



**BARRE TOWN MIDDLE AND
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Welcome Back!



Welcome to the 2021-2022 School Year!

We want to take a moment as we begin the school year to thank you in advance for your patience and understanding as we continue to navigate these uncertain times together. We have been excited to see and welcome back all our remote and hybrid students. The first few days were bustling with students and staff all settling into their new routines.

The Administrative Team is proud to introduce long-time employee, Mr. Theodore Mills, who joins us in the role of Assistant Principal, overseeing grades PK-8. We are delighted and excited to have him be a part of the Barre Town Admin. team!

Hello, my name is Theodore (Ted) Mills and I'm your new Assistant Principal. This will be my 10th year working at BTMES and I am excited to take on this new, important position. The educational roles that I've held while employed at this school include: paraprofessional, behavioral specialist, intensive needs/behavioral support special educator, and middle school special educator. Within this new professional role, I bring a distributive leadership model, an equity conscious lens, a strong knowledge of social/emotional learning and a drive to help ALL students succeed.

I grew up locally in Stockbridge, VT, graduating from Whitcomb High School. I am an alum of both Castleton State College, and Saint Joseph's College where I earned my bachelor's and master's degrees in education respectively. This summer, I completed the Upper Valley Educators Administration program and earned my licensure as a principal.



In my free time, I enjoy sports, traveling and/or spending time outdoors with my wife and daughter.

Once again, welcome back! We are so privileged to be a part of a community where parents, teachers and students care for each other and strive to build positive relationships that support academic and social growth. Let's make it another great year at Barre Town School together!

Warmly,
Jennifer W. Nye, Co-Principal PK-4
Erica Pearson, Co-Principal 5-8
Ted Mills, Assistant Principal PK-8

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Crops by Kids News

Welcome Back!

A big **thank you** goes out to Karen Moran and Laura Thygesen for their hard work in the Crops by Kids garden this summer. In addition, thanks to the family and community members helping out this summer. The garden looks great!

Please stop by and see what is new in the garden. This spring we put up arches in the beds at the top of the garden and planted beans. Now the beans have grown and have created a canopy to walk under. Check it out!

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, many types of beans, some tomatoes, kale, lettuce, and cabbage for you to take home.

It has been particularly hot in August! It's difficult to think of cooler days and fall leaves but the first day of fall begins on Wednesday, September 22. In the Fall equinox, the day and night are approximately the same length and we begin to see shorter days. This is different than the meteorological Fall which is September 1, 2021 and ends November 30.

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



Home School Coordinator

Hello! My name is Brandi Cummings, I am the Home to School Coordinator at Barre Town School.



Our school works in a partnership with the Vermont Food Bank to provide healthy food over the weekend with a program called the Backpack Program. This program will be starting soon! Watch for students to bring home permission slips next week, please fill one out if you are interested.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at bcummbte@buusd.org.

YMCA

The YMCA Before and After School program is back this year.



We are currently waitlisted for an after school, however morning spots are still available! Morning program starts at 7:00am and runs until the beginning of the school day.

Please email Brandi Cummings at BWaller@gbymca.org if you are interested or have any questions. If you have any questions please email me at BWaller@gbymca.org.

Fall Open House and Walk to School Update

As many of you know, we had hoped to hold a Preschool - Grade 8 Open House event on Thursday, September 30 at BTMES. This would have been a time for students and families to meet staff, see work that students are working on, take part in the Farmers' Market and Scholastic Book Fair.



We have made the difficult decision (but we know it's the right thing to do) to not hold the September Open House or Walk to School this year. With an increase in COVID cases across the state, we need to keep safety at the forefront. We will continue to do everything we can to have our students in school and one way that we can be proactive is to put this event on pause. Fingers-crossed, we can hold an all school event of some sort in the spring.

Other Events and Happenings

Cub Scout Pack 717 is recruiting boys and girls, K-5th grade! If your child enjoys the outdoors, building things and tinkering, community service, and playing games with others, Scouts is a highly recommended organization.

Come sign up at our Scout Sign-Up Night on Tuesday, September 14th, 6-7:30pm at City Hall Park in Barre.

For more information, check out: <https://www.scoutingvermont.org/> or <https://sites.google.com/site/barrepack717/home>. You may also contact our committee chair, Amanda Emerso at barrepack717.chair@gmail.com.



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.

<u>School</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Barre City Middle School	Jen Carboneau	jcarbbsce@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

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 2021-2022 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 Colleen Kresco at 476-6617 ext. 6307. We will be happy to send one home with your child.

Notice

The Nurse's Office has a direct phone line. Please feel free to call this line if necessary.

Phone: (802) 477-5088

September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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6 Labor Day—No School for Students	7	8	9 BUUSD Board Meeting 5:30pm	10
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October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4	5	6 Student Picture Day	7	8 Staff Development Day—No school for students
11	12	13	14 BUUSD Board Meeting 5:30pm	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29 Quarter 1 ends