



BARRE TOWN MIDDLE AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Autumn Greetings!

The changing leaves and temperatures are a gentle reminder that "old man winter" is right around the corner! With this reality, we wanted to be sure that families were aware of upcoming opportunities for input/involvement and resources:

- 1) Might your child be in need of any winter gear? Do you need access to local resources to help with fuel assistance, food, etc? Please reach out to our home-and-school coordinator, Brandi Waller, who can help assist/point you in the right direction. Brandi can be reached by calling 476-6617 ext. 6188 or through email at: bwallbte@buusd.org.
- 2) Parent/Teacher Conferences for students in grades K-8 are Thursday, October 10. (Prek conferences are also on Wednesday, October 9.) Please reach out to your child's homeroom/TA if you do not have a scheduled conference time. This first conference is an excellent opportunity to work with the teacher(s) to create shared goals, to ask questions, and to find out how your child is doing in school thus far--academically, socially and emotionally. Additionally, please know that the PTO bookstore will be set-up in the front lobby during conferences should you want to browse or purchase!
- 3) The next BUUSD Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 10, at 5:30pm in the BTMES library. (Yes, the same night as conferences!) Feel free to pop-in and join for as little or as much of this meeting (and all Board meetings) as you are able.
- 4) The next BTMES PTO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15, at 6:00pm in the BTMES library. Can't make it to the meetings but would like to help with other events/activities/etc? Please reach out to the members--contact information can be found at <https://www.btmes.org/about/pto>. Additionally, your support of the current fundraiser will help fund a variety of different activities/resources/events for the entire school! Let's all work together to meet the school-wide goal of selling at least 2,000 items.
- 5) Want to chat about your school? Ask the principals questions and/or share celebrations? Join co-principals Ms. Pearson and Mrs. Nye on Monday, October 21, from 8:45am - 10:00am in the Bill Kirkland Dining Room with coffee and light refreshments for a chance to chat.
- 6) Our District will be taking part in an Integrated Field Review (IFR) on Tuesday, October 29. Essentially, educators from other districts in VT will be gathering information about how our schools are run--everything from systems to curriculum, to our "way of life". One component of this work is for them to meet with families. If you are able, please join us from 9:00am - 9:45am for you to share feedback!

Please don't hesitate to reach out to us at any time.

Warmly,
Jen W. Nye and Erica Pearson, BTMES Co-Principals

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News from the Nurses



Happy Fall! The school year has gotten off to a great start and we hope everyone's enjoying their days at Barre Town Middle and Elementary School. We have been busy in the Health Office processing paperwork and making sure our students are up-to-date on their school required vaccines. Vision screening for PK, K, 1, 3, 5, and 7 has been completed thanks to our friends at the Lions Club and their Spot Screener. If your student's screening indicated any concerns a referral letter will be sent home.

As we roll into October, kids will start to get excited for **Halloween**. We want Halloween to be fun and safe for everyone. Children with food allergies have to be extra careful at **Halloween** as it can be a bit harder to monitor for potentially dangerous foods and treats. Consider offering candy that does not contain common food allergens. Or, you could offer a Non-food treat alternative such as: stickers, glow sticks, pencils, spider rings, or bookmarks. If you would like to know more about advocacy related to Food Allergies at **Halloween**, check out the [Teal Pumpkin Project](#).



Nurse Lorna and Nurse Nicole

Unloading PreK and Kindergarten Children From The Bus

We want to send a reminder regarding the new expectation for unloading our youngest students, those in prekindergarten and kindergarten. The parent or caregiver must meet the child at the bus steps upon arrival. The bus monitors will not leave the bus. We understand that this may be different than you have experienced in the past, but it is necessary for student safety.



PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Preschool Conferences
Wednesday, October 9

Thursday, October 10

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

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Monday, October 14

due to the
Columbus Day holiday



David Stefaniak Memorial
Holiday Food and Gift Drive
2019

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 the school's coordinators, Bridgett Apfel or Kim Benson, prior to November 8, 2019. Our goal is to provide a winter clothing item and a toy 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 by November 12th.

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



Picture Day

Monday, October 7 (PK)
Wednesday, October 9 (K-8th)



PTO News



Thank so much to everyone that came to see us at Bookstore and the Logo Gear table at Harvest Night Open House. A special thank you to Tournament Specialties for donating 2 raffle items. The backpack was won by Cooper Owen and the sweatshirt by Colby Owen. What a great turnout!

October 3rd we will be kicking off our fall fundraiser. Please watch for the packets to come home in your child's bag the first week of October. These will be due back not later than October 22. Orders received in person after this date will not be processed. You can also order online. This is a direct ship fundraiser so please be sure to completely fill out the sellers information on the order form to ensure correct and timely receipt of your products. This direct order is offered with free shipping to the seller's home. Anyone ordering online and requesting shipment to an address other than the sellers will pay their own shipping.

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 on the display at the end of register 2 in a slot labeled for BTMES.



Box Tops are changing! We have raised quit 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 as 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

The Box Top program is changing.

Box Tops that need to be cut out are being replaced by the kind that remind you to scan and submit your receipt. Instead of cutting out Box Tops, you can now use your smartphone to scan your receipt!



The Barre Town PTO will continue to collect and submit Box Tops that are sent to school.

We will now also collect receipts from anyone that doesn't have a smartphone.



Please add the Box Tops for Education App to your smartphone (Available for Android and iPhone).

Register your account and choose: "Barre Town School District" as your school.

After shopping, tap the "scan" button and take a series of pictures to capture your entire receipt. After you have captured the entire receipt, hit "submit". The app automatically detects the items that qualify and adds \$ to the Barre Town School account.

Crops by Kids



A **HUGE** thank you to all who helped make the Harvest Festival/Farmer's Market a big success and for the generous donations.

For many years the CBK Farmer's Market has been held in September on the night of the PreK-4 Open House. Again this year, 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 purchase. In addition, there were crops from the garden for sale. 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 total raised from the Farmer's Market, combined with the Harvest Dinner, was over \$2700.00. The Harvest supper was a great success serving a delicious dinner of pasta. Thanks to the kitchen staff for putting this together and donating the meal. Our raffle this year included several painted, plastic pumpkins, with two LARGE pumpkins painted by Beth Campo, and magnets done by Jen Lashua. Congratulations to the winners.

As always a **BIG** thanks to Susan Barnard for organizing this event. Other thanks go out to Bridgett Apfel, Suzy Kleinfelter, Cassie Major, Tina Lunt, Karen Moran, and all of the folks who painted pumpkins and students, community members, and staff who helped out in various ways.

The kiwi are beginning to mature but they were not ready by the time for the Harvest Festival. Once they are ready, folks can take containers of them home, for free. They will be in the front lobby near the sign in/sign out area. Recipes will also be available. You can simply pop them in your mouth and eat them or make muffins and other goodies from the kiwi.

In the pumpkin bed an interesting object has been discovered. This item was small, the size and shape of a golf ball. It was green, hard to the touch like a pumpkin but was prickly like a cucumber. There is another one there that is oblong. Can you guess what it is? Some of us assumed that the bees cross-pollinated the cucumbers and the pumpkins. The gardening websites say this is impossible, it would be like crossing a dog with a cat. Stay tuned for the answer. If anyone knows, please let me know.

There was a fabulous response to the Fall Garden Club. Thirteen 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 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.

Happy Gardening !

Deb Curtis, Garden Coordinator, dcurtbte@buusd.org

Other Events and Happenings

UVM Extension/ 4-H Program Fall Opportunities

Teen Science Cafe: When Will I Know My Results - register by Oct 16 (event on Oct 19)

Have you or someone you know ever had blood tested? Had an infection and needed antibiotics? Or needed a blood transfusion? Behind the scenes, medical laboratory scientists are testing patient specimens to provide valuable results to their health care providers. Come to this café to learn more about the exciting field within biomedical science! Participate in fun, hands-on activities to explore the various tests medical laboratory scientists use to determine the diagnosis! [Register](#) by October 16. This program is **FREE**.

Youth Environmental Summit - register by Oct 18 (event on Nov 1)

YES is an annual conference for students in grades 6-12 what want to learn about environmental issues and take action in their communities. [Register](#) by October 18. Check out a short [video](#) from last year's conference. We encourage schools to bring a group of students. This program is **FREE**.

VTeen Leadership Weekend - register by Oct 25 (event held Nov 15-17)

Join us for a fun-filled weekend developing important skills and traits that will help you stretch and improve your leadership, communication, problem solving, teamwork and other transferable skills to take back to your club work, school and community. Space is limited to 50 participants. Open to youth in grades 7-12. Learn more and register [here](#).

TRY for the Environment - applications due by Nov 8

TRY stands for Teens Reaching Youth and is an environmental leadership opportunity for youth in grades 7-12. It is a teen-led environmental education program with an embedded service learning component designed to teach environmental literacy and responsibility to younger youth. TRY for the Environment includes five program areas—energy FUNdamentals, waste solutions, food systems, forest and trees and 4-H2O—to connect young people to real-world environmental problems in which they can be key change agents helping to create real-world solutions. [Learn more](#) and apply no later than November 8. Check out a short [video](#) showcasing how TRY connects to student's PLPs and transferable skills. This program is **FREE**.

Teen Science Cafe: Infectious Diseases - How Do We Combat Them? - register by Nov 6 (event on Nov 9)

Combating infectious diseases is a collective effort. The process could take years, and requires hundreds of scientists, clinicians, technicians, public health officials and volunteers. In this café, we will take on the roles of these experts to explore what happens in the endeavor of combating an emerging infectious disease—from identifying the microbe that cause the disease, to treating infected individuals and developing strategies to protect the community. Put on you masks, goggles and gloves as we head out to trap wildlife, alter the genetics of microbes, and implement public health programs to eradicate this infectious disease. [Register](#) by Nov 6. This program is **FREE**.


Teen Science Cafes - Save the Dates

The [full schedule](#) is now available for the 2019-2020 VTeen 4-H Science Pathways Cafes. The cafes are FREE and open to youth in grades 7-12. Planned by teens for teens these cafes are a free, fun way for teens to explore science, engineering and technology with local scientists, engineers and technology experts. All cafes include hands-on activities. To learn more watch a short [video](#) featuring the cafe on astrobiology.


Please contact Lauren.Traister@uvm.edu or 802-888-4972 x 402 with any questions. Registration now open! Learn more at: www.uvm.edu/extension/youth/announcements



Other Events and Happenings con't



Barre Figure Skating Club



Register now for the 2019-2020 Season Ages 4 to adult

Learn to Skate & Snowplow Sam

Two sessions of 6 group lessons designed for skaters with no prior experience. Skaters will build confidence on the ice while learning the basic skills of skating.

*First Session: October 27th to December 1st, 2019.
*Second Session: December 8th to January 12th, 2020.

Basic Skills

Fun, goal-oriented group lesson program. Skaters will receive Basic Skills instruction following Learn to Skate USA curriculum.

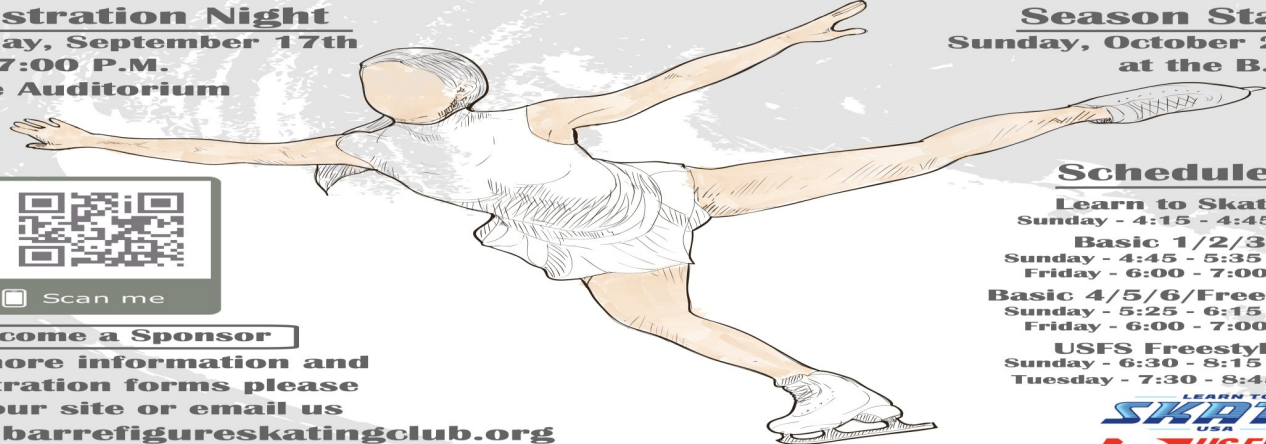
Levels: Basic Skills 1-6, and Pre-Free Skate through Free Skate. Includes 2 group practices a week and participation in the end of season show.

USFS Freestyle

A program for skaters who have completed Basic Skills and want to advance in their individual skills. Includes 2 ice sessions a week for private lessons/practice time, and participation in the end of season show. Skaters must have an approved private coach.


Registration Night

Tuesday, September 17th
5:00-7:00 P.M.
Barre Auditorium



Season Starts

Sunday, October 27th
at the B.O.R.



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For more information and registration forms please visit our site or email us
www.barrefigureskatingclub.org
barrefigureskatingclub@gmail.com


Schedule

Learn to Skate
Sunday - 4:15 - 4:45 pm

Basic 1/2/3
Sunday - 4:45 - 5:35 pm &
Friday - 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Basic 4/5/6/FreeSkate
Sunday - 5:25 - 6:15 pm &
Friday - 6:00 - 7:00 pm

USFS Freestyle
Sunday - 6:30 - 8:15 pm &
Tuesday - 7:30 - 8:45 pm



Barre Town Ski & Board Program

2019-2020 Sugarbush Ski Program for Barre Town Staff, Families and siblings – (5 Sundays from noon – 4:00 pm). The tentative dates are as follows: Jan 5, 12, 26 and Feb 2, 9. 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 ½ day pass for yourself and ski with the other parents/guardians! **DEAD-LINE FOR ENROLLMENT IS NOV 20, 2019**

Product	1/2 Day Rate Per Person
Lift Ticket	\$140
Lift Ticket and Rentals	\$190
Lift Ticket & Clinic	\$235
Lift Ticket, Rental & Clinic	\$260
Clinic only (w/season pass)	\$130
Rental only	\$110
Sugar Xpress Media Fee	\$5



Discounted Season Ski Passes

Not interested in the ½ day ski pass or lessons? Get a PASS at a discounted rate!

2019/20 Season Pass Rates:
 PRICES GOOD UNTIL 12/1/19 – prices increase on 12/2/19
Value Pass – (Mt Ellen...Lincoln Peak early season and late season)

Adults (40-79) \$599
 Youth (7-18) \$279
 College \$279
 Boomer Pass (65-89) - \$139

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

Adults (40-64) \$1049
 Senior (65-79) \$749
 Silver Senior (80-89) \$229
 Age 90 & Up – Free
 Child (6 & Under) \$40
 Youth (7-18) \$399
 For 30s (30-39) \$599
 For 20s (19-29) \$399
 College \$359
 Double Major—\$399 (includes unlimited skiing at Mad River Glen)

CONTACT MARY RUBALCABA AT 802-522-4470—
 mary_rubalcaba@yahoo.com OR KRISSY BELLAVANCE AT
krisseyb@bellavancetrucking.com or 802-249-8784 to sign up!
 Hope to see you on the mountain.

October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
7 Picture Day for PK Students	8	9 Picture Day for Grades K-8 No Preschool	10 Parent/Teacher Conferences—1/2 Day for Students – No Preschool BUUSD Board Mtg, BTMES Library 5:30pm.	11 Staff Development Day - No School for Students
14 No School for students and staff	15 PTO Meeting, Library 6:00 p.m.	16	17	18 Student Council Dance 6:30-8:30 Gr. 7 & 8
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	



November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4	5	6	7	8
11 Staff Development Day - No School for Students	12	13	14 BUUSD Board Mtg, SHS Library 5:30pm	15
18	19 PTO Meeting, Library 6:00 p.m.	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29
		VACATION		