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Dear BTMES Families:

Recently we had a small taste of some warmer weather and Spring Equinox falls on March 20th! Keeping in mind that Daylight Savings is this weekend. Turn clocks AHEAD one hour Saturday night.

This is also a good time to check the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors as well! We know that means some more warmer days as Vermont comes out of winter, but we also know that there will still be snow. Please continue to ensure that your students are sent to school with proper outdoor gear so we can get those mask breaks and time outside into the day.

Parent/Teacher conferences started this week, if you did not sign up for a time with your student's homeroom or TA teacher please feel free to reach out to them via email to set that up. Our teachers are excited to share our student's progress with their families!

Reminders:

- We will be REMOTE on Tuesday, March 9th and Tuesday, March 30th as the BUUSD takes part in a vaccination clinic.
- We will be REMOTE on Tuesday, May 11 as though BTMES will be used for voting. Registered voters will be voting on the school budget revote, as well as municipal items such as election of officers and town budget items.

HOWEVER; we have good news that we will be ***in-person the following day, Wednesday, May 12!*** Many thanks to our custodial crew who will be working late to ensure our building is properly cleaned for the students' arrival on the morning of the 12th.

- Currently, the last day of school is slated for Monday, June 21st. While we do not have a date set in stone for the 8th grade Step Up Ceremony, it will likely take place on Friday, June 18th. We will be watching for guidance from the Agency of Education on end-of-the-year celebrations.

We hope you and your families are doing well as we continue to move through this pandemic. Please always know that you can reach out to your student's teacher, our school counselors, our student support staff, or our administration for assistance.

Sincerely,

Jennifer W. Nye and Erica Pearson, Co-Principals

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Message from the Middle School Counselor



To 8th Grade Parents/Guardians,

Though it may seem early to begin discussion regarding next year, here in “school time” the planning for your 8th grader’s high school career has already begun!

Save the Date:

High School Course Registration Meetings for 8th graders April 5th through April 9th - Virtual meetings

Course Registration Meetings are 20 minute meetings when parents, students, and their high school counselors meet to choose courses for their freshman year. These meetings will take place via Google Meet. Spaulding High School will be scheduling these meetings with families. More information will be emailed to students and parents about this process.

Additionally, in March I will be sharing with all 8th graders resources that provide more information about Spaulding high school. These resources will help give students more knowledge about class offerings, Spaulding’s schedule, graduation requirements, and more. I will also be holding office hours via google meet to answer any questions students may have about high school. Students will soon be notified of the dates/times of these office hours. If you have any questions about this process, or about high school in general, please feel free to call me at 476-6617 ext. 6240 or email me at sgoodbte@buusd.org.

Sincerely,
Sarah Goodrich, BTMES Middle School Counselor

Barre Town Nature Trails

Allie Thomas, Education Manager of the Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, has shared with our Laura Thygesen eleven laminated Wildlife Tracking Posters upon her request after seeing a similar story on the WCAX news of the Burlington Intervale paths. Laura requested these so that they can be used as part of our Physical Education program as well as by our ECO (outdoor classrooms) and science teachers. Due to COVID, many classrooms are held exclusively outside or a combination of indoor and outdoor instruction this year. Attached is the link to the signs so you can see how beautiful they are - [Wildlife Tracking Posters-VT Fish and Wildlife.pdf](#). Each poster has a QR code that families can scan to find a fun video and more VT facts of each of the critters. Along with science teacher, Mr. Tim Sanborn, we will be posting the signs along the BT Nature trails. At this point in the year, staking will not be possible so they will be gently stapled to trees until April 1. Feel free to take a stroll and see them "in action".





The Barre Unified Union School District is holding
Prekindergarten Screening - May 5 & May 12, 2021
Kindergarten Screening - May 20 & 21, 2021

Do you have a child who will be 3, 4, or 5 years old on or before September 1st, 2021, who is not already enrolled in school? We are planning now for the **2021-2022 school year**. Contact your school registrar to:

- sign up for a Prekindergarten or Kindergarten screening appointment
- add your child to our public school Prekindergarten waitlist for next year
or request prekindergarten tuition funds for a prequalified private provider.

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Crops by Kids



Are you ready for spring? It's on the way. Folklore says if March comes in like a lion it goes out like a lamb. When March starts it is officially winter and ends while it is spring. Let's see what happens.

According to astronomy in February and early March night skies, Leo the Lion is rising in the east (coming in). At the end of March, Aries the Ram is setting in the west (going out). Yet another part of the phrase's origins.

The garden is covered with a blanket of snow protecting the crops. Are there any crops you would like to have planted this spring or summer? Send me a email to let me know. We will be ordering seeds shortly.

Happy gardening....

Deb Curtis, Garden Coordinator, dcurtbte@buusd.org

BUUSD School Calendar (updated 10/21/20)



Last day of school for students :

Monday, June 21st

8th Grade Step Up Night:

Tentative date: Friday, June 18th
Confirmation and details to follow

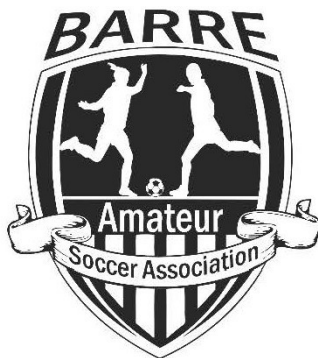
[2020-2021 BUUSD School Calendar](#)

BUUSD 2020-2021 COVID-19 Update

The Barre Unified Union School District COVID-19 Resource page; specifically, The District Frequently Asked Questions section has been updated. Please take a moment to review this important page if you should have any questions at [BUUSD District Frequently Asked Questions](#).



Other Events and Happenings




BASA Spring Soccer

Registration Open Now

Ages: 6 to 18 Girls & Boys

Visit our website www.barresoccer.com

March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Vacation	2 Town Meeting Day	3 Remote Day for all students	4	5
8	9 Remote Day for all Students	10	11 School Board Meeting—5:30 p.m.	12
15	16	17 	18	19
22	23	24	25	26 Staff Development Day—No School for Students
29	30 Remote Day for all Students	31		



April

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2
5	6	7	8 School Board Meeting—5:30 p.m.	9 End of Quarter 3
12	13	14	15	16
19	Spring Vacation			23
26	27	28	29	30