

**BARRE TOWN MIDDLE AND
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Barre Town Families,

Thank you to each and every one of you for your help and support with our transportation raffle fundraiser. **We met and exceeded our fundraising goal!** Selling tickets, donating raffle items, buying tickets or getting the word out were ways in which our Barre Town community came together to raise over \$8,000.00 to help cover the cost of busing for this year's grade-level field trips. Looking ahead to next year, we have money set aside in next year's budget to cover this cost. Thanks again for your help and flexibility in making this a success!

Jen, Erica, Scott & Barre Town PTO



Graduation Date: June 21 at 6:30 pm



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**Last Day of School
for
Students**

**Friday, June 22
(Half Day)**

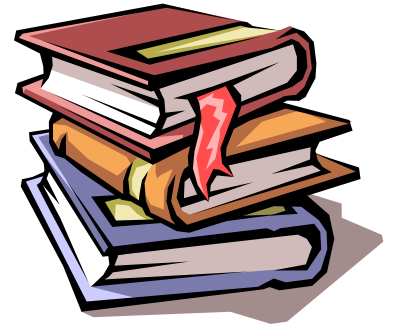
Dismissal Times:
Grades K-4: 12:30 p.m.
Grades 5-7: 11:30 a.m.

Last Day for Preschool: June 21

Linda Redmond Early Book Center & BTMES Library

Friendly Reminder:

As we prepare for the end of the school year, we ask you to please have your students return any books they may have borrowed from the Linda Redmond Early Book Center and the Barre Town library. Thank you for your assistance.



Children and Bicycle Safety!

By *Dianna Fecher – BTMES Home/School Coordinator*

One of the fondest memories I have of my childhood is that of riding my bike. The sun on my back, the wind in my hair, the freedom I felt—they all contributed to moments of pure happiness! As the spring season is finally here in Central Vermont, may I encourage you to take the bikes out of the garage, oil the needed areas, check the brakes, inflate those tires, and take a ride with your children? And as you do that, please remind them of the safety rules for bike-riding, for statistics tell us that "every year, over 300,000 children go to the Emergency Department because of bike injuries" (KidsHealth.com). A significant number of children are admitted to the hospital and stay for a few days – some have injuries that are fatal. It is recommended that children under the age of ten years ride on a sidewalk, as opposed to riding in the street.

Safe Riding Tips: (www.nhtsa.dot.gov)

Wear a Properly Fitted Bicycle Helmet – save your brain, save your life!

Adjust Your Bicycle to Fit.

Check Your Equipment.

See and Be Seen- bright, fluorescent colors with reflective tape or markings are advised.

Control Your Bicycle – always ride with at least one hand on the bar.

Watch for and Avoid Road Hazards – potholes, broken glass, loose gravel.

Avoid Riding at Night.

Here is to a safe, happy, and healthy bike-riding season!



Barre Town Spring Run

Come support your community The third and fourth grade Barre Town Running Club for Boys and Girls will be participating in their culminating event on May 19th. The Barre Town Spring Run, sponsored by Central Vermont Runners, is open to the public and supports the Boy and Girls Running Club with free entries. All proceeds go to the Barre Town Recreational Department.

Barre Town Spring Run (5k)

Date: May 19, 2018

Pre-Registration: <https://cvrunners.org>

Race Day Registration 7:45 - 8:45

Race Time: 9:00

Cost: \$5.00

Location: Barre Town Recreation field track



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 LAST PTO Meeting for this school year will be May 15th. Thank you to everyone who has come to check us out and participated this school year. It is greatly appreciated.



PTO Bookstore: The LAST Bookstore date will be Tuesday, May 8th from 8am to noon in the front lobby. Students, families and staff members are all welcome! Get stocked up on books for your summer reading!!

Box Tops are an easy way that many families can help us out. Simply cut the Box Tops label 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 Transportation Fundraiser Committee reached its goal for fundraising!!! We wanted to say thank you to all the parents, teachers, BTMES staff, administration and community members for supporting this group in helping to reach their goal of paying for transportation for all the school field trips for this school year. Thank you so much!!!

Keep your eyes out in your child's folder or backpack for a fundraising packet to purchase tickets for The Vermont Lake Monsters. These tickets are at a very low cost and are a great family activity to do over the summer. If you cannot make the date that is selected, simply follow the directions on the packet and they will switch the date for you to attend a game during the summer.

Megan Spaulding, PTO Coordinator

Crops by Kids



Beginning on April 30 and continuing for the next four Mondays, a group of second graders will be participating in the Spring Garden Club. This year we will focus on preparing the beds, pulling weeds and planting early crops.

Deb will be assisting the teachers and students with planting seeds indoors and seedlings into the garden.

Once again, students in Mrs. Thygesen's PE classes will help spread the mulch around the garden. Our thanks to Shara Vitagliano and her business, TLC Gardening, for the mulch.

The tea garden will have some varieties of mint, calendula, rugosa roses for rose hips and lemon balm. Teachers and students will plant these before school ends and have them when students return in the fall.

Want to harvest some fresh vegetables this summer but don't have a garden of your own? The CBK garden can fulfill that desire. Several of the spring school plantings will be ready for harvest during the summer months: lettuce, spinach, beans, and radishes, tomatoes, peppers, etc, just to name a few. Be thinking about your summer. **Might you and your family be available to help water and weed during a particular week?** A note will be sent home in early June asking when you might be available over the summer. This effort has been really successful and we appreciate your help. Your kids will love it and they might even eat something new that you never expected! How awesome would that be?!? We hope to hold an open house tour before school gets out so you can see how easy and fun it can be. Please contact me with questions: or dcurtbte@u61.net.

While we are thinking of summer, the summer garden - library series will begin June 26 and run for 6 consecutive Wednesdays from 10AM - 12PM . (No series on July 4). The flier is included in this newsletter detailing the planned activities. We would love to see you there! You and your child(ren) can come to just one or all six.

Happy Gardening...

Deb Curtis, Garden Coordinator, dcurtbte@u61.net

Step-Up Night
Tuesday, May 29th
Spaulding High School Auditorium

This is a night for students and parents to have an opportunity to go through your student's projected schedule and meet their teachers who will provide a brief overview of course expectations. This can help reduce your student's anxiety about high school.

If you have any questions about this process, or about high school in general, please feel free to call me at 476-6617 ext. 6240 or email me at sgood-bte@u61.net.

Sarah Goodrich, School Counselor

SBAC Testing Dates
Grades 3-8

Week of:	Testing:
May 7-11	Grade 3 SBAC (ELA) (Mon-Thurs) Grade 4 SBAC (ELA) (Mon-Thurs) Grade 6 SBAC (ELA) (Mon-Thurs) Grade 7 SBAC (ELA and Math) (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)
May 14-18	Grade 3 SBAC (Math) (Tues-Thurs) Grade 4 SBAC (Math)(Tues-Thurs) Grade 5 Science (Tues-Thurs) Grade 8 SBAC (Math)(Tues-Thurs)
May 21-25	Grade 5 SBAC (Math) (Mon-Wed) Grade 6 SBAC (Math) (Mon-Wed) Grade 8 Science (Monday, Tuesday)

Other Happenings and Offerings



VERMONT GRANITE MUSEUM
FREE EVENT

Thanks to many local sponsors!

LIVE MUSIC
presented by

Community National Bank
Equal Housing Lender • Member FDIC
Vermont's Community Bank.

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Chris Robertson and his
Purple Flying Guitar

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
Patti Casey

FOOD & DRINK
Mo's Backyard BBQ
Dog River Brewery

OPENING DAY EXTRAVAGANZA
MAY 5, 2018
10 AM - 4 PM

Make Your Own Sculpture!
Use clay, PVC pipes, marble, rigid & soft foam blocks, and cardboard to create your own masterpiece.

1:00 PM Unveiling of "Heritage"
Don't miss the debut of our new road sign sculpture by sculptors Ryan Mays and Chris Miller

Explore the Museum Complex Inside and Out
Hands-on activities for the whole family. Walk our 3/4 mile trail along the Stevens Branch - future home of our sculpture garden!

Vermont Granite Museum, 7 Jones Brothers Way, Barre, Vermont

Call Scott at 802-476-4605 for more info!



UVM Soccer Day Camp - Montpelier

Coached by UVM men's soccer coaches and players

The University of Vermont Men's Soccer Coaching Staff is thrilled to be offering a camp outside of Burlington! The VFA Day Camp in Montpelier features five days of excitement and challenge. The focus of camp is enhancing a passion for the sport with a positive learning environment coupled with excellent skill training and fun competitions. Players will work on technical training to improve their skills, compete in fun challenges to test themselves, and play in a week-long world cup format tournament. This will give beginners to advanced players the opportunity to learn about the game and themselves alongside current and former Catamount standouts.

July 16th - 20th

Boys & Girls Ages: 6 - 14

Location: Montpelier Parks & Rec

Time: 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Full-Day: \$225



Half-Day: \$165

For more information: Visit <http://www.vermontfutbolacademy.org/>

May

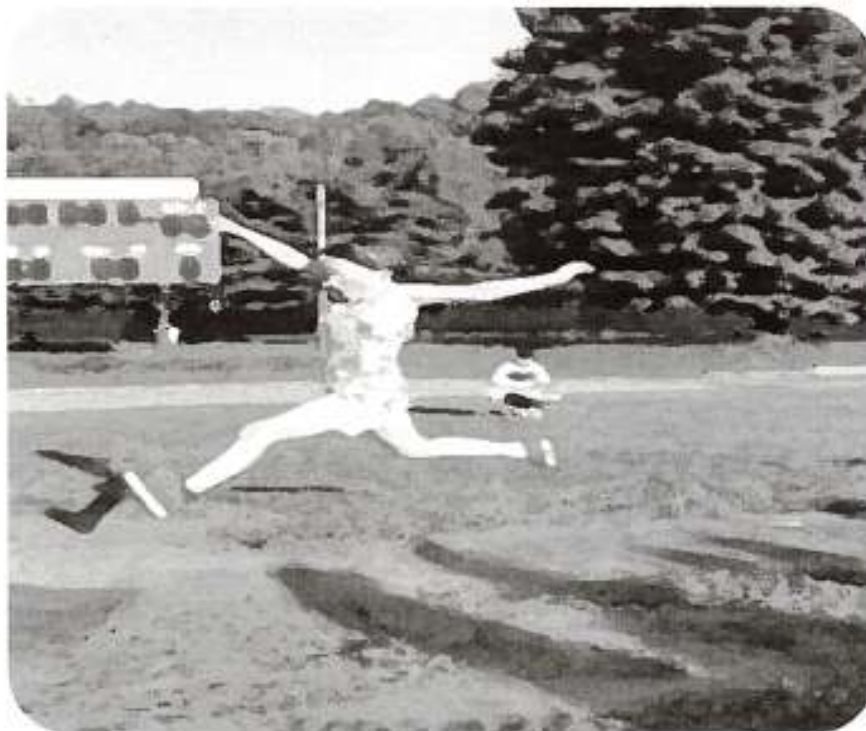
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2 School Board Meeting—6 p.m. Library	3	4 Student Council Dance 6:30-8:30 Gym—Gr. 6, 7 & 8
7	8 PTO Bookstore	9 Walk to School Day	10	11
14	15 PTO Meeting 6:30pm Library Kindergarten to Echo	16 Kindergarten to Echo Finance/Facility/Transportation Mtg—6pm Library	17	18
21 Grade 1 to Billings Farm & Museum	22	23	24	25 Memorial Day Program 10:00am Courtyard
28 No School—Memorial Day Memorial Day Parade in Barre	29 SHS Step Up Night for 8th grade	30	31	

June

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 School Carnival & BBQ
4	5	6 BTMES Board Retreat 8:30am - BT Conference Rm	7	8
11	12 3rd & 4th grade Band/Record Concert 10:30am Gym	13	14	15
18	19	20 8th Grade Principal's Breakfast 7:30am	21 8th Grade Graduation 6:30pm 7th Grade Principal's Breakfast 7:30am	22 Last day for students—1/2 day
25	26	27	28	29

SPREAD YOUR WINGS



FRIDAY JUNE 1ST 22ND ANNUAL KIDS TRACK MEET

Montpelier High School Track and Field

A Variety of Events...

50-yard dash, quarter mile, half mile and one-mile run.

Also, the long jump and softball throw!

Open to all Central Vermont Kids - Pre-School to 6th Grade.

5:30 p.m. REGISTRATION

6:00 p.m. THE RACES BEGIN

Medals for everyone at the completion of the final race

The 50 Yard SMASH

T-Shirts for
the first 250
kids to
Register

Free
Admission

Water Stations

Come join
the Fun and
THROW,
JUMP and
RUN

QUESTIONS?

Contact via e-mail

Central Vermont Runners

C/O Sandy Colvin at
Buckman43@comcast.net

or

Dot Helling at
Dothelling@gmail.com



Come Join Us!!!

Barre Town Middle & Elementary School
is participating in Walk to School Day on
Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Join children and adults around the world to celebrate
the benefits of walking and bicycling.

About our event:

Where: ***Rock Of Ages Visitor Center***

Grades 5 – 8: Begin at 7:30 a.m.

Grades K-4: Begin at 8:30 a.m.

*Please contact **Dianna Fecher** at 476-6617 x 6188 with any
questions you may have.*

Learn more at

walkbiketoschool.org

Walk to School Day is coordinated in the U.S.A. by
the National Center for Safe Routes to School.





It's Your Turn to Come Have Fun!

BARRE TOWN MIDDLE/ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NIGHT OUT AT THE BALLPARK

*Saturday, June 30th
Game Time 6:05 Gates Open at 5:00*



VERMONT LAKE MONSTERS
(OAKLAND A'S AFFILIATE)



BROOKLYN CYCLONES
(NEW YORK METS AFFILIATE)

PROMOTIONS:

VT EXPOS JERSEY GIVEAWAY

Athletes, be sure to join the team on the field for the national anthem!





The 2018 BTMES Summer Library Program Presents: **Colors In The Garden**

Library Hours: Monday 9am-1pm,
Tuesday 3pm-7pm, Wednesday 9am-1pm
Wednesday Garden Program 10-noon

June 27 – Green

Book: Green by Laura Seeger
We will eat spinach and lettuce,
fresh from the garden. Then we will
make a collage and plant vegetable
seedlings.

 **July 4th-NO SERIES** 

July 25 –Orange and Yellow

~Book: Zinnia's Flower Garden
~Snack on orange and yellow foods.
~Investigate our sunflowers, squash,
and cucumber plants in the garden.
~Plant some carrot seeds.
~String colored noodles at craft time.

July 11 – Red and Pink

Book: Rah, Rah Radishes
Today we will eat juicy strawberries
and make pink and red sun catchers!

August 1 - Purple

Book: Harold and The Purple Crayon
We will investigate purple in the
garden and enjoy an healthy snack
while we play with purple playdough!

July 18 – Blue

Book: The Artist who Painted a Blue Horse
Today, let's pick and eat blueberries!
Then we will have some fun
playing with blue colored rice.

August 8 – All The Colors!

Books: Bear Sees Colors and Color Farm
Today, we will eat the rainbow for snack!
We will also go on a scavenger hunt to
find as many colors as we can. We will
make beautiful coffee filter flowers to take
home. And last but not least, plant seeds
for the fall harvest!