



## BARRE TOWN MIDDLE AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Barre Town Families,

In an effort to help reduce the amount of paper we send home, we have made the decision to no longer print our monthly newsletters. As our society is moving to be more technologically advanced, we believe our families will be able to access the newsletter via our school website—[www. btmes.org](http://www.btmes.org). While we recognize that not all families have easy access to the internet, we will still print for those families who request them. Should you need a hard copy of the Barre Town newsletter, please notify Kim Benson at 476-6617 ext. 6305 or Tina Lunt at 476-6617 ext 6307. We appreciate your understanding.



# Picture Day is coming!

Wednesday, October 10

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## *Crops by Kids News*

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A HUGE thank you to all who helped make the Farmer's Market a big success. Again this fall we hosted the CBK Farmer's Market on September 27th, the night of the PreK-4 Open House. It was great to see students and adults in the gym viewing the Farmer's Market produce and enjoying the other informational tables. All proceeds from the market and supper go to support the Barre Town Crops by Kids garden. Local farmers, staff and Barre Town families donated crops for parents, faculty and community members to purchase. We sincerely appreciate the donations and are grateful for the ongoing support. We hope you had a chance to see or purchase some of the crops. This is truly a community event!

The final count on what we raised from the Farmer's Market, combined with the Harvest Dinner, isn't available yet. This information will be in the November newsletter. The Harvest supper was a great success serving a delicious dinner of ziti, salad, bread and desert. Thanks to the kitchen staff for putting this together. Our raffle this year included painted, plastic pumpkins and a quilt, among other items. Congratulations to the winners.

As always a BIG thanks to Susan Barnard for organizing this event. Other thank yous go out to Suzy Kleinfelter, Tina Glosser, Bridgett Apfel, Deb Gibson, all of the folks who painted pumpkins, and students and staff who helped out in various ways. The kiwi are beginning to mature. At the Farmer's Market several people had the chance to taste them for the first time and were pleasantly surprised at the flavor. The kiwis are the vines growing over the tables near the back of the garden. We will prune them back in the spring - they have grown over the past 6 years and are getting heavy.

There was a fabulous response to the Fall Garden Club. Twelve second grade students were selected to participate this fall. Garden Club continues to enjoy the enthusiasm from the students. During the first session, we looked at the seeds that each of the flowers or crops had produced. The scarlet runner beans were a big hit. This summer the flowers are bright scarlet, encouraging bees and other pollinators to visit. Scarlet runner beans are good for snap, shell or dry beans. The colors of the large seeds range from pink to red to dark purple mottled in black and some had those colors mixed.

The students in the Garden Club will help put the garden to bed in the next couple of weeks, depending on the first frost. Mrs. Thygesen's gym classes will also help put the garden to bed.

Thanks to Phyllis Wiggins for keeping the fountain clean this summer and fall!

If you have visited the garden this fall, you may have noticed 3 tall wooden "creatures" positioned around the garden. They were donated this summer from one of the families attending the summer garden/library series.

*Happy Gardening !*

Deb Curtis, Garden Coordinator, [dcurtbte@u61.net](mailto:dcurtbte@u61.net)



## Home and School Coordinator By Dianna Fecher

Fall is here! And with the cooler air, we are all enjoying crisp apples, cider, and a bounty of harvest vegetables. The excitement builds as we look to the fall activities that so many enjoy, with one of the most popular being Halloween. With that time just around the corner, here are a few safety tips to keep in mind:

### Walk Safely:

- Cross the street at the corner, looking both ways and making eye contact with drivers of vehicles.
- Put electronic devices down and keep your head up!
- Always walk on sidewalks and paths. If you must walk where there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.
- Walk in groups, and always have an adult accompany your children.
- Carry a flashlight or a glow stick.
- Watch for cars that are turning, or backing up. Remind your children not to cross between parked cars or dart out into the street.

### Dress Safely:

- Plan costumes that are bright and reflective! Consider adding reflective tape to the costumes.
- Pay attention to the length of the costumes – keep them short enough to prevent tripping.
- Ideally, use costumes that are flame resistant.
- Confirm that masks are not limiting or blocking eyesight.
- Avoid decorative contact lenses.
- Keep accessories (like swords, sticks, canes) short to prevent injuries if your child stumbles.

### Share Safely:

- Remove from the porch or yard anything a child could trip over (hoses, toys, bikes, decorations).
- Replace any burned-out light bulbs.
- Sweep wet leaves or snow from sidewalks and steps.
- Restrain pets so that they do not bite or jump on a visitor.

### Drive Safely:

- Slow down and be especially alert – children will be excited and unpredictable.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.
- Eliminate any distractions inside your car to enable you to concentrate on the roads and surroundings.
- Turn your headlights on earlier in the day.
- Remember that popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Here is hoping you enjoy yourselves and make many fun memories with your family, and your community!

## Fall Hiking Trails

K-2 physical education classes have been exploring the Barre Town Nature trails this month. You will find the map in this newsletter so that you can come back and enjoy the trails as a family. The blue trail to the “secret bridge” and orange trail have been popular ones to enjoy. The green trail leads to “Bobcat Cave”. If you continue down the blue trail, you will end at the pond which has nice benches for a picnic. Not only great exercise, but children have been looking for signs of wildlife, animal habitat, and listening to the sounds that nature brings! Bring the map and create your own adventures!

Mrs. Laura Thygesen



## PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thursday, October 4

Students in Gr. 3-8 are asked to attend conferences

### Early Dismissal for Students

11:30—Grades 5-8

12:30—Grades K-4

No Preschool

## PTO News

Our **PTO** (parents teachers and organization) meets once a month on the third Tuesday of every month. We meet in the BTMES Library at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome! Our next meetings are on October 16th and November 20th, please join us!



**Box Tops** are an easy way that many families can help us out. Simply cut the Box Tops and send them into school with your child. We collect Box Tops in bags of 50 each and they need to be trimmed for us to send in to get funds. Thank you for sending in your Box Tops!

The following dates are for the **PTO Bookstore** that is located in the main lobby from 8am-noon, one Tuesday per month. Come check us out! We have prices as low as a quarter and up! Something for everyone! The dates are as follows:



October 9th  
November 6th  
December 4th  
January 8th  
February 5th  
March 12th  
April 9th  
May 7th

Megan Spaulding - Secretary, [Megans5507@gmail.com](mailto:Megans5507@gmail.com)

## Student Arrival and Dismissal Information

### Arrival Information

- Middle school students in grades 5-8 may not be dropped off at school before 7:30 am
- Elementary school students in grades PreK-4 may not be dropped off at school before 8:30 am
- Students who are dropped off earlier than the stated times must be registered with the YMCA's Before School program. There is a fee associated with this program. This program is available to students K-8.
- If a student is dropped off before stated times and is not registered with the YMCA, families will be called to come pick the student back up.

### Dismissal Information

- Middle school dismissal is at 2:30 pm.
- Middle school students may not wait to be picked up after 2:30 pm anywhere in the building (including the lobby, cafeteria, or library) unless they are signed up for a supervised activity (such as homework club).
- Middle school students who are not riding a bus must be signed out in the lobby by the adult picking them up, students may not meet a ride in the parking lot.
- Elementary school dismissal is at 3:30 pm.
- Parent pick up for elementary school students is at 3:25 pm in the cafeteria. The sign out sheets for parent pick up are located in the cafeteria.

## Student Council



We had our first Student council meeting of the year. At the meeting, we split into groups and did some ice-breaker/get-to-know each other games. Next, we discussed some basic public speaking skills, and the kids all got an opportunity to practice by introducing another Student Council member to the large group. They all did a great job!

Next Meeting: Friday, October 19th 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Student Council meeting at 2:25 in Mr. Pope's room.

If you are interested in filling one of the leadership roles, please email your paragraph to Mr. Pope or hand it in to him by Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>.

Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> is the first dance of the school year. 6:30-8:30pm. **\*\*Please note, parents/guardians are required to come in the school lobby to sign out your child. Please be on time to pick up students.** Dance permission slips will be sent home in the coming days. A signed permission slip must be on file prior to the 12<sup>th</sup> in order for your student to attend the dance. Thank you!

Stay tuned for details for this year's annual holiday food drive and the upcoming Student Council store.

Thank you for your support!

Rebecca Kerin-Hutchins and Michael Pope  
Student Council Advisers

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## News from the Nurse's Office

### Northern New England Poison Center

Someone calls a poison center about a poisoning every 13 seconds in the U.S. With over-the-phone advice from the poison center, most poisonings can be treated on site. Poison centers are available 24 hours a day to help you treat a poisoning or to answer poison-related questions. All calls are free, confidential and answered by specially trained medical professionals. The national hot-line is 1-800-222-1222. Website: [www.nnepc.org](http://www.nnepc.org).



### ABSENT STUDENT?

- ⇒ Call 476-6617
- ⇒ Press "1"
- ⇒ Leave a message regarding an absent student.

### When to Keep your Child Home from School:

Children who are ill should stay home for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever, or signs of a fever, without the use of fever-reducing medicines.

Children ill with vomiting should stay home for 24 hours after the vomiting has stopped. This is to not only prevent the spread of their illness, but also to protect them from contracting other illness at school.

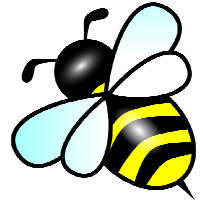


## Barre Town Spelling Teams

Congratulations to the students who made the Barre Town Spelling Teams for this year! They are as follows:

### Grade 7-8 Team:

Ryan Allen  
Logan Kelley  
Abigail Lindheim  
Rebecca McKelvey  
Alaina Rueda



### Grade 5-6 Team:

Hana Dobrilovic'  
Kylis Flood  
Jordan Parker-Martin  
Mayzee Scichitano  
Lillah Thurston  
Anthony Yandow

The teams will each compete against our Barre City counterparts in the district competition Wednesday, October 10th after school in the library. Winners will go on to the regional competition later this fall. Go Barre Town!



## David Stefaniak Memorial Holiday Food and Gift Drive 2018

The planning for the David Stefaniak Memorial Holiday Food and Gift Drive is now underway. Our goal is to provide food, winter clothing and gifts for Barre Town families who need a bit of help this holiday season.

Years ago, Barre Town parent, David Stefaniak, brought community attention to the needs of some of our families and friends for assistance, particularly at Christmas time. Since David's death, volunteers have continued his work allowing his efforts to live on.

If you are a family in need and are not participating in another community holiday program, please contact Dianna Fecher, Home/School Coordinator (ext. 6188) or the Gift Drive Coordinators Bridgett Apfel (ext. 6186) or Kim Benson (ext. 6305). We are accepting applicants now through Friday, November 9. Our goal is to provide winter wear needs and toys for each child who attends our school. We hope to have all of our participating families adopted this year.

If you are willing and able to help, we would really appreciate your support by adopting a family or individual child. We welcome donations of food, money, holiday gifts or adoption of a family. If your family, friends or business would like to donate please contact the holiday drive coordinators, Kim Benson or Bridgett Apfel at 476-6617.

Thank you for reaching out to families in our community in this wonderful holiday season!



# Reserved Parking Spaces

Please be mindful of all reserved parking in our parking lot. These include:



\*Premier Paw Parking

\*Handicapped Accessible Parking

These parking spaces are reserved for a specific population. Thank you.

# PTO Storefront

## The BTMES PTO Storefront is OPEN!

Barre Town Bobcat gear available in youth, ladies and men's sizes.

To place an order visit: <https://btmes2018.itemorder.com>

**Online store deadline:** Sunday, October 14, 2018 at 11:59pm EDT

\*\*See the attached flyer\*\*

# Other Happenings and Offerings

**Sat. Oct 6th**  
10am-4pm

**Granite Festival**  
Stone Olympics!

**VERMONT GRANITE MUSEUM**

**Rocktober Fest @ The Museum!**

<p><b>Food &amp; Drink</b> Mo's Backyard BBQ Dog River Brewery Old Route Two Spirits Ice Cream</p>	<p><b>Local Musicians!</b> Chris R and His Purple Guitar Patti Casey Chad Hollister Sun Vulture</p>
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**Admission: \$20.00**  
Includes entry, large BBQ meal & non-alcoholic beverage!  
A la carte ticket options available at door.

**Return of the Stone Olympics!**

Competitive events for the whole family: building and balancing challenges, a wheelbarrow steeplechase, and design competitions! Sign up for your event when you arrive!

Dry Stone Walling Demonstration by The Stone Trust  
Sign up: [thestonetrust.org/events](http://thestonetrust.org/events) (ages 16+)

Northern VT Artist Association's "ART ROCKS"

Watch sculptor Chris Miller as he works on Ceres: Goddess of Agriculture- to be installed on the top of the VT Statehouse!

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## Other Happenings and Offerings (con't)

### Barre Town Ski & Board Program

**2018-2019 Sugarbush Ski Program for Barre Town Staff, Families and siblings – (5 Sundays from noon – 4:00 pm). The tentative dates are as follows: Jan 6, 13, 27 and Feb 2, 10.** This program has something to offer for ages 6 and older and all levels of experience! Sign yourself and/or your kids up for 5 lessons. Don't need lessons? Put your kids in the lessons; purchase a 1/2 day pass for yourself and ski with the other parents/guardians! **DEADLINE FOR ENROLLMENT IS NOV 20, 2018**

Product	1/2 Day Rate Per Person
Lift Ticket	\$135
Lift Ticket and Rentals	\$185
Lift Ticket & Clinic	\$225
Lift Ticket, Rental & Clinic	\$250
Clinic only (w/season pass)	\$120
Rental only	\$105
Sugar Xpress Media Fee	\$5

### Discounted Season Ski Passes

**Not interested in the 1/2 day ski pass or lessons? Get a PASS at a discounted rate!**

#### 2018/19 Season Pass Rates:

PRICES GOOD UNTIL 12/1/18 – prices increase on 12/2/18

#### Value Pass – (Mt Ellen...Lincoln Peak early season and late season)

Adults (40-79) \$599

Youth (7-18) \$279

College \$249

Boomer Pass (65-89) - \$139

#### Premium Pass – All Mountain (Lincoln Peak and Mt. Ellen)

Adults (40-64) \$999

Senior (65-79) \$749

Silver Senior (80-89) \$229

Age 90 & Up – Free

Child (6 & Under) \$40

Youth (7-18) \$399

Early 30s (30-39) \$599

For 20s (19-29) \$399

College \$349

Double Major—\$389 (includes unlimited skiing at Mad River Glen)

CONTACT MARY RUBALCABA AT 802-522-4470—[mary\\_rubalcaba@yahoo.com](mailto:mary_rubalcaba@yahoo.com) OR KRISSY BELLAVANCE AT [krisseyb@bellavancetrucking.com](mailto:krisseyb@bellavancetrucking.com) or 802-249-8784 to sign up! Hope to see you on the mountain.



**WINTER IS COMING!!!  
REGISTRATION FOR BYSA  
HOCKEY IS OPEN!!!**

### PROGRAMS START OCT. 21<sup>st</sup>

- REGISTRATION NIGHT/EQUIPMENT SWAP—SEPT. 19TH – 5:30-7:00PM (AUD BASEMENT)
- FREE REGISTRATION FOR NEW PLAYERS 8 AND OLDER
- WE'RE IN DESPERATE NEED OF GIRLS BORN IN 2005, 2006 OR 2007 TO FORM A 13U TEAM
- FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE ERIC HUTCHINS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
- FAMILY DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE
- FREE LEARN TO PLAY IN NOVEMBER – CHECK WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO

[www.hockey.barreyouthsports.com](http://www.hockey.barreyouthsports.com)





**October**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> School Board Meeting—6 p.m. Library	<b>4</b> Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences - Early Dismissal for Students	<b>5</b> Staff Development Day—No school for students
			No Preschool	
<b>8</b> Columbus Day—No School	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Picture Day	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Student Council Dance Gr. 7-8 6:30-8:30pm
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> PTO Mtg. 6:30 in Library	<b>17</b> School Board Meeting—6 p.m. Library	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		



**November**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> PTO Bookstore—Lobby 8am-12pm	<b>7</b> School Board Mtg—6 p.m. Library	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>12</b> Staff Development Day—No school for students	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> PTO Mtg. 6:30 in Library	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
		Thanksgiving Vacation		
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

# BTMES PTO Storefront

<https://btmes2018.itemorder.com>

Online Store Deadline: Sunday October 14th, 2018 (11:59pm EDT)

<p>Youth, Ladies &amp; Men's Warm Up Jacket</p>  <p>2 Colors</p>	<p>Youth and Adult Essential Tee</p>  <p>2 Colors</p>	<p>Youth &amp; Adult Long Sleeve T-Shirt</p>  <p>2 Colors</p>	<p>Youth Tie-Dye Tee</p> 	<p>Adult Tie-Dye Tee</p> 	<p>District Girls Very Important Tee</p>  <p>2 Colors</p>
<p>District Girls V.I.T. Tank</p>  <p>2 Colors</p>	<p>Youth and Adult CamoHex Tee</p>  <p>2 Colors</p>	<p>Youth and Adult 3/4-Sleeve Raglan Tee</p> 	<p>Youth Arc Shirt Long Sleeve</p> 	<p>Youth and Adult Stratos Hoodie</p>  <p>2 Colors</p>	<p>Youth Stoked Tonal Heather Hoodie</p> 
<p>Linear 1/4 Zip Hoodie</p>  <p>2 Colors</p>	<p>Youth EcoSmart Full-Zip Hooded Sweatshirt</p> 	<p>Adult Heavy Blend Full-Zip Hooded Sweatshirt</p> 	<p>Rival Performance Polo</p> 	<p>Sport-Tek * Spectator Scarf</p> 	<p>Holloway Constant Beanie</p>  <p>2 Colors</p>
<p>District Women's V.I.T. Gathered Back Tank</p>  <p>2 Colors</p>	<p>District Women's Very Important Tee</p>  <p>2 Colors</p>	<p>Ladies Cuddly Crew</p>  <p>2 Colors</p>	<p>Women's Lace-Up Crew</p>  <p>2 Colors</p>	<p>Women's Cowl Neck Sweatshirt</p>  <p>2 Colors</p>	<p>School &amp; Sports Backpack</p> 

Please Email Questions to: **Jeffrey Apfel**  
**Tournament Specialties**  
**tournamentdesigns@gmail.com**

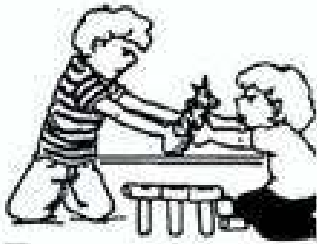


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*Presents . . .*

# Siblings Without Rivalry

**How to Help  
Your Children Live Together  
So You Can Live Too**



*A three week course for parents who want to help their children learn to live more peacefully with each other.*



**THREE TUESDAY EVENINGS**  
**October 23, 30 & November 6 ,2018**

**6 – 7:30 P.M.**

**Brook Street School**  
**45 Brook Street**  
**Barre, VT**



Participants will be using the best-selling book,  
***\*Siblings Without Rivalry***  
by Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish, plus the workbook.



*\*Authors of the classic, How to Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk.*

***Call Christopher Robertson at the Family Center:  
262-3292, Ext. 115 or email christopherr@fcwcv.org for more  
information or to register and reserve child care.***

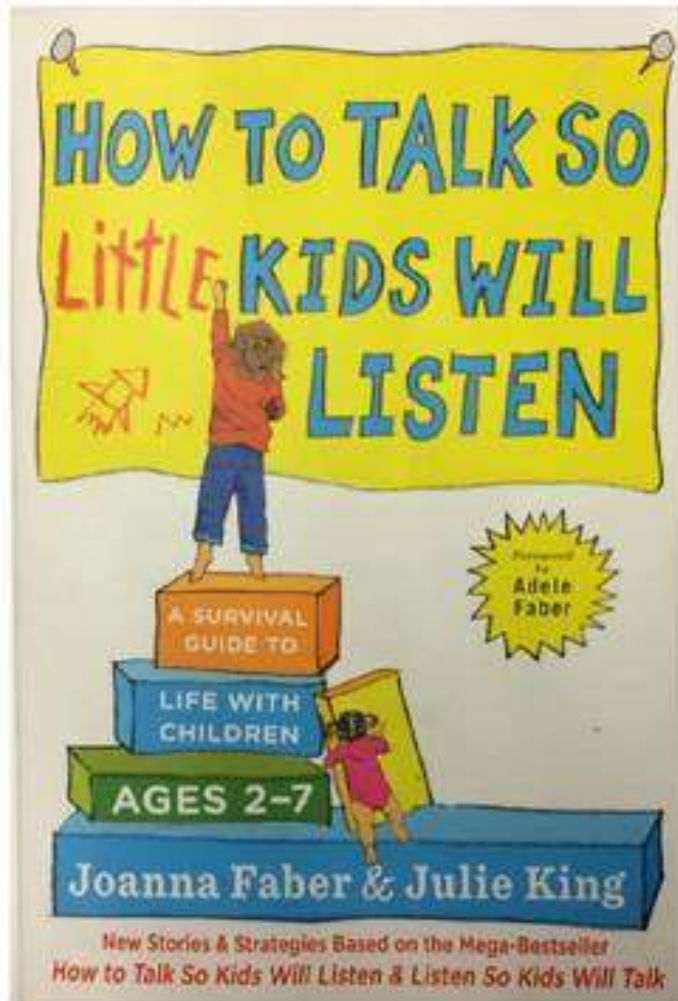
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**Tuesdays – October 2, 9, 16, 2018**

**6:00 to 7:30 P.M.**

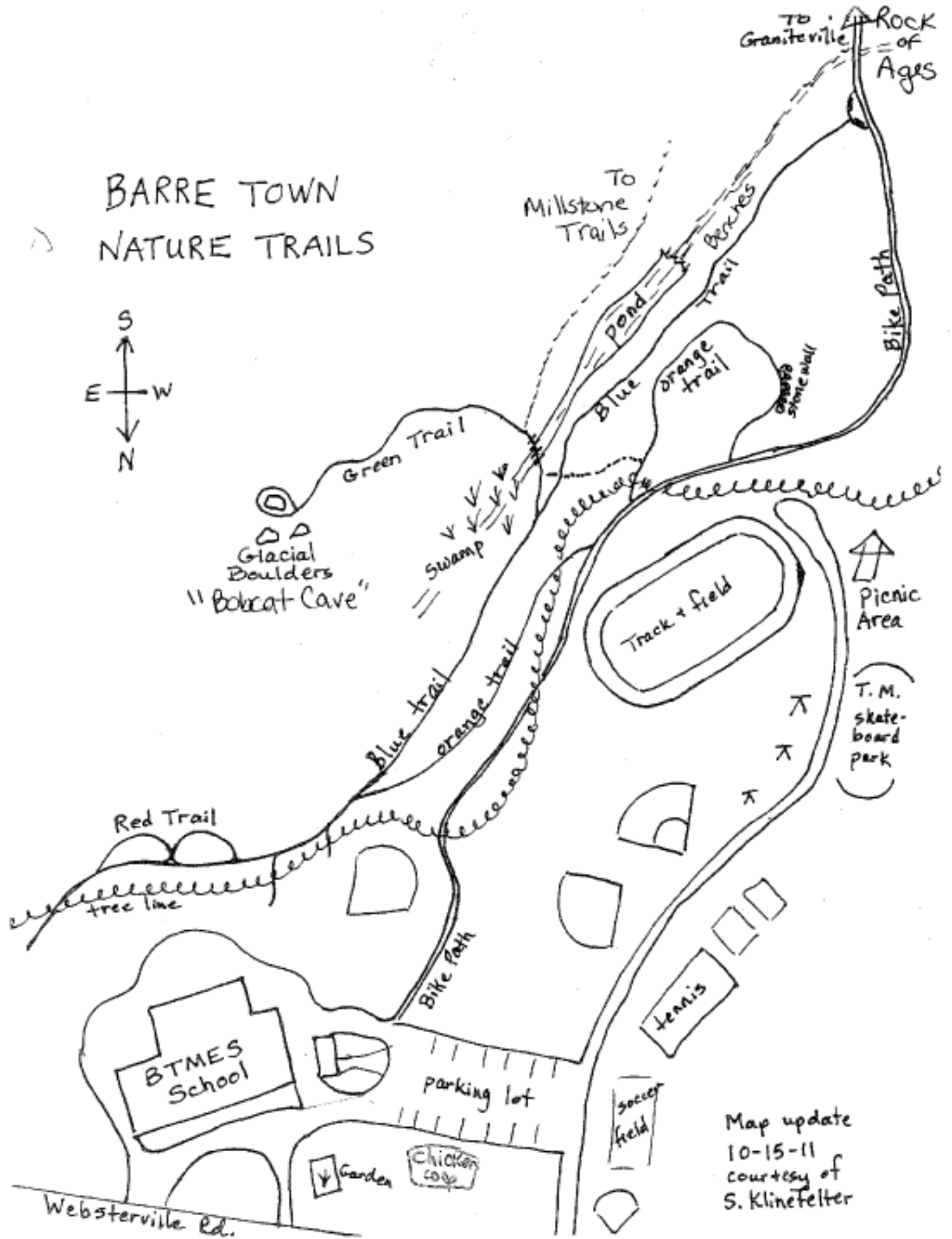
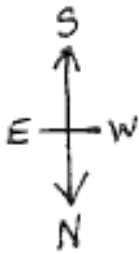
Brook Street School – Learning Together Center, 45 Brook Street, Barre VT

Call Christopher Robertson at the Family Center: 802-262-3292, Ext. 115  
or email [christopherr@fcwcv.org](mailto:christopherr@fcwcv.org) for more information or to register and reserve child care.

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# BARRE TOWN NATURE TRAILS



Map update  
10-15-11  
courtesy of  
S. Klinefelter