

# Newsletter 2.28-3.4

#### Hello families,

In lieu of skiing this Friday. Shelley and Glenn Seward have nicely offered our students the opportunity to use the tubing hill for tubing. With additional tubing aid/pushing provided by our two staff members Julia Zalesak and Amanda Yates. Who often spend their weekends volunteering at Ascutney Outdoors on the tubing hill. How this will work is students will eat their lunch around 11:15/11:30 and once they are finished eating. They will change into their winter gear and walk to the top of the tubing hill to enjoy an afternoon of tubing. Students will remain on the tubing hill until 1:40/1:50 (dependent on grade/length of time to walk back) so they will be at ABS for the regular dismissal time of 2:15.

The weather for Friday is looking like it will be mostly sunny with a high of 26 degrees. Please, please make sure your child comes to school with the appropriate winter gear. **Especially in grades 3rd and up**. This time of the year we start to get tired of lugging around extra clothing, and often go out to recess missing a layer or two. That is often doable when students are just going outside for recess. On Friday we will be outside from 11:40 to 1:40/1:50. With students going down a hill at a fast pace, and riding back up the hill in their tube. It will be easy for them to get cold if they don't have the proper clothing. We also do not have extra items for students to use if they forget gloves, hats, mittens, pants, jackets, and boots at home. So please make sure your child has everything they need to stay warm. Any child that comes to school on Friday without the proper clothing runs the risk of having to stay behind.

If you have any questions please let me know. We are all looking forward to an afternoon of tubing!! Also know that parents/guardians are welcome to come and watch.

~Annalise



Thank you for coming out to support our schools on Tuesday. With your help, our district budget passed with a great margin of 2:1. We also get to keep our outstanding board members, Bill Yates and Davis McGraw. There is much to do, and we really look forward to ushering in some positive changes in the coming year. Thank you so much for supporting the opportunity to do so.

All my very best—
Elizabeth Burrows
Mount Ascutney Board Chair

Black History Month has provided us a rich opportunity to celebrate and honor many of our talented and impactful leaders. From literature to lessons our students and staff have been engaged in reflection, learning and been inspired by powerful people who strive to make the world a better place.







## Masking Update:

As we are working to develop an approach towards less masking, ABS will be moving into a looser outdoor expectation to be in line with our other schools in the SU. As there is minimal risk of passing on Covid-19 outside, we will no longer be asking students to mask up regardless of the proximity of their engagement with others while outdoors. This does not impact expectations at Ascutney Outdoors, we will respect their guidelines when we visit them. Every child and adult still may have the choice to wear a mask outdoors.

### **Covid Cases Number Weekly Update:**

This past week we have learned of one positive Covid case at our school. Test kits are available from school for your use. Please simply reach out if you need a kit.

## **Up & Coming Important Dates:**

**March 11th -** *Teacher Inservice - No school for students* 

**March 25th -** is a ½ day Students are dismissed at 12pm

March 31st - Parent/Teacher Conferences. Students are dismissed at 12pm

**April 1st** - Parent/Teacher Conferences. Students are dismissed at 12pm

April 11th thru 15th- Spring Break - No School

April 29th - is a ½ day. Students are dismissed at 12pm

**May 27th** - is a ½ day. Students are dismissed at 12pm

May 30th - Memorial Day. No School