have been supporting our students and families during this challenging time. I would also like to thank all of our parents for your partnership in educating your children. You all are going above and beyond to make sure we have a successful school year.

# I hope that everyone has a wonderful Thanksqiving break!



## **Travel Updates**

The Thanksgiving holidays are here, and I want to remind everyone about <u>State guidelines for leisure travel</u> and the need to <u>quarantine upon your return</u> (see Guidance for Vermonters).

Please take note of the Governor's recent order around multi-household gatherings. The following is an excerpt from the <u>most recent order</u>:

Multiple Household Social Gatherings Suspended. Because data shows that between October 1, 2020 and November 13th, 2020 71% of the cases in Vermont. associated with an outbreak are associated with a private party or social gathering, attendance at all public and private social, recreational and entertainment gatherings, indoor and outdoor, including large social gatherings incidental to ceremonies, holiday gatherings, parties and celebrations, shall be limited to participation with only members of a single household. For the sake of clarity, nothing in this Order prohibits the gathering of members living in the same residence. Individuals who live alone may gather with no more than one other household. Further, nothing in this order requires anyone to remain in a dangerous, unhealthy or otherwise unsafe household; likewise, nothing in this order prevents someone from taking in, housing, sheltering or assisting another individual or individuals to relieve them of a dangerous, unhealthy or otherwise unsafe household. Finally, limited outdoor fitness activities involving no more than two individuals from different households are permitted, provided these activities can be enjoyed while adhering to physical distancing and mask requirements, and require no physical contact. This includes, but is not limited to biking, hiking, walking, running and other outdoor fitness activities.



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### **Snow Days Moving Forward**

I wanted to let all of you know that when we have a snow day this year we will have a remote learning day. We will be sending home the chromebooks with our students regularly. This way they will be prepared if there is a snow day but also in the event they are not feeling well enough to come to school, or if there is a need to have a class go into remote learning based on a positive COVID case. If we know there is a snow storm in the forecast, we are going to try to call the "snow day" the afternoon prior so the teachers will be able to send the computers and work home with each student. I know this is a change, but our hope is to keep the calendar firm with the last day of school on June 11th. Please let me know if you have any questions.



### **LUNCH FOR MONDAY**

The December menu is not completed yet but you can plan for a TUNA BOAT, VEGGIES, FRUIT, and CHIPS

on MONDAY. A menu will come home with your student Monday afternoon.



To get us in the THANKFUL mood, our students and staff created a post-it note message of thankfulness in the hallway.



















Hello Families,

Please reach out to the Manchester Community Food Cupboard if you need a turkey and fixins for Thursday.

Happy Thanksgiving to ALL!

Beth Eyre BRSU Family Support Liaison



Community Food Cupboard

We've still got some turkeys! I will be here this afternoon and tomorrow. If you'd like to stop in for groceries on the down-low message us here on Facebook or text Martha at 802 770 4346.

