

**BARRE TOWN MIDDLE AND
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Welcome Back!

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year!

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 welcome our hybrid students into the building. Our remote students appear to be settling into their new routines. The teachers are collecting beginning-of-the-year data while new connections and relationships are being created and fostered in different, yet exciting ways.

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 help positively influence their social and emotional development as well.

During these unprecedented times, we need to remember to be patient and kind to one another. We can do this together because we are **BARRE TOWN STRONG!!**

Yours in education,

Erica Pearson, Co-Principal 5-8

Jennifer W. Nye, Co-Principal PK-4



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Crops by Kids News

Welcome Back!

A big **thank you** goes out to Karen Moran and Laura Thygesen for their help in the Crops by Kids garden this summer. As you may know we didn't have the family and community members or the Master Gardeners helping out this summer. Despite this, the garden looks great!

Our successful fundraisers over the past few years allowed us to hire TLC Gardens to remove the old mulch and weeds. Everything was dug up and new mulch was laid down. A new hose cart purchased this summer is a stronger, longer hose to fill the water troughs.

We will **NOT** be sponsoring the CBK Farmer's Market in September as our fall fundraiser but will sell seeds this winter.

Feel free visit the garden when you are at school while maintaining a safe distance from others who may be there too. Right now there is a bit of basil, some tomatoes, kale, lettuce, and cabbage for you to take home.



Have you ever wondered what each full moon is named? In September 2020, the full moon, which has already passed as you read this newsletter, was the Corn Moon. Sometimes the full moon in September is called the Harvest Moon. According to the Farmer's Almanac, "The full moon that happens nearest to the autumnal equinox always takes on the name 'Harvest Moon' instead of a traditional name - a rule that often places the Harvest Moon in the month of September. However, when September's full moon occurs early in the month, the full moon of early October lands nearest to the autumnal equinox and therefore takes on the Harvest Moon title instead," the Almanac said. The Halloween full moon will be a Blue Moon because it's the second full moon of the month.

Happy Gardening....
Deb Curtis, Garden Coordinator
dcurtbte@buusd.org



Family School Coordinator

Hello Barre Town Families!

My name is Mrs. Cummings and I am the Barre Town's Home to School Coordinator.

One of my tasks is to help run the Backpack Program at here at our school. This program is a partnership between the Barre Town Middle and Elementary School and the Vermont Food Bank. We work to provide families with a moderate amount of pantry items each week. If you are interested in enrolling your child/ren in the program, please reach out to me at extension 6188 and we can get the appropriate paperwork started.



If anyone has any other needs or any questions regarding this program, please reach out. I am, also, available to help connect families with other resources as well.

If you were enrolled in the program last year, you will continue to receive this service. If it is no longer needed, please call extension 6188. Thanks!

Coronavirus Resources

Wondering how to talk to your kids about Coronavirus? Let's Grow Kids has some great information: <https://www.letsgrowkids.org/coronavirus>

Are you struggling to recover from the impact of COVID-19?

Capstone Community Action Can Help:

For the Vermont COVID-19 Arrearage Assistance Program (VCAAP). We can help eligible Vermonters suffering economic hardship from COVID-19 pay their arrearages for residential and non-residential utility accounts. You can contact us at (802) 479- 1053 or apply online now at <https://publicservice.vermont.gov/>

Line Extension Customer Assistance Program (LECAP)

LECAP provides up to \$3,000 in assistance to qualifying and eligible consumers who need line extensions to access high speed Internet service. To apply, you may contact us at (802) 479 1053.

Rapid Resolution Financial Assistance for housing

Short-term or one-time financial help for those experiencing homelessness to achieve safe housing. Call: 802 479-1053.

For more resources please visit our webpage: <http://capstonevt.org/blogs/housing-counseling-services/>

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@buusd.org 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	Andra Holbrook	aholbbce@buusd.org	476-6541 x4310
Barre Town Middle School	Kim Benson	kbensbte@buusd.org	476-6617 x6305
Spaulding High School	Anna Ryan	aryanshs@buusd.org	476-4811 x1121
Central Vt Career Ctr	Laurie Morvan	lmorvcvcc@buusd.org	476-4811 x1139

Transportation Questions?

Please contact Terrie Murray, Barre Town Transportation Coordinator, at 476-6617 ext. 6331 or email tmurrbte@buusd.org.

Thank you!



Parent/Student Handbook

As we embark on another school year, we would like to welcome you and are looking forward to a great year working with you!



In the spirit of saving paper and labor costs to print the entire 2020-2021 Parent/Student handbook it is available for your review online. Please visit our website at www.btmes.org to review. If you would like a paper copy of this year's handbook, please call Tina Lunt at 476-6617 ext. 6307. We will be happy to send one home with your child.

September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
7 Labor Day— No School for Students	8	9	10 School Board Meeting—5:30 p.m.	11
14	15 First day for M/T Pre K PTO Meeting 5:30pm	16	17	18 First day for TH/F Pre K
21	22 Picture Day for M/T Students	23	24	25 Picture Day for TH/F Students
28	29	30		



October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2
5	6	7	8 School Board Meeting—5:30 p.m.	9
12 No School for Students	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

