

IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A DOLPHIN! May 21, 2020



Good afternoon,

In the middle of this Covid-19 storm, a true rainbow has shone over MBS! Last night, I received notification that The Charles D. and Mary A. Bauer Foundation Grant was awarded to MBS. To share a brief history about the application process of this grant, members of our faculty and staff created a grant committee back in September to determine needs we had in our school for improvement. The entire faculty and staff were asked to weigh in and the majority voted for improvements to our playground areas. We applied in January for this grant to construct a new S.T.E.M. playground and renovate the existing playground. The awarded grant money has to be spent on a capital improvement project and additionally, we needed to be actively fundraising for these improvements. There were funds collected for this project from the sales of the movie coupon books and during our Winter Soiree at the Money Wall. We thank you for your support in both of those endeavors. Our school motto, to educate the mind, body and soul, played a major role in titling our project, "MBS@Play!"

We were awarded \$29,999.00 and will move forward with Phase 1 of the project, laying a safe, non-toxic, durable surface and fencing in the existing playground. Needless to say, this was a wonderful surprise and I am truly thankful for the opportunity to help get this part of the project underway. Phase II, will be delayed due to the after effects the Covid-19 pandemic, but certainly not forgotten. We are grateful to be awarded this grant, designated for the playground, so that our children will have a safe place to enjoy. Thank you to everyone who participated in helping me with writing this grant and getting it submitted!

A reminder that we will not have classes on Monday, Memorial Day, next

week. Please remember all the military men and women who sacrificed their lives for us.

Kindergarten graduation Zoom will take place on Friday, June 5th at 11:00 am, we are excited to welcome them in September as FIRST grade students!

On June 1, we will host a drop off/pick up of items for the eighth grade students; schedules have been sent home. We are excited to hold a graduation parade for our eighth graders on Wednesday, June 3rd and Thursday, June 4. Teachers will be traveling through the states of both MD and DE to spread our heartfelt best wishes to our graduates!

#### Grades close for 8th grade May 29, 2020 for K-7th grade June 5th, 2020

On Wednesday, June 10th and Thursday, June 11th, we will host a drop off/pick up for students grades pre-K-7th. A detailed message was sent out Wednesday. If you did not receive your email, please let me know and I will make sure you get a set of directions. \*\*Please note a correction to that message, "last names should begin (not end) with the letter listed." Sorry for any confusion.

I wish everyone a safe Memorial Day Weekend, Stay well! It is a great time to be a Dolphin! Kathy Manns



#### MEMORIAL DAY MESSAGE FROM KINDERGARTEN

Our kindergartners learned about the importance of Memorial Day with a prayer, storytime and a painting project earlier this week. Thank you Mrs. Brannon and Mrs. Gunther for your collaboration.

# **FACTS TUITION RE-ENROLLMENT**

Most Blessed Sacrament is once again using the FACTS Management Tuition Payment Program. Your original agreement authorizes FACTS to roll over your information from one year to the next. Please be aware that no payments or fees will come out of your account until after the tuition rates have been added and finalized. You will need to contact FACTS if you wish to change your method of payment, your plan name and/or your address. If you want to make any changes to whether you pay in full or monthly, please go into FACTS and make the appropriate changes to your account. You may also email Lori Alvarez, lalvarez@mbscs.org, if you have any questions or concerns. All changes to FACTS' accounts must be completed no later than June 5, 2020. Changes to enrollment status will be made at that time.

- There will be two payment options available for the 2020-21 school year.
- THERE WILL NO LONGER BE A QUARTERLY OR 10 MONTH PAYMENT PLAN
- 12 Month Payment Plan Monthly tuition payments are due on the 1st of each month, beginning on July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. There will be a \$45 one-time processing fee charged to your FACTS account in July. If payment is not received by the last day of each month a \$25 late fee will be assessed to your FACTS account.
- Pay in Full Tuition payment in full will be due by September 1, 2020. If not paid by September 30,2020, there will be a \$25 late fee applied to your FACTS account. If your payment is not received by October 31, 2020, your account will be rolled into a 12-month payment option which will include late fees incurred as well as a \$45 one-time processing fee.

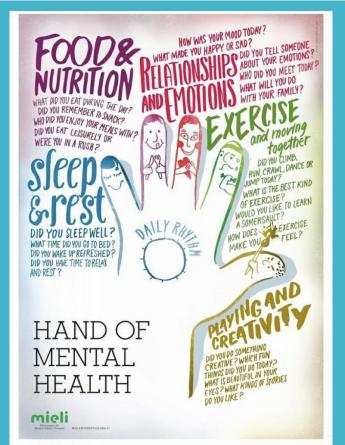
## **Counseling Corner**

As we focus on our Mental Health, here are a few questions to ask yourself. Be a model of good mental health for our children.

8th grade parents, I will be emailing you all soon with high school reminders.

I hope and pray you all are doing well. I miss seeing you all. Please reach out if you need to talk, tgabbard@mbscs.org.

Love and Prayers, Theresa Gabbard



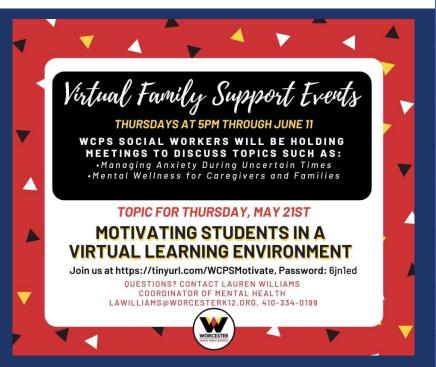
### **Recommend a New Family and Receive**

### a \$100 Discount on Tuition

Word of mouth is by far the best form of advertising in the world. Your kind words and thoughtful recommendations help our community grow each year. To thank you for your support, we would like to offer a sign of gratitude. For every family that registers their child(ren) at MBS for the 2020-2021 academic school year on your recommendation, we will refund your \$100 re-registration fee. It will be adjusted on your tuition cost. We love our families and pray for you each day.

Dear students and families,

Are you looking forward to the long weekend? Remember Monday is about being thankful to all of the brave women and men who died giving service for our country. Do you have a family member who gave that sacrifice?



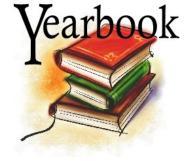
We will keep all of those hero's in our prayers. Have a happy Memorial Day!

Please see the information from Worcester County about a meeting to help keep you mentally strong. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out to your nurses. We care about you and are here for you.

Love, Mrs. Carlson and Mrs. Mumford mcarlson@mbscs.org mmumford@mbscs.org

#### **YEARBOOK DELIVERY**

Thank you to everyone who has already purchased their yearbook! We will have them available during your drop-



off/pick-up times. If you haven't purchased yours yet, we will be selling them during those days. You are also welcome to mail in your check for \$35 per yearbook ahead of time. Please feel free to reach out to Mrs. Evans at aevans@mbscs.org if you have any questions.



### 2020/21 Home School Association Board

Please consider volunteering to join our 2020-2021

HSA Executive Board. We need your insight and experience! Please click on the link below to access the nomination ballot. We will keep the link open until Tuesday, May 26 at Noon. Volunteering for any of these positions will create a lasting impression on the education of our students.

# **HSA Nomination**