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Important Update:

Dear MMUUSD School Community,

On March 3rd, Governor Scott and Secretary of Education, Daniel French announced that the state is changing its masking guidance for Vermont schools. Specifically, starting March 14th, masks are optional in preK-12 schools regardless of vaccination status. Accordingly, beginning March 14, 2022, masks for students, staff members and individuals entering our MMUUSD school buildings will be optional. The change in guidance represents improving COVID conditions in our area and state, high vaccination rates, wide availability of testing options and advancements in COVID treatment options. This is good news for our state and school community as we enter spring. In addition to masking, the following are other COVID procedural updates that will take effect on March 14th:

- Visitors have access to all MMUUSD school buildings. Masking for visitors is optional. Masks will continue to be available at schools.
- Lunch, recess, grouping of students, activities and gatherings will return to traditional school-based routines.
- Masks on school buses and vans are optional.
- Schools will continue to offer the Test at Home program with daily notification of school communities with presumed contacts. The District has a strong supply of test kits to support the continuation of this program.
- Daily health checks should continue at home. Students and staff who are sick should stay home.
- MMUUSD will follow COVID practices as recommended by the Vermont Principal Association for sports and co-curricular activities.

Throughout the pandemic MMUUSD has made a concerted effort to follow guidance from the Vermont Department of Health (VDH) and the Vermont Agency of Education (AOE). This has supported our ability to keep our schools open for in-person instruction throughout this school year and optimize safety for students, staff and our communities. Our COVID updates and modifications reflect the consistent and unified approach the District has taken during the pandemic. Making the changes March 14th also offers some time for us to answer questions and to support students, staff members and families with these adjustments.

As we make the transition to a mask optional school and workplace, we anticipate that many MMUUSD students and staff will continue to wear masks. It is vital that our school community respect each individual's choice as they consider their personal comfort and level of risk. Vaccination remains a key mitigation measure and we encourage eligible individuals to get vaccinated and a booster.

Please note that information, conditions and guidance from the state and federal governments can change, thus, our plans may need to as well. We will communicate any adjustments to the school community as soon as possible. Thank you for supporting our schools. We look forward to a safe and successful spring.

Best regards,
John Alberghini, Superintendent
Tara McMahon, RN, COVID Coordinator



Health Updates

Vaccination Clinic

The Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District will be hosting a community vaccination clinic on 3/8/22 at MMU High School. The clinic will run from 9 AM - 3 PM. This clinic is open to anyone 5 and older. First dose, second dose and boosters will be available. This registration for this is open on the state Website. You can either sign up online or call the registration line. 855-722-7878 <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/vaccine/getting-covid-19-vaccine>

MMUUSD very strongly recommends the full series of the COVID Vaccine and a Booster when eligible. If the MMU High School clinic does not work for you, please schedule an appointment at another vaccine clinic or through one of the many pharmacies that are offering the vaccine.

COVID Case Dashboard

Please visit the MMUUSD COVID-19 Dashboard for a weekly update of the number of Covid cases while infectious at school. This dashboard is updated on Fridays.

Covid-19 Reporting Dashboard

Antigen Test Kits

We have a robust supply of antigen tests at all schools. Please connect with your school if you need a test.



Kindergarten Registration is OPEN!

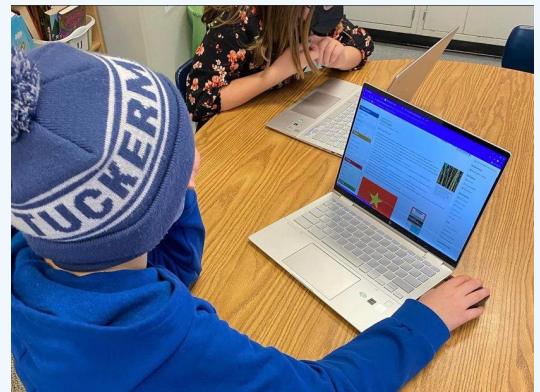
March 2, 2022 - April 1, 2022

Parent(s) or guardian(s) fill out the **Spanish Immersion** form or Kindergarten registration. Spanish Immersion can be done either online or by printable hard copy. Hard copies must be submitted by mail or in-person to the Mt. Mansfield Unified Union School District Office in Jericho (10 River Road, Jericho, VT 05465).

Kindergarten registration can be done on Powerschool. Registration information can be found on the district's website under Families-Community - Enrollment and Student Forms.

Deadline for registration is: **April 1, 2022.**

For more details, [CLICK HERE](#).



Thank you and Welcome!

Thank you Mt. Mansfield Unified Union School Community for supporting the **2022-23 budget**. We are grateful for your investment in our youth and schools. Your commitment to students and quality education make our school system and towns special and strong.

We are excited to welcome three new board members this year:

Alison Conant, Richmond (3yr term)

Heather Chadwick, Richmond (3yr term)

Lisa Pawlik, Underhill (3yr term)



We'd also like to thank our exiting board members, Beth Racine, Lucinda Preston, and John "Chip" Noonan. Thank you for your dedicated service to our school community.

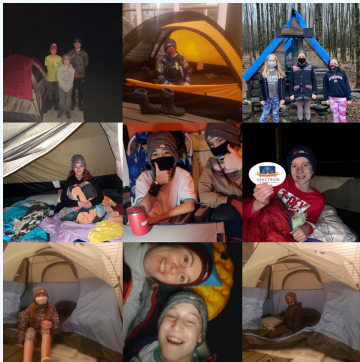
Around the District

Support BRMS and Spectrum Sleep Out!

This Saturday, Sam Rodriguez, a 6th grader at BRMS, will be having a hot cocoa stand to raise money for the Spectrum Sleep Out! Stop by for a hot treat and support this great cause!

WHEN: Saturday, March 5th, 1-4 PM

WHERE: 29 Tyler Place, Jericho, VT



I'm Sleeping Out because EVERYONE DESERVES WARM BED.

DETAILS

- Saturday, March 5**
1:00pm-4:00pm
- 29 Tyler Place, Jericho, VT 05465**
Roadside Stand
- Hot Cocoa to go**
Plus ALL the toppings you could want!
- Any Donations Appreciated**

“I believe that everyone should have a warm bed to sleep in, a home to live in, and a family to comfort them.”

2ND ANNUAL HOT COCOA STAND FUNDRAISER

I'M RAISING MONEY FOR THE SPECTRUM SLEEP OUT!

Stop by, get a hot cup of cocoa with all the fixings, learn about Spectrum, and if you can, leave a donation for this great cause.

ABOUT THE SPECTRUM SLEEP OUT

The actual Spectrum Sleep Out is happening on March 25th and I'll be sleeping out in the cold in solidarity with Vermont teens and young adults who are facing homelessness. The money raised will keep Spectrum's doors open for the next young adult looking for help.

More Information About the Sleep Out:
<https://shor.es/aWQcMb>

Deborah Rawson Memorial Library- Youth Calendar

DRML March Youth Programs

young writers' group
What will you create?
Thursday, March 3rd, 17th 3-4:30pm
Please sign up.

Craftsnoon Slime
Friday, March 4th 3-4 pm
Please sign up.

AMONG US
Wednesday March 9th from 3-4:30pm
To sign up call the library at 899-4962 or email youth_librarian@drml.org

Animation Club
Be the director and make movies at
Thursday March 10th @ 2:30pm - 4:30pm
Please sign up.

Read to Wyatt
Wednesday, March 16th from 3-4:30pm
Please sign up.

LEGO
Friday, March 25th 3-4:30pm
Please sign up.

Seed Starting Party!
Help start seeds for your food & herb garden! Drop by Saturday, March 26th between 10 and 12 to plant some and take home.

Story Time
Tuesdays at 3:00
No registration required. Everyone over age 3 must wear a mask.

To sign up for any of these programs stop by the library, call us at 899-4962, or email youth_librarian@drml.org

March 2022 DRML Youth Calendar						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>A bit more of a relaxed month as we sail into spring. Story Time has officially moved to Tuesday's at 3pm, and we hope to see you there!</p>		<p>1 Story Time 3pm</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 Writers' Club 3-4:30pm</p>	<p>4 Craftsnoon: Slime 3-4pm</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6 D&DRML 3:30-5:30</p>	<p>7 Story Time 3pm</p>	<p>8 Story Time 3pm</p>	<p>9 Among Us 3-4:30pm</p>	<p>10 Animation Club 3-4:30pm</p>	<p>11 Ms. Abbey is off to help Leprechauns hide gold.</p>	<p>12 Seed Planting Party! 10-12</p>
<p>13 D&DRML 3:30-5:30</p>	<p>14 Story Time 3pm</p>	<p>15 Story Time 3pm</p>	<p>16 Read to Wyatt 3-4:30</p>	<p>17 Writers' Club 3-4:30pm</p>	<p>18 LEGO Club 3-4pm</p>	<p>19 Seed Planting Party! 10-12</p>
<p>20 D&DRML 3:30-5:30</p>	<p>21 Story Time 3pm</p>	<p>22 Story Time 3pm</p>	<p>23 Story Time 3pm</p>	<p>24 Animation Club 3-4:30pm</p>	<p>25 LEGO Club 3-4pm</p>	<p>26 Seed Planting Party! 10-12</p>
<p>27 D&DRML 3:30-5:30</p>	<p>28 Story Time 3pm</p>	<p>29 Story Time 3pm</p>	<p>30 Story Time 3pm</p>	<p>31 Writers' Club 3-4:30pm</p>		

IMPORTANT DATES:

Important Date Reminders:

- March 9 - Early Release
- March 18 - PreK-12 Half Student Day/ Parent Conferences/ Staff Professional Development

MMUUSD

We want to hear from you!

An open line of communication is what we are striving for here at MMUUSD! If you have any ideas, feedback, or just something you'd like to share with us, please email: **Jenna Stewart** at jenna.stewart@mmuusd.org

COVID-19 Resources:

- [CDC Requirements for Public Transportation](#)
- [Instructional Reopening for Fall 2021](#)
- [Vermont Department of Health Guidance](#)
- [Child Care and Out of School Programs](#)
- [CDC Recommendations for Reopening Schools](#)
- [American Academy of Pediatrics](#)
- [Proper Handwashing Video](#)

WE'RE HIRING!

- JV Baseball Coach- MMUHS
- JV Softball Coach- MMUHS
- Mechanic- District
- Building Maintenance/Custodian- MMUHS
- Full and Part Time Bus Drivers - Signing Bonus
- Custodian- Multiple Schools

For all open positions, click [HERE.](#)

Important School Links

- [School Opening Plan](#)
- [Academic Calendar](#)
- [Lunch Menus](#)
- [Transportation](#)



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