

# From Mrs. O'Bryant's Desk:

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## SMS:

## SMS Pod Color Day!

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### Important dates

- Oct.12- Columbus Day - No School
- Oct. 14 & 15- NWEA testing 8-10am
- Oct.15- Progress reports on PowerSchool
- Oct. 16-Early release parent pick up at 12:10pm (put in Pick Up Patrol)
- Oct. 21- "Upstanders" Live Webinar 6-8pm for parental viewing. "Stand up with Courage" Wear Orange
- Oct. 23- Early Release Parent Pick up.(Put in Pick up patrol)
- Nov. 1- Next time to change instructional option-in person/remote
- Nov. 3- Parent Conferences
- Nov.4- Picture Days Pods: Yellow, Green, Blue
- Nov 6- Pictures Purple, Red
- Nov. 11- Veteran's Day
- Nov.13- End of first Quarter

Lunch Menus are up on the website  
<https://convalsd.nutrislice.com/menu/>

**Power School- Be sure to log in to PS and check your child's progress.**

### Early Dismissal on Fridays-

Please put in **Pick Up Patrol** if you are picking your child up at 12:10 on Oct. 16.- The students who remain at school will have bus transportation at 2:15pm.

Early Dismissal Parent Pick Up- Thank you to all of you for picking up your children on Friday for early dismissal. Now that we know how many parents will be doing this we will change the procedure to help with the traffic flow.

### Only on Friday at 12:10pm Pick up:

Red Pod Parents will pick up students in the front of SMS.

Purple Pod Parents will pick up students at the high school in the pick-up line.

Green, Yellow and Blue Pod will continue the same procedure as we have been doing. We hope that this will avoid the long line of cars waiting for pick up.

All **absences** must be called or emailed in to the SMS office by parents before 7:30am.

- School number 924-7105 - leave a message.
- Email- to report absences-
- sms- [attendance@conval.ed](mailto:attendance@conval.ed)
- Pick up Patrol

Oct. 21- "Upstander" Live Webinar 6-8pm for parental viewing. This will be the first of three films about mental health issues.

This day will be dedicated to those who have courage to stand up for others. We will encourage everyone to wear something orange.

### Safety- Priority – Tips for Parents-

1.Know your child's passwords to check all digital devices. It is important that you check pictures, text messages, emails, Instagram, pictures (to name a few programs) at all times, to monitor what your child is doing on-line.)

2 Remind your children that no videotaping is allowed without teacher permission. It is a legal violation to videotape a teacher or student without permission. It would be another legal violation to post any recordings on-line.

Please see the NH law:  
NH Wiretapping Law – Is described under Chapter 570-A.



### **NWEA Testing: Oct. 14 & 15: 8-10am.**

Remote and in person students will be participating in NWEA testing.

This link will bring you to resources for parents concerning NWEA preparation.

<https://www.nwea.org/the-map-suite/family-toolkit/>

# **The Upstanders - the first of a trilo**

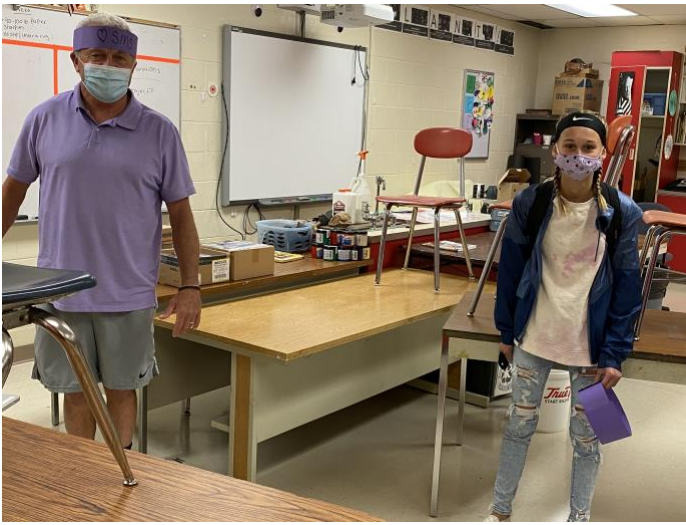
[Please register to view Upstanders in advance here.](#) - Wear Orange on Oct. 21- "Stand Up With Courage"

The "**Upstanders**" is recommended for 13+ and we are encouraging families to watch the film on Wednesday, October 21 between 6 pm and 8 pm together. Please register in advance. (See link above)

According to the "Upstanders" literature, "An Upstander is someone who takes action when they witness bullying. Even one person's support can make a big difference for someone who is being bullied. When youth who are bullied are defended and supported by their peers, they are less anxious and depressed than those who are not." We hope that all of our SMS Pumas will be upstanders for their classmates.

That day will also be known as "Stand Up With Courage" day. We will be celebrating that by wearing something orange on that day, whether in-school or remote.

Here is a link to the preview of [The Upstanders](#)



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