

# BARRE TOWN MIDDLE AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Welcome Back!

Dear Families,

We are delighted that you are a part of our amazing learning community! We welcome and value your positive energy and dedication in education and look forward to working with you and your children this school year. Your involvement is essential to the continued success of our BTMES students. In addition to opening our doors to new families, we are thrilled to be starting the school year with many talented new teachers and staff.

Our classrooms are alive and buzzing as we embark on the second week of school. Students have worked in outdoor classrooms, teachers are collecting beginning-of-the-year data and new connections and relationships are being created and fostered throughout the school building.

In the coming year our staff will be focusing on a number of critical components in the classroom to promote best teaching practices. Students will continue to be encouraged to think deeply and apply what they are learning while teaching staff engage in on-going professional development around the social-emotional elements of teaching and learning with training in Responsive Classroom (grades PreK-4) and Developmental Designs (grades 5-8).

This year our administrative team will be working with the Director of Special Services at the Barre Supervisory Union, Don McMahon as our in-house position remains open. A distributive leadership model will be used to help foster and support our students and staff while the search continues to secure the best match for our students and school community.

As we move forward into the school year we want to remind you that we welcome your feedback. We strive daily to provide and maintain a great school for the BTMES community. Please be sure to let us know when you have ideas to help things operate more smoothly and to share what is working well for you. Thank you for this opportunity to work with you to educate your children in all academic areas and to influence their social and emotional development as well.

Yours in education,

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P.S. "Like Us" on FaceBook at Barre Town Middle and Elementary School and bookmark our school website at [www.btmes.org](http://www.btmes.org)!



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## Crops by Kids News



### Welcome Back!

A big thank you goes out to all Barre Town parents, grandparents, teachers, staff and community members for their help in the Crops by Kids garden this summer. Kids, families and community members worked together to cover the watering, weeding and harvesting vegetables as they ripened. Thanks so much for all your efforts! When you are up at school this fall, please take a minute to walk through the garden and enjoy the peace and serenity.

A rainy May, June and parts of July caused some delay in some crops this summer. The squash, pumpkins and cucumbers are just beginning to produce. The pole beans are really behind. However, carrots and tomatoes enjoyed the weather. We'll see what September weather brings.

The summer library program was very well attended again this year. The theme was "living in the garden" and families enjoyed lots of books with themes centered on what grows or is living in a garden. We had chocolate "worms" and ate "dirt cake". Freshly picked garlic went home with families, too.

This fall we will once again host the CBK **Farmer's Market** on September 28<sup>th</sup>, the night of the K-4 Open House. All proceeds from the market go to support the garden, as does any money made from the **Harvest Supper** served that evening. Think about having dinner with your family at school before visiting the classrooms. It might make your life a little easier. Look for more information to come home soon.

Last year the **Farmer's Market** and **Harvest Supper** were a great success – let's make every effort to have this year be as fabulous as the last. At the Farmer's Market, we had plain and painted pumpkins for sale, donated vegetables, sunflowers and delicious vegetables from the Crops by Kids garden. This year we will have lots of garlic for sale. If you have extra vegetables that you are willing to donate, please contact Deb Curtis at 476-7871, [dcurtbte@u61.net](mailto:dcurtbte@u61.net) or bring them to school.

Deb Curtis, Garden Coordinator, will offer a 4 week, afterschool garden club for a randomly selected group of second graders during September and October. Watch for a flier to come home. If you have questions, send an email or call. (see contact information above)

## Crops by Kids Farmer's Market at Open House



We have had a great growing season. Now it is time to share what we have grown. Please stop by the Farmer's Market in the lobby on the night of Open House. We will have edible and decorative produce from the Crops by Kids garden as well as excess vegetables from our community gardeners. All proceeds go to the Crops by Kids garden. See you there.

### Harvest Help Needed

We are looking for people to assist in preparing for our Annual Open House. We are in need of some "adult helpers" on Tuesday-Thursday (September 26th-28th), even a couple of hours would be helpful.



Tuesday, September 26th, we are painting the pumpkins white, 9am to 3pm, come anytime, a very easy fun day!

Wednesday, September 27th, we will be decorating the pumpkins for the Harvest Market—9am to 3pm (This a real fun day! You do not have to have any special talents!)

Thursday, September 28th, we need help setting up the Harvest Market 8:30am to 3:00pm.

Thursday September 28th helping with the market selling 4:30pm to 8:00pm followed by clean up.

If you are available and would like to be part of this exciting event, please contact Susan Barnard at [sbarnard@trans-video.net](mailto:sbarnard@trans-video.net) for more information.



## Greetings from the Art & Design Lab



Welcome back to school! We hope you had a wonderful summer and are ready for a terrific year of learning. We're delighted to provide quality art and design education to Barre Town children. We invite you to contact us with your ideas, insights, and input.

Progress on the BTMES Art Gallery continues. This is a small classroom dedicated for exhibiting the art of students, staff, and community members. It will also be used as a shared space for small classes and meetings. Look for an official announcement and celebration upon completion of the space.

As always, we continue to work with our district colleagues to hang two special exhibits that feature the talent of students across grade levels. The first is "New Works" at the Supervisory Union office. This exhibit remains on display for a full year. The second is the annual "Barre Supervisory Art Show." This show is scheduled to open at the Aldrich Public Library on Tuesday, February 20th and run through the end of March. An opening reception will be held on the February 20th from 5:30-6:30 p.m. (A snow date is planned for February 22nd.) Additionally, a small selection of works by Barre Town elementary students will be displayed at the office of Dr. Curt Healey downtown.

Selections for these shows are based on work that exemplifies the art standards that students are learning. If your child's work is selected, a letter will be sent home informing you of that recognition, as well as be announced in the school's daily bulletin and Parent Newsletter. Please keep in mind that the selection process for these special exhibits is challenging because space is limited and we want to fairly represent all of our BTMES students.

Finally, please remind your children to wear clothing that they don't mind getting dirty on the days they are scheduled for art. As always, we make every effort to keep students clean and neat but we do use messy materials! Thank you for your help with this.

Sincerely,

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Michael Pope, grades 6-8, [mpopebte@u61.net](mailto:mpopebte@u61.net), ext. 5198

### Looking For Your Thoughts

We are seeking your input as we begin to build/create the 2018-2019 school budget. What are some things that you would like us to consider? Please let anyone on your administration team and/or School Board know what you're thinking!



### ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (40CFR 763.93, G. \*4(R)) requires that written notice be given that Barre Town Middle and Elementary School has a Management Plan for the safe control and maintenance of asbestos-containing materials found in its building. Copies of the Management Plan is available and accessible to the public at the Superintendent's Office, 120 Ayers Street, Barre, Vermont 05641.

## Read All About It!



The Barre Town Crops by Kids Garden and Chicken Coop were featured in the recent edition of the Kids Vermont newspaper.

Check out the wonderful article at:

<https://www.kidsvt.com/vermont/habitat-school-garden-and-chicken-coop/>

### *Family School Coordinator* by Dianna Fecher

As we begin the school year, I recall a fun commercial that I saw a few years back. It showed a father, skipping through a supply store, and throwing many of the necessary school supplies in a shopping cart. While the song "*It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year*" played in the background, we witnessed notebooks, paper, pencils, erasers, folders, lunchboxes, and backpacks flying through the air and landing in the shopping cart. The commercial was successful in depicting what most parents sense at the start of the school year: the need for the routine.

I am looking forward to the routine. The schedule is still somewhat flexible, but certainly more organized than the "lazy, crazy days of summer." As we begin the evening duties, however, may I encourage you to monitor the backpack that your student uses? Studies are showing the many children suffer chronic neck, shoulder, and back pain due to their backpack being too heavy, or ill-fitting. Here are a few recommendations from the *National Safety Council*:

When selecting a backpack, look for:

- An ergonomic design
- The correct size: never wider or longer than your child's torso and never hanging more than 4 inches below the waist
- Padded back and shoulder straps
- Hip and chest belts to help transfer some of the weight to the hips and torso
- Multiple compartments to better distribute the weight
- Compression straps on the sides or bottom to stabilize the contents
- Reflective material

It is a good idea to remind your child that although his backpack has many pockets and spaces, he does not need to fill them all! Encourage your student to leave any unnecessary items at home. And, on occasion, have him weigh his backpack. It should not weigh more than 10% of the carrier's body weight.



Looking forward to a safe and happy 2017-2018 school year! The "*most wonderful time of the year*" is here!

# Walk to School Day Wednesday, September 13 7:30am and 8:30am

Celebrate with us... Moms and Dads, Grandparents and Friends!!



Walking is good for your health, and it's good for the environment too. Start off your school year by setting aside a couple days each week to walk to school.

Whenever you walk keep these tips in mind:

1. Cross the street at a designated crosswalk.
2. Be careful at intersections, where drivers may fail to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians while turning onto another street.
3. If walking in the dark, increase your visibility by carrying a flashlight and wearing reflective clothing.
4. It's safest to walk on a sidewalk, but if you must walk in the street, walk facing traffic.



These tips have been provided by the CDC:  
<http://www.cdc.gov/Features/PedestrianSafety/>

## Student Council News



I'm very excited for student council to get underway! Student council is open to all students in grades 5-8. Students involved in fall sports are welcome to join when their schedule allows.

This year's learning tasks include: Open Communication vs Closed Communication Lessons in Dialogue Event Planning Community Service Projects Our first meeting will be as a full group, grades 5-8, Tuesday, September 19th at 2:30 \*\*All meetings end at 3:25 unless otherwise noted.

**School Dances for 7th and 8th grades:** October 13, December 20, February 16 (semi-formal), May 4 (6th graders invited)



All dances are in the school gym from 6:30-8:30pm. A notice of dance rules and permission slip will be sent home in early October. If you are interested in chaperoning please email me. We need 5-6 chaperones per dance. Thank you for your support!

Rebecca Kerin-Hutchins, Student Council Adviser [rkeribte@u61.net](mailto:rkeribte@u61.net)

## *Message from the Barre Town School Board*

The Barre Town School Board would like to invite you to the September 20, 2017 School Board Meeting. **Why?** We need your input. There is a very important school governance decision facing the Board and we want to hear from the community. Under Act 46, districts that will not be part of a preferred structure or a structure eligible for regional education district (RED) incentives must submit a proposal to the State Board of Education (SBE) for an "alternative structure" by December of 2017. In other words we as a community have to state our intentions on how we will comply (or not) with Act 46 legislation and then we need to communicate those intentions to the Agency of Education (AOE).

As you may be aware the Barre Town community voted **not** to support an Act 46 merger with Barre City in November 2016. At the November 16, 2016 Board Meeting the community expressed many concerns including, but not limited to, the merger's proposed "Articles of Agreement", tax incentives, and an imbalance of asset value/equity. Attendees also had concerns around how the monies in the Capital Improvement Fund would be handled to ensure that the funds provided by Barre Town tax payers were invested in the Barre Town School and not in another community's facility. Additional concerns were voiced around any new and proposed School Board representation, property values, student achievement scores and the impact of achievement levels for students living in poverty.

As a School Board we heard your concerns and have taken a few steps to address some of these concerns; approximately 68 acres of school property is being transferred to the Town to keep the recreation fields in the "control" of the Barre Town taxpayers. Several facility improvements have been made to the school including new pavement for the parking lot and areas around the school, roof repairs have been completed for 'A Wing' and the gym and the installation/repairs to the air conditioning system are complete. These major capital improvements have been completed resulting in drawing down capital improvement funds, ensuring that the funds that Barre Town tax payers have annually approved are invested in Barre Town's educational facilities.

The Board is dedicating the September 20, 2017 School Board Meeting to discuss how we will address the Act 46 school governance issue within our community. We have invited the Agency of Education (AOE) Secretary to attend. At this point it is unclear whether or not the Secretary will be able to come but she has committed to having her Principal Assistant on Act 46 available for that night. In addition, the Vermont School Board Association (VSBA) is planning on having their Director of Legal and Policy Services there as well. At this meeting our goal is to inform the community as to what our options are, utilizing the experts from the Agency of Education and VSBA to answer any questions that we may have.

We anticipate opening the discussion by providing an overview of the issues as well as providing updates on steps the Board has taken to mitigate community concerns with some of the Articles of Agreement. After the overview we plan on hosting a question and answer session with the AOE and VSBA; this is an opportunity for you to have your questions answered directly by the experts. One of the objectives of the Q&A session is to obtain clarity around what the State can or can't do with regards to communities that don't merge. After the overview and the Q&A session are completed the final agenda item will be to have a discussion on next steps, identifying and understanding how we, as a community, would like to proceed.

Currently we believe our alternatives are 1) to sit tight, the voters have spoken and a merger with Barre City is not supported or 2) continue to explore a merger with Barre City which would require that the Board, with community input, supports a new 706 Committee that would ultimately propose key changes to the Articles of Agreement and revise areas of the initial 706 report in response to community concerns or 3) explore an alternative structure by merging with another district such as Twinfield (Plainfield and Marshfield). There is no wrong choice per se but each choice has its own set of educational and financial impacts and your attendance at this meeting is important to ensure that you are involved with the decision(s) moving forward.

In summary, based on the discussion and outcomes of the September 20, 2017 Board Meeting, the final outcome anticipated is that the School Board will prepare a communication to the Secretary and State Board of Education, as to how Barre Town School District will move forward, or not, with regards to school district consolidation. I ask that you consider coming to the Barre Town School Board Meeting on September 20, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the school library. Your support and input will assist in providing direction on how the Barre Town School Board addresses a matter that could have significant educational impact on both our current and future students.

Thank you for your time and consideration,  
Chad Allen  
Chairman, Barre Town School Board

# Meet Our New School Nurses!

## Lorna Corbett, RN



Lorna is a Registered Nurse who previously worked on the Children’s Integrated Services (CIS) State Team as the Nursing & Family Support Administrator and as the Maternal Child Health Manager for Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice. In both roles, she oversaw the evidence-based home visiting models supported by CIS. Lorna received her B.S. in Nursing from Norwich University in 2008 and a B.S. in Human Development from Wheelock College in 2001. She is passionate about public health and ensuring all families get the best start possible. Lorna lives in Central Vermont with her husband and 4 children.

Email: [lorbbte@u61.net](mailto:lorbbte@u61.net)  
476-6617 ext. 6196

## Nicole Ladd, RN



Nicole a.k.a Nurse Nicky, grew up in Barre Town and attended BTMES & SHS. She graduated from Norwich University with a Bachelors degree of science-nursing. She has worked in Central VT as a Registered Nurse for the past 8 years. Nicole lives in Orange with her husband and three children. She enjoys gardening, baking and spending time with her family. She is very excited to begin her new role as a school nurse at BTMES!

Email: [nladdbte@u61.net](mailto:nladdbte@u61.net)  
476-6617 ext. 6197

### ABSENT STUDENT?

- ⇒ Call 476-6617
- ⇒ Press “1”
- ⇒ Leave a message regarding the absent student

### Just a Reminder

#### Head Lice - Check Often, Check Weekly

Welcome back from vacation. Many of you have traveled visiting family, friends, and vacation destinations. Traveling, summer camps, and contact with others may increase a person’s exposure to head lice. Following a lengthy vacation schools may see an

# Notice

The Nurse’s Office has a direct phone line. Please feel free to use it should it become necessary.

Phone: (802) 477-5088

Parents and Guardians of Grade 5-12 Barre SU Students:

# Infinite Campus Parent Portal Information

We have a link on our website to Infinite Campus so that parents of grades 5-8 students can keep apprised of their students' grades throughout the year. If you forgot or misplaced your parent portal password or require an account, please email [kbensbte@u61.net](mailto:kbensbte@u61.net) to request that a letter be sent to you with this information.

Sign up for an Infinite Campus Portal Account:

1. Contact the person listed below at your school.
2. Provide your name and email, and your students' name(s)
3. They will send you the information to set up your account.

If you have students in more than one school, you only need to contact one school and provide all information.

School	Contact Person	Email	Phone
Barre City Middle School	Pat Porter	<a href="mailto:pportbce@u61.net">pportbce@u61.net</a>	476-6541 x4310
Barre Town Middle School	Kim Benson	<a href="mailto:kbensbte@u61.net">kbensbte@u61.net</a>	476-6617 x6305
Spaulding High School	Christel Cross	<a href="mailto:ccrossshs@u61.net">ccrossshs@u61.net</a>	476-4811 x1121
Central Vt Career Ctr	Linda Blow	<a href="mailto:lblowcvcc@u61.net">lblowcvcc@u61.net</a>	476-4811 x1139

**Proficiency-Based Grading  
Parent Information Night**

Thursday, September 21

5:30pm in the Tim Crowley Gym

This important informational night is for parents of our 5th-8th grade students to learn about our new grading system.

## Transportation Questions?

Please contact Terrie Murray, Barre Town Transportation Coordinator, at 476-6617 ext. 6331 or email [tmurrbte@u61.net](mailto:tmurrbte@u61.net).

Thank you!



## *PTO* Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO)

Welcome to a brand new school year! 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! You do not need to be a member, feel free to just drop in and check us out! **Our next two meetings will be on Tuesday, September 19th and Tuesday, October 17th at 6:30pm.**

**Color-A-Thon:** Back for a second year! This is a fantastic fundraiser that is not only easy, but it's such a fun and healthy activity for the whole family! The packets should be coming home or have already arrived. The **Color-A-Thon date is Sunday, October 8th at 1pm, registration starts at noon.** We will meet at the picnic shelter at BTMES and will be walking/running on the bike path. **Envelopes with donations are to be turned by Wednesday, September 20th.** Checks can be made payable to BTMES PTO. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Heather at [hslyton75@gmail.com](mailto:hslyton75@gmail.com). Thank you!

PTO Bookstore will be open one Tuesday a month from 8am-Noon in the Lobby. Parents, relatives and kids are all welcome to attend, books always make great gifts! Below are the PTO Bookstore Dates for the 2017-2018 school year:

**October 10**  
**November 7**  
**December 5**  
**January 9**  
**February 6**  
**March 13**  
**April 10**  
**May 8**



We are still collecting Box Tops! It is very helpful if you trim the box top and place it in a baggy of 50 (or just label the bags as to how many are inside). We do not collect other labels, just the Box Tops for Education. These really do add up and are an easy way to raise money for our school! Please send these in with your children!

Megan Spaulding, PTO Coordinator

## *Other Offerings*

***Fall Garden Chores Webinar with Charlie Nardoizzi***  
**October 5, 7:00 - 8:30 PM**

"You may not have the same excitement about your garden as in spring, but hopefully this fall webinar will not only give you the information you need to put your garden to bed, it will also inspire you to do the work. In this webinar, Charlie will explain how to do many fall gardening tasks such as dividing perennials, planting bulbs, protecting shrubs, composting and soil building.

For more information and to sign up go to <https://gardeningwithcharlie.com/newsletter> There is a fee for this webinar.



**USDA National School Breakfast and Lunch Program****Barre Town Middle and Elementary School  
Account Charge and Refund Procedures**

August 2017

Dear Barre Town Families,

Over time, we feel the need to implement procedures to help maintain positive account balances in an effort to keep our lunch and breakfast programs vibrant and affordable for all of our students. It is important for you to know that the balances always remain the responsibility of the school district and never belong to our food service provider. Thus, when a bill is not paid, the impact is directly on the taxpayers, not on an outside company.

Households are strongly encouraged to keep sufficient funds in the student accounts to cover weekly meal purchases. Families can check their account balances online via [www.k12PaymentCenter.com](http://www.k12PaymentCenter.com). When a student's food account reaches a negative balance of \$10.00, a notice from our food service provider will be emailed or mailed home to families. It is expected that the balance be taken care of upon receipt. Accounts exceeding \$25.00 may result in phone calls by a Barre Town Middle Elementary School administrator or their designee.

The website [www.k12PaymentCenter.com](http://www.k12PaymentCenter.com) is a place for families to pay their child's account with a debit/credit card. This site is a helpful resource as a means of keeping track of the activity and balance on an account, at no cost to the parent/guardian. There is a \$1.95 processing fee when using the system to make payments. The goal is to have all accounts with positive balances at all times. Payment should not be made only when a "bill" or a phone call takes place. Our hope is that the K-12 Payment Center will be used as a positive avenue to help families stay-in touch to the current status of their child's food account.

If you feel you are unable to pay for your child's breakfast or lunch during the upcoming school year, complete an application for free or reduced prices. Simply call the school at 476-6617, and ask for Tina Lunt, who will make sure that you receive an application shortly after she receives your request. The application is easy to complete, is strictly confidential, and could save you and the school considerable expense.

If you are a parent/guardian who did not apply for or did not qualify for free or reduced school prices, but who struggled to pay for your child's account this past school year, please call the school to discuss a payment plan designed to get that bill resolved before the coming school year.

Respectfully,

*Jennifer W. Nye**Scott Griggs*Jennifer W. Nye  
PrincipalScott Griggs  
Principal



## Preschool – Grade 4 2017-2018 Open House Thursday, September 28, 2017

*We welcome you to join us for this annual event. This is a great opportunity to meet your child(s) team of teachers and to help support your school.*

### ▪ Open House

*Classrooms will be open between the hours of 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for visits.*

### ▪ Farmers Market in the gym

*Produce and Fall decorations will be available for purchase. Prices range from \$0.50 - \$15.00. All proceeds go to our Crops by Kids Garden.*

### ▪ PTO Bookstore in the gym

*The BTMES PTO Bookstore will be open and available for families to explore and/or purchase. Prices range from \$0.10 - \$12.00. All proceeds support the Barre Town Parent Teacher Organization.*

### ▪ Harvest Dinner in the dining room

*The Abbey Group will be serving dinner starting at 5:00 p.m. Tickets will be available for purchase at the door. The cost is \$5.00/per person or \$20.00/for a family of five. Cash or checks only please.*



#### Menu:

Pasta with Meat or Marinara Sauce  
Vermont Tossed Salad  
Homemade Wheat Rolls  
Chocolate Zucchini Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting  
Fresh Farm Milk



**Barre Town School Music Department****70 Websterville Road, Barre, VT 05641 802-476-6617 ext. 5285 bwhitbte@u61.net**

Dear Parents/Guardians of Fourth Graders:

Welcome to the Barre Town band program. I look forward to teaching all Fourth Graders to play a band instrument this year! Please make note of all the information below and contact me with any questions.

- All 4<sup>th</sup> graders will see demonstrations of band instruments in their first band classes. After that first class, You can help them choose an instrument to play this year. Lessons are provided on:

**Flute, Clarinet, Alto Sax, Trumpet, Trombone and Snare Drum.**

- Fourth Grade Band at Barre Town School is a commitment for the entire school year.
- Students have a weekly 40-minute band class. Lessons with instruments begin on Monday Sept. 18. Students are required to bring their instrument and book to every band class.
- A Band Sign-up sheet and information from Ellis Music Co. are attached to this letter. Please have your child return the sign-up sheet to their classroom teacher by Friday, September 8. Please read all attached information carefully. It lets you know the cost of monthly rent and how much you should plan to pay upfront to start the rental contract.
- Ellis Music will deliver instruments, books and accessories to the BTMES Dining Room on Friday, Sept. 15, starting at 6:00 PM. If you indicate on the signup sheet that you will rent from Ellis Music, an instrument will be reserved for you to pick up that evening.
- If you already have an instrument for your child, please indicate that on the signup sheet and bring the instrument to school ASAP so that its playing condition can be determined by me.
- If you find that renting an instrument poses a financial hardship, the school has a limited number of instruments to loan to families at a low cost. See attached Sign-Up form for details.
- If you ask to be loaned a school instrument, you will need to pay a loaner fee, as well as purchase a book. Instruments and books will be available on Friday September 15, starting at 6 PM.
- All Barre Town band students should have an area at home where they can practice at least 15 minutes every day. Practice records are checked in every band class. Please also consider purchasing a folding music stand (\$20) for home practice. It really helps encourage good habits for playing with correct posture.

We're looking forward to a great school year! Brent White - Band Director

### BAND INSTRUMENT SIGN UP – GRADE 4

The purpose of this form is to determine which band instrument your child is interested in studying in Band this year. **Please fill out and return this form to your child’s teacher no later than Friday September 8, 2017.** This will ensure your child has an instrument and book for their first lesson the week of September 18th.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Lessons are offered at Barre Town School on the following instruments:

**Flute      Clarinet      Alto Saxophone      Trumpet      Trombone      Snare Drum**

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**STUDENTS:**

Having seen the demonstration, which instrument listed above would you like to play?

Please pick a first and second choice.

First Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ Second Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PARENTS/GUARDIANS:**

**All parents/guardians and students are asked to attend BTMES Instrument Night on Friday Sept. 15 at 6 PM in the BTMES dining room to pick up instruments, purchase the band book and purchase any extra reeds, lubricants, drumsticks or folding music stand you may need.**

Please check the appropriate box below:

**We will be renting an instrument from Ellis Music Co.**

First choice instrument will be reserved for you on 9/15 unless I contact you about a change. Please contact me well in advance if you change instrument choice. Instrument choice cannot be changed on Instrument Night.

**We already have a band instrument for our child to use.**

Instruments that are not rented or loaned should be checked by Mr. White for playing condition ASAP.

**We would like to request a BTMES loaner instrument.**

There are a limited number of school instruments that can be loaned to families experiencing financial hardship. If the requested instrument is available, you will be notified by phone or email. A Loaner Contract will need to be completed on Instrument Night. You will be asked to pay a one-time fee of \$40 and to purchase a band book for \$10. The one-time fee is used for upkeep and repairs for loaner instruments. **NOTE:** If the loaner fee or book cost cannot be paid on Instrument Night, you can still take the instrument and book and make arrangements with the school for payment at a later date.

**September**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4 Labor Day— No School for Students	5	6 School Board Meeting—5:30 p.m. Library	7	8
11	12	13 Walk to School Day	14	15 Band Instrument Delivery Night 6pm Dining Room
18	19	20 Act 46 Discussion Mtg. — 6:30pm Library	21 Proficiency Based Learning—Parent Night 5:30pm Gym	22
25	26	27	28 Open House – PK-4th Harvest Supper & Farmers Market 5:30 –7:00 pm	29



**October**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4 School Board Meeting—6 p.m. Library	5	6 Staff Development Day—No school for students
9 Columbus Day— No School for Students	10	11 Picture Day	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24 PTO Mtg. 6:30 in Library	25	26	27
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