

8th Grade Graduation Information

June 1, 2018

Parents of Eighth Grade Students:

Everything is coming along nicely for graduation. Our 2018 graduation is being held on Thursday, June 21, at 6:30 P.M. in the courtyard behind the Barre Town School, weather permitting. Graduates are to be here at 6:00 P.M. There is no limitation on the number of guests.



In the case of rain, we will notify the local radio stations - WSNO, WSKI, WORK, WDEV, WNCS and WWFY and post it on our website www.btmes.org and Facebook - in the afternoon that graduation is to be moved to the Spaulding High School gymnasium.

All graduates and their families are invited to a reception in the William Kirkland Dining Room at Barre Town Middle and Elementary School immediately following graduation.

The evening will culminate with a dance for the graduates and their invited guests in the gymnasium from 8:00 to 10:30 P.M. Please feel free to call the school (476-6617) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Scott Griggs



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/>

Crops by Kids



A big thank you to the students in Mrs. Thygesen's K-2 P.E. classes for spreading mulch and picking weeds during their physical education time.

Students have been busy learning about seeds, planting and caring for them. We will be planting seeds and seedlings until June 8.

This spring the Garden Club invited 2nd graders to participate in a 4 week session focusing on planting and watering. The first week was rainy so we made seed collages. The remaining weeks were spent on planting carrots, onions, peas, spinach, radishes and beets. These are early crops that like cooler weather.

Again this summer, we will be offering summer activities in the library/garden. The activities are held each Wednesday from 10 AM – 12:00 noon, beginning June 27 and continuing until August 8 with **NO series on JULY 4th**. Children and their families are invited to attend this fun filled event. Each Wednesday the activity is centered on a theme, beginning in the library with a story and then coming out to the garden to do an activity, related to the theme. This year the theme is *Colors in the Garden*.

If you need more information please contact Deb Curtis at dcurtbte@u61.net We hope to see you there!

Please feel free to stop by the garden this summer to pick the vegetables, enjoy a picnic in the garden, see what is growing or just look around. We will have garden map, displayed in the kiosk right outside the garden, about what vegetables are in which bed.

Check out the BTMES Facebook page to see what crops are ready to pick. We also encourage families to sign up to water and weed the garden during the summer. This form is also included with this newsletter. Some students received a notice and it is posted on the BTMES page. Another way to let me know of your interest is simply send your name, email address, phone number and dates your family is available to my email address directly below. If you are interested, let Deb Curtis know at dcurtbte@u61.net.

Have a great summer and Happy Gardening!

Deb Curtis, Garden Coordinator dcurtbte@u61.net



LOST AND FOUND

Lost and found items will be on tables in the Barre Town Lobby on June 4 –7. Please come to school and retrieve any items your student may have lost during the year.

Family School Coordinator by Dianna Fecher

Summer!



I recently came across an excellent article by Betsy Eggart, and have received permission to reprint this for your enjoyment. Happy Summer to you and yours!

- Teach your child to tie their shoes. Find a fun trick! Watch a video! Give an incentive! Be persistent! Just make sure your child isn't the one dragging their laces through the bathroom and cafeteria, then asking the teacher to tie them.
- Keep bedtime in the routine. It may be a little later and there will be nights that bedtime doesn't apply. But overall, if we keep our bodies in a routine with sleep, August won't hit quite so hard.
- Choose a few family members and friends to write a letter to this summer. Ask your child to write in full sentences, ask questions and give details. Writing with a purpose makes it relevant and real for your child. Maybe someone will write them back! Include an envelope with return address and stamp to encourage that!
- Sit at the table and eat together. Really watch your child. Is he sitting on his knees, mouth wide open, food everywhere? This is how he looks in the cafeteria. Work on that.
- Encourage kindness. Find someone or several others that your child can do something simple to bring a smile.
- Deliver cookies, make a card, flowers, chores, a song...something simply for a smile.
- Don't rush to the rescue. Hear me out. Our children need us. But they need us to let them learn to problem solve. If your child is in a situation that is frustrating, but not harmful (example: can't put together a new toy, can't open a Lunchable, can't decide which color shirt to wear) let them work it out! It saves time and our nerves to just do it! But in the long run, it's crippling our children of the basic and necessary skill to problem solve and think through an issue...for themselves. Hang back...just a bit. They'll be ok!
- Read TO your child. I can't encourage reading enough! Please visit the library and make books a part of your summer days. Most importantly, let your child see you read- to yourself and to them. Let them hear your silly voices. Let them tell you the best parts and predict how it will end. We tell them all the time they must read, but are we showing them WE read?
- Put down your phone. On Mother's Day, I create a booklet with my students. They answer questions all about their Moms, write sentences and draw pictures. One page is "Mom's Favorite Things." Can I tell you the top item colored first on most booklets?...iPhone. We must look up from our screens and look at our children. They are growing so incredibly fast. We could spend this summer scrolling through strangers' vacation pictures wishing we had their reality or we could be chasing our reality through the sprinkler in our own backyard.
- Rest. Be ok with not constantly going somewhere. Society, media, Facebook all have us believing we must seize the day and do it all. Our children have worked hard and they need to rest. If we keep them in perpetual motion through the summer, it will feel like a continuation of the chaos with less homework. Squeeze in the fun, but allow the time to rest. Boredom gives way to creativity. Rest renews our bodies and our minds for all the next school year has in store.

Betsy Eggart

Barre Town Middle and Elementary School
Health Office
School Nurses: Lorna Corbett & Nicole Ladd

Dear Families,

The warm weather has arrived and with it many more opportunities for our students to be outside exploring the wonderful natural surroundings of our school community. Living among the natural beauty are ticks. Although ticks may be small, they do have the ability to transmit diseases to both humans and animals. While it is important to be cautious all year round, ticks are most active April-September.

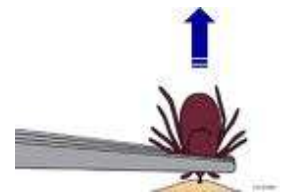
Think Prevention:

- **Wear appropriate clothing:** Please see attached page for more information.
- **Conduct a full-body tick check** Parents should check their children for ticks under the arms, in and around the ears, inside the belly button, behind the knees, between the legs, around the waist, and especially in their hair.
- **Examine clothes and gear.** Ticks can ride into the home on clothing, then attach to a person later, so carefully examine coats, and day packs. Tumbling clothes in a dryer on the highest heat for at least one hour may help kill remaining ticks.
- **Shower soon after being outdoors.** Showering within two hours of coming indoors has been shown to reduce your risk of being bitten by a tick.
- **Repellents** containing 20% or more DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide) can be applied to the skin, and they can protect up to several hours. **Always follow product instructions!** Parents should apply this product to their child before school, avoiding hands, eyes, and mouth.

What to do if you find a tick attached:

If the tick is still attached to the skin, remove it:

- Using fine-tipped tweezers, grasp the head of the tick close to the skin.
- Firmly and steadily pull the tick straight out of the skin.
- Do not twist the tick or rock it from side to side while removing it.
- Put tick in a sealed container or zip-locked bag and save it to show the doctor if your child becomes ill.
- Do not use petroleum jelly or a hot match to kill and remove the tick.
- Wash area with soap and water or swab the area with rubbing alcohol.



Signs & Symptoms of Tick-Related Diseases:

- **Fever/chills:** With all tickborne diseases, patients can experience fever at varying degrees and time of onset.
- **Aches and pains:** Tickborne disease symptoms include headache, fatigue, and muscle aches. With Lyme disease you may also experience joint pain. The severity and time of onset of these symptoms can depend on the disease and the patient's personal tolerance level.

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Rash: Tickborne diseases can result in mild symptoms treatable at home to severe infections requiring hospitalization. Although easily treated with antibiotics, these diseases can be difficult for physicians to diagnose. However, early recognition and treatment of the infection decreases the risk of serious complications. See your doctor immediately if your child may have been bitten by a tick and experiences any of the symptoms described above.

Seek Medical Care if:

- The tick might have been on the skin for more than 6-8 hours.
- Part of the tick remains in the skin after attempted removal.
- A rash of any kind develops (especially the red-ringed bull's eye rash or red dots on wrists and ankles).
- The bite area looks infected (increasing redness, warmth, swelling, pain or oozing pus).
- Symptoms like fever, headache, fatigue, chills, stiff neck or back or muscle or joint aches develop.

For more information about ticks, visit the Center for Disease Control Site <http://www.cdc.gov/ticks/index.html>



PTO News

We would like to say thank you to all of those of you who have participated in PTO (parent teacher organization), volunteers who have helped with fundraising, movie nights, color run, cutting Box Tops, and helping with the transportation fundraising! It has been such a successful year and we are so proud to look back and reflect on how the Barre Town Community comes together in times of need to help our students. Thank you!!



We wanted to also let everyone know that next school year, at graduation time, we will be **losing HALF of the members of our PTO. What does this mean for PTO? We do not know. We will need to see an increase in parent and staff participation.** This does not always mean you need to come to a meeting, but it does mean we will need to reach out and get volunteers to help trim Box Tops or help pop popcorn for Movie Nights. Please consider coming to a PTO meeting to check us out. Even if you can only come that one time and let us know your email or how to reach you in a time of need, that would be wonderful! We are going to need volunteers to step up in order to continue to have a Parent Teacher Organization.

We meet every third Tuesday of the month in the BTMES Library at 6:30pm for about an hour. **Our next meeting will be Tuesday September 18th at 6:30pm.** We are potentially looking at moving the time to 6pm in hopes that this helps families, but keeping this date the same. If you have a preference, please contact us via email or on the Barre Town PTO Facebook page. Please watch our Facebook page for updates and the school website for updates for meetings as well.

The Barre Town School PTO is happy to report that we were able to help with the following this school year:

- Transportation for Field Trips
- Tim Crowley Scholarship
- Barre Town School Scholarship
- Equipment for ECO
- Owl visit from VINS for Kindergarten students
- Movie Nights
- Teacher Appreciation
- Laser Show for entire school
- Boys and Girls Running Club T-Shirts
- Summer camp scholarships
- Summer Reading Incentives
- New "Walk to School" signs
- 5th Grade Incentives
- Color Run
- PTO Bookstore
- BTMES school logo gear fundraiser
- Lake Monster Tickets fundraiser

We look forward to seeing you next year! Thank you!

Megan Spaulding - Secretary -Megans5507@gmail.com
 Marcia Violette - President—violetemr@yahoo.com

Volunteers Needed



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We are looking for volunteers to care for the chickens and collect eggs over the summer. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Kyle Dubois at kdubobte@u61.net.



ERIC HUTCHINS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Are you a BYSA Hockey Family? Do you find it challenging to cover the cost of participating in youth hockey? The Eric Hutchins Memorial Scholarship is available for those families who are seeking financial assistance for this upcoming season. Applications will become available during the registration period.

It is our goal to assist all applicants for this upcoming season; however availability is based on yearly fundraising and the number of applicants. All inquiries, applications and recipients are kept to the strictest of confidence.

We hope to help get you on the ice this fall! If you have any questions or would like an application, please contact Chad via email at CTHutchins13@gmail.com.

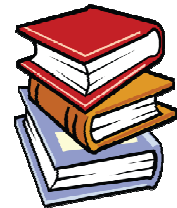
Best Regards,

The Hutchins Family

News from the Library

Summer library

In addition to the Wednesday Garden Program, starting June 25 the BTMES library will be open Mondays from 9-1, Tuesdays 3-7, and Wednesdays 9-1. Students and families may visit the library and check out up to 10 books at a time.



Can't make it to the library?

Please use our electronic resources!

We have subscriptions to Tumblebooks, Bookflix, PebbleGo, Britannica School, and downloadable Overdrive e-books and audiobooks. Visit the library website under Students & Families at BTMES.org Login information is available under the bookmarked sites.

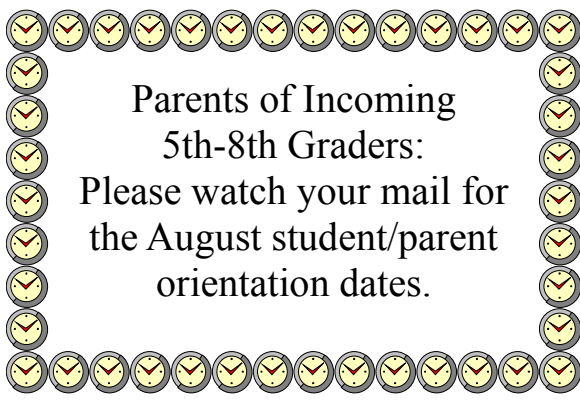
For access to downloadable e-books and audiobooks, email the librarian at nfullbte@u61.net.



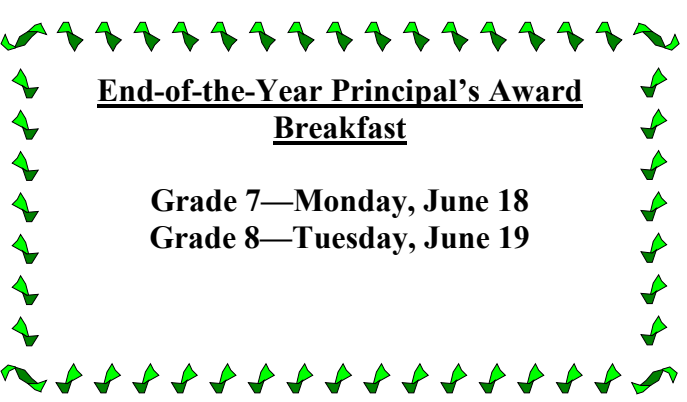
June



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 BTMES Carnival and BBQ
4	5	6	7 Grade 6 to Millstone	Race to Read visits BTMES Band/Chorus to Six Flags Festival
11 Grade 2 to Millstone	12 Grade 3 & 4 Recorder/Band Concert	13 Grade 7 to Arbor Trek	14	15 Grade 8 to Boston Museum
18 Principal's Breakfast 7:30am—7th grade	21 19 Principal's Breakfast 7:30am—8th grade Grade 4 to State House	20	21 Last day of school for 8th grade & Preschool Graduation 6:30pm	22 Last day of school for students K-7th Half Day
25	26	27	28	29



 Parents of Incoming 5th-8th Graders:
 Please watch your mail for the August student/parent orientation dates.



End-of-the-Year Principal's Award Breakfast
 Grade 7—Monday, June 18
 Grade 8—Tuesday, June 19



First Day of School : August 27th

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 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 4th-NO SERIES** 

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!




Deep Blue Sea

NEW! If you've ever wanted to be a marine biologist or an oceanographer, come take the plunge into Deep Blue Sea! Create models of ocean invertebrates and a dazzling coral garden. Dive deep with dolphins and find out about fish that emit light. Tame the tides and ride the waves in this wicked cool oceanic adventure and grow your own crypto biotic Sea Monkeys to take home. Program content is geared toward entering grades K— grade1 participants.

This camp runs June 25—19 

Wicked Cool Science

These kid-approved top-10 STEAM experiments are sure to be a hit with any junior scientist. Grow giant glowing cubes, create crazy chemical reactions, make glow sticks glow brighter and delight your friends with magic fish. Make a DNA necklace with real DNA and harness the power of the sun. Kids get a lab coat and safety glasses to wear all week and take home, too! Program content is geared to entering grades K— grade1 participants.

This camp runs July 9—13 

Who: Youngsters Entering Grade K or Grade 1 (Sorry these are the only ages for these two camps)

When: Monday—Friday

Time: 8:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

(Limit 10 Scholarships per camp)

Where: Alumni Hall, next to the AUD

Fee: \$65.00 per camp— A \$100.00 Promise Grant scholarship is available to any Barre City or Barre Town youngster entering grade K or 1. The total cost of each camp is \$165.00 per camp. Qualifying participants will receive the scholarship and pay \$65 per camp. Registration forms can be downloaded at www.barrecity.org or by calling 476-0257.

Registration is required and the balance of \$65 (per camp) is due at the time of registration. Anyone receiving the scholarship must attend the entire week and be willing to complete a survey upon completion of the camp. The \$65.00 payment is nonrefundable unless we have a waiting list.



Questions : Stephanie Quaranta at 476-0257 or squaranta@barrecity.org

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED REGISTRATION(S) AND PAYMENT(S) TO THE BARRE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE - BARRE CITY HALL, 6 NORTH MAIN STREET. -

Dear BTMES Families,

This spring we planted many crops including flowers and vegetables in the Crops by Kids Garden. Your child may have helped with the planting or watering this spring.

Watering, weeding and harvesting is necessary to keep our plants growing as the summer progresses. We are looking for several families to check in on the garden this summer, which will help support next fall's curriculum and provide some food for the kitchen. It can be a fun family experience while you help your child learn about plant growth in a real life setting. You are welcome to take the produce when you visit the garden.

Can you plan a few days this summer where you could put in some time at the garden? We are looking for a week commitment but you would *NOT* have to come to the garden daily. We will let you know the details about watering, how to get into the shed and what needs to be done. If more than one family is scheduled for the same week, it may be a once a week visit.

If you have questions please contact Deb Curtis, the Garden Coordinator, at dcurtbte@u61.net or call @ 476-7871

Name _____ Phone _____

Email address _____

Week(s) available _____

Please return this form to your child's teacher by **Friday, June 8, 2018** OR send an email with your name, phone number, email address and date(s) available

Thank you for your help and enjoy the garden! I will send a confirmation through email.

____ It is okay to share my name with the other families working in the garden

____ It is NOT okay to share my name with other families working in the garden

I will let you know the details about watering, how to get into the shed and what needs to be done.

