



**BARRE TOWN MIDDLE AND
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December 2019



Winter Happenings

December 6—7th/8th Grade Dance, 6:30-8:30pm

December 10—Winter Concert, Grades 5-6 at 6:00pm

December 11—Winter Concert, Grades 7-8 at 6:00pm

December 12—Snow Date for Winter Concerts

December 23— January 1, 2020 —December Break
Return to school on Thursday, January 2



The Tree is Up!

December 1st—December 10th, we have placed a tree in our lobby to create a Blanket Tree in conjunction with our David Stefaniak Holiday Drive for children in need.

We are looking for new, unused blankets and throws which will be given to our students and families in our gift drive. Please send any donations to school with your student or deliver to the front office att: Kim Benson.

Thank you for your support!!

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Dear Families!

Our **School** has a subscription to **TumbleBookLibrary**, and your family can access it from home! It's **unlimited**, and it's **FREE** for you to use from home!

TumbleBookLibrary is an online collection of **e-books** for children. They are a great way to encourage tech-savvy kids to enjoy reading.

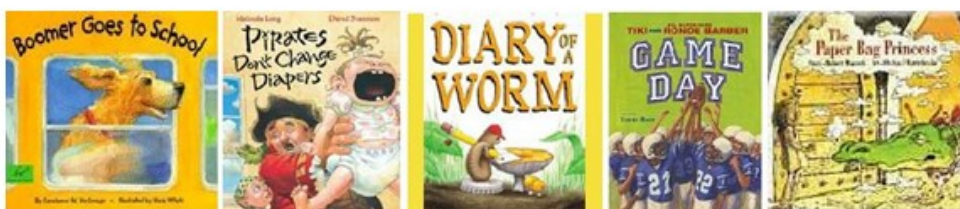
There are **over 250** animated, talking picture books! The site also features Spanish and French books, read-along chapter books, non-fiction books, quizzes, and exciting games and puzzles.

We hope that you will get the chance to check out the collections with your child! Below is all the information you'll need to login to the collection:



Visit our website for access:
<https://www.btmes.org/academics/library>
 Username: barretown
 Password: books
www.TumbleBookLibrary.com

You can use your computer, tablet, or mobile phone! All you need is an internet connection. There are no downloads: books are streamed right to your device at the click of a button.



PTO (Parent Teacher Organization)

The PTO would like to thank everyone for their patience around the bookstore and meeting rescheduling. This time of year tends to be riddled with uncertain weather. Please watch our Facebook and Instagram pages for updates around these when school is delayed or closed.

Logo Gear is in! We will hold our pickup night on Monday, Dec 2 from 4:30-6 in the gym. Items will not be sent home with students. Please let us know if this won't work for you and we will try to work out another arrangement.



The fall fundraiser orders have been entered and processed. Meadow Farms should begin shipping soon. Your original order forms will be included with shipments so you can remember to whom items should be distributed. Checks for orders were deposited this week so you should see those coming out soon. Please remember this is a direct ship fundraiser, so no pick up at school is required.

Beginning this year, the bookstore and Logo Gear will be available at evening concerts. We do accept checks made out to the BTMES PTO. We are excited for this new opportunity for folks to have access to this outside of school hours.



Please look at your receipts when you shop at Hannaford. They are running their Hannaford Helps Schools campaign. If you receive the coupon with your receipt you can place it in the display at the end of register 2 in a slot labeled for BTMES. We recently received a check, the large copy of which you can see in our lobby.

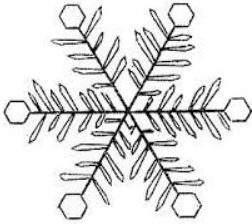
Box Tops are changing! We have raised quite an impressive amount of money for several years thanks to all of your clipping Box Tops from the products you purchase. As always, we are happy to receive any you might have. Clipping, checking the expiration date and sending them in to be placed in the Box Tops Box has been a wonderful success and we are grateful. The format is changing. Soon all Box Tops points will be printed on your store receipts, rather than on the product you buy. You can go online and set up your own account to enter the points. There is a place to choose your school when you register. Once registered, you get instructions for how you can scan or take a photo of the receipt to submit the Box Tops. We are also happy to take your receipts and enter them for you. If you choose to do this, please just continue to send them in to be placed in the Box Tops Box.

We would love to see you at a meeting. They are held the third Tuesday of each month in the library at 6pm.

Heather Slayton, PTO



Crops by Kids



A big **thank you** to everyone; students, teachers, staff, parents and community members who helped put the garden to bed this fall. Hopefully you had a chance to enjoy the garden this year.

It is hard to believe that one day it can be 50+ degrees and the next it's snowing. As much as we might enjoy the sunny weather we need snow to cover the garlic and asparagus beds. Snow is a natural insulator and needed for many plants. The asparagus beds didn't yellow until late November which meant it had to be cut down much later than usual. It will be interesting to see what the yield is this spring. Let's hope for a snowy winter to cover the shoots.

Mrs. Moran made signs for the garlic beds to determine how well laminated signs hold up during the winter. We want to find ways to show what crops are growing in the garden over the spring and summer. The kitchen used the garlic, left over from what didn't get planted, for sauce and garlic bread.

We will be selling High Mowing seeds once again this year in order to raise money for the garden activities. Last year was the best fundraiser ever. The order forms will be coming out **early January**.

I will remind everyone again next month. It is a great way for you to get seeds grown for our climate and help Crops by Kids at the same time. If you know of someone who doesn't usually receive the seed order, please pass this information along. They can get in touch with me and I will send an order form out.

Tip for indoor plants: During the winter months, people often give their plants too much water. Make sure to test more than just the top of the soil in your plants. Some plants need to totally dry out before being watered again, so go down a few inches and see if the soil is dry.

Happy Gardening.... Or at least thinking about it!

Deb Curtis, Garden Coordinator

Winter Concerts

Our Music Department Winter Concerts will be presented in the Crowley Gym on Tuesday, December 10 and Wednesday, December 11.

The concerts on Tuesday, December 10 will take place at 6:00pm. Featured groups will be our 5th Grade Band, 6th Grade Jazz Band, Junior Chorus and 6th Grade Band.

The concerts on Wednesday, December 11 will be held at 6:00pm and will feature our Select Chorus, Senior Jazz Band, Senior Chorus and Senior Band.

Hope to see you there!



Other Events and Happenings

HOCKEY NIGHT IN BARRE IS BACK!



Come cheer on your local hockey players! Each Barre Blades hockey team will host a Friday night game, that will include a light show, music, entertainment, giveaways, Chuck-a-Puck, 50/50 raffle, face painting, and whole lot of fun!

Friday Night Lights Games will all start at 7:15pm at the B.O.R.
This is a free event.

Schedule:

December 6th- U12

December 20th- U10 Red

January 3rd - U10 Blue

January 17th - Mites

January 31st- U14

December

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 2 PTO Logo Gear Pickup 4:30-6:30pm Gym | 3 | 4 | 5 BUUSD Communications Committee Mtg 5:30pm— Central Office | 6 Student Council Dance—7th/8th grade 6:30-8:30pm— Crowley Gym |
| 9 BUUSD Facilities/ Transportation Committee Mtg 5:30pm—Central Office | 10 Winter Concert Gr 5 & 6, 6:00pm— Crowley Gym BUUSD Finance Mtg. 5:30pm— Central Office | 11 Winter Concert Gr 7& 8, 6:00pm— Crowley Gym BUUSD Curriculum Mtg. 5:30pm—SHS | 12 BUUSD Board Mtg, 5:30pm— BCEMS Library Snow Date for Winter Concert 6:00pm | 13 |
| 16 BSUUD Policy Mtg 5:30pm— Central Office | 17 PTO Meeting, Library 6:00 p.m. | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| Holiday Vacation | | | | |
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January

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| | | 1 Holiday Vacation | 2 Back to School | 3 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 BUUSD Board Mtg, BTMES Library—5:30pm | 10 |
| 13 | 14 PTO Bookstore 7:30am-12:00pm— Lobby | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 20 Staff Development Day - No School for Students | 21 PTO Meeting, Library 6:00 p.m. | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 Grade 4 Band Concert 10:30am |