



**BARRE TOWN MIDDLE AND
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June 2021

Happy June, BTMES Families!

We wanted to share with you a few updates as it relates to the end of the school year and to keep you posted regarding the Fall.

Current Year

Wednesday, June 9: BUUSD Budget Vote. School will be in-person for students! Our pick-up process will have a few adjustments on this day. Instead of picking-up students outside the gym doors, we will have tents placed on the green field (to the right of the Wood Chip Plant/near the bike path). Students will enter cars in the pick-up line closer to where the speed bump is by the bike path. *The traffic pattern will stay the same.* The only change on the parent end will be picking-up your child(ren) a few hundred feet sooner.

Thursday, June 10: Please return any district issued device (Chromebook, iPad, bag, charging cord, headset, etc.) to your child’s homeroom/TA. The devices will stay at school, but no longer be transported back and forth to school this year.

BT BVA students are welcome to drop-off devices at school on Friday, June 18 between the hours of 1:00 - 3:30 or on Monday, June 21 between the hours of 10:00 - 2:00.

Thursday, June 17: The last day of school for Preschool students.

Friday, June 18: The last day of school for students in grades K-8. This will be an early release day. Pick up times will be 10:45 for students K-4 and 11:00 for grades 5-8.

Report cards will go home with students on this day. Please note that next year’s teaching assignment will be shared in the summer letter.

Eighth grade Step-Up Night at 6:00pm. All students should plan to arrive by 5:40pm.

Looking ahead to 2021-2022

*Summer letters will be mailed home to families in early August from your child’s homeroom/TA. We continue to interview for open positions, watch our enrollment numbers and review profiles of classrooms as students enroll and unenroll. This means that student placement for the 21-22 school year is not set in stone which is why we will not be noting on the June report card who next year’s teacher will be.

*There will be in-person instruction Monday through Friday.

*We are working on bussing and transportation as this is shared across all of the BUUSD schools. We are currently looking at transporting BT Prek-8 students on one bus run. This means that at BT, K-8 will more than likely have 1 schedule, not a split schedule like we had prior to COVID.

*Updated guidance from the VT Agency of Education for the 2021-2022 school year can be found here: [Instructional Operations for Fall 2021](#)

Please don’t hesitate to let us know if you have questions.

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



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Crops by Kids



At the top of the garden, you will notice two large cattle fences inverted and attached to the garden beds. This is a trellis for pole beans and children will be able to walk under the trellis. Check it out. As the writing of this newsletter the beans have not been planted but later this summer it will be fun to see what is growing there. Thanks to Laura Thygesen for this idea.

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.

We have many families signed up to water and weed the garden during the summer. Thank you for helping out.

Have a great summer and Happy Gardening!
 Deb Curtis, Garden Coordinator, dcurtbte@buusd.org

YEARBOOK NEWS:

5th-8th Graders:

Yearbooks have arrived! We have extras to sell!

We will be selling yearbooks in the lobby, during arrival time, on June 11th and June 14th. Yearbooks are \$21.50. Bring check (written out to BTMES) or cash to purchase a book!

**If you have questions, email Mrs. VanOrman !
jvanobte@buusd.org**

News from the Nurses

Summer Safety Tips



Beat the Heat

Anybody can be at risk for a heat-related illness. Follow these summer safety tips, like taking extra breaks and drinking lots of water.

Bug Safety

Mosquitoes can cause a number of illnesses, including Zika Virus and West Nile Virus. Learn what you can do to protect yourself at work and play.

Playgrounds

Emergency departments see more than 20,000 children ages 14 and younger for playground-related traumatic brain injury each year.

Fireworks

Summer is synonymous with barbecues, parades, fireworks displays – and plenty of visits to emergency rooms, especially during July.

Water Safety

Drowning caused 3,709 deaths in 2017. The younger the child, the greater the risk.

Bicycling

Bicyclists must take extra precautions when they ride. They often share the road with vehicles, but injuries can happen even on a bike path.

Skateboarding

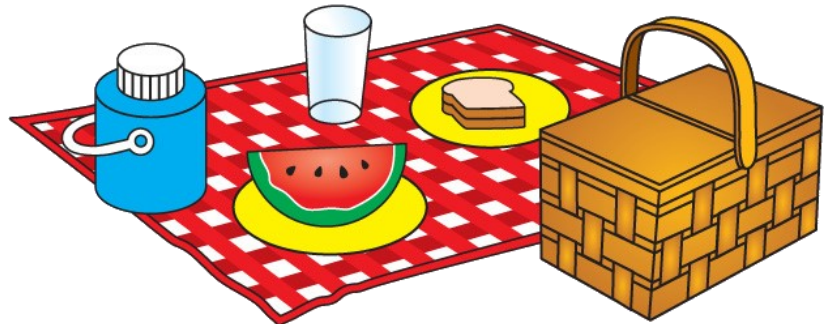
Everyone falls, but there's a right way to do it. In 2017, 98,486 people were treated in hospital emergency rooms after being injured skateboarding.

Boating

Most boating experiences are positive. But joyful times quickly can turn deadly if boaters are not vigilant about safety – at all times.

Pedestrian Safety

Cell phone distracted walking is a huge problem, and rarely are we more vulnerable than when walking, crossing streets and negotiating traffic.





June



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10 School Board Meeting—5:30 p.m.	11
14	15	16	17 Last day of school for PK students Raindate: 8th Grade Step Up 6:00pm	18 Last day of school for Grade K-8 students (1/2 day) 11:00—5th-8th 10:45—K-4th
21 Staff Development Day				



School Calendar For 2021-2022 School Year

You can find the calendar for next school year using the following link:

[BUUSD 2021-2022calendar.pdf](#)

First Day of School : August 30th Grades 1-8

Please watch your mail for the 2021-2022 student packets in early August.