

October 23, 2020

Dear MES Families,

If you haven't heard Chief Maxwell is currently out of work due to his recent diagnosis of prostate cancer. The Mason Elementary School wanted to do a fundraiser to help the Chief and his family. We will be having a Change for Chief fundraiser starting Nov. 2nd - 24th (see attached flyer). We are asking the students and staff to bring spare change into the school and each classroom will have a collection bin for the change. The class that collects the most money will earn a party of their choosing in December. Chief Maxwell loves our school and our students and we want to return that love to him by helping out during this difficult time. So please start sending in spare change on the 2nd!

Next week we will be having our Halloween celebrations. Cohort A (grades 2-5) and full remote students will participate in the parade on Tuesday the 27th. Cohort B (grades 2-5) and all kindergarten and first graders will have their parade on Friday the 30th. Please send in your children's costumes and they will change before the parade begins. Make sure costumes are school appropriate and no weapons please!

All kindergarten and first graders will start back 4 days on Monday the 26th! We are excited to have them all back in the building. COVID cases are continuing to climb in our county but not in our direct community or the school. I hope that we will be able to get all students back in the building, but if numbers start to grow in Mason that may not happen. Please continue to follow safety protocols! We will continue to do our part at the school to keep the building open and the staff and students safe.

With the holidays right around the corner please remember that if you travel outside of New England you will need to quarantine when you return. Let your child's teacher know as soon as possible if this is the case so we have time to gather work for their quarantine. There is also a change to the school calendar. November 24th will be a full day of school for students, not a late start as parent-teacher conferences will be happening in December not on the 24th as stated on the school calendar.

I also wanted to let everyone know that the USDA has extended the waiver allowing all students to eat for free through the end of June 2021. Any students in our school can have breakfast and/or lunch for free this entire school year. Children outside of our school are also eligible for free meals. If you know a family in need please have them reach out to me.

Wishing you all a nice weekend!

Kristen