

**BARRE TOWN MIDDLE AND  
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Dear Barre Town Families,

To say that 2021 has been another wild, crazy, and unprecedented year is an understatement. We recognize all the efforts that families, teachers, staff, and students have put forth to make the best of student learning. Our hope as we look to 2022 will bring some sense of calm and normalcy for everyone.

A few reminders:

\*NO SCHOOL on Thursday, December 23 through Friday, December 31, 2021 due to the December Vacation. We look forward to seeing all students (who pass the health screening) on Monday, January 3, 2022!

\*Keep your eyes out for the State Plow Truck that travels on Route 302 and 110. This truck, "Snow Destroyer" was named by students at BTMES!

\*The second vaccination clinics at BTMES for students between the ages of 5 and 11 will take place on Thursday, December 9 and Saturday, December 11.

\*When your child receives vaccinations, please provide a copy of your child's vaccinations to our school nurses.

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We hope you all enjoy the holiday season!

Stay safe and healthy,  
Jennifer W. Nye and Erica Pearson, BTMES Co-Principals

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## Barre Town PTO

The Barre Town PTO has a successful Fall-cebration event providing bagels and other baked goods to all 160 staff members and individual boxed gifts to all 795 students.

### PTO Remote Meeting

December 20th @ 6 PM

Please email [ptobte@buusd.org](mailto:ptobte@buusd.org) for the meeting link and agenda.



A limited amount of Logo Gear is available for purchase. See pages 4 and 5. All orders must be requested by emailing [ptobte@buusd.org](mailto:ptobte@buusd.org). We will confirm that your requested items are available and email you with a total.

## Other Events and Happenings

Dear Barre Town Families,

THE SUGARBUSH SKI AND SNOWBOARD PROGRAM IS BACK! And this time all family members, ages 5 – adult can participate. Anyone in the family can either do the lessons or just get a 1/2 day pass to ski/snowboard.

The program will run on the following 5 Sundays: January 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and February 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. The cancellation make-up date will be in March (only if canceled by Sugarbush).

This program runs from 12:00 - 4:00 on Mount Ellen (Sugarbush North).

If you enroll in the lessons the day looks like this:

12:00 - 1:00 free ski/snowboard (for non-beginners)

1:00 - 3:00 lessons

3:00 - 4:00 free ski/snowboard

If lessons are not required, a lift ticket holder can ski/snowboard from 12:00 - 4:00.

Prices for the entire program, all 5 Sundays are:



5 Day Program Products	½ Day Rate per person	Check One
Lift Ticket	168	
Lift Ticket & Rentals	228	
Lift Ticket & Clinic	282	
Lift Ticket, Rentals, & Clinic	312	
Clinic only	156	
Rental only	132	
SugarXpress Media Fee*	5	
Sugarbush Premium Young Adult Season pass (ages 13 to 29) Both Lincoln Peak & Mount Ellen	\$429 for the season pass	
Sugarbush Value Young Adult Season pass (ages 13 to 29) Mount Ellen Only	\$339 for the season pass	
Sugarbush Value Child Season Pass (ages 5 to 12) Mount Ellen Only	\$249 for the season pass	

Please email [aliciahuskes@gmail.com](mailto:aliciahuskes@gmail.com) if you are interested as the forms must be completed with payment and mailed by December 6, 2021.

If you have any questions, please call or e-mail:

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Mary Rubalcaba at [mary\\_rubalcaba@yahoo.com](mailto:mary_rubalcaba@yahoo.com) / 522-4470

## Crops by Kids



A big **thank you** to everyone who helped put the garden to bed this fall. Hopefully you had a chance to enjoy the garden this year.

If you haven't had a chance to look at the new fence posts and some of the repaired beds, please stop by. The CVCC building trades students and staff put many hours of hard work into repairing some rotting boards and fence posts. In addition, Chris Hennesey, Superintendent, create a YouTube video with some of the students and Dimitri Kolomeitsev, the Coordinator of this project. Check it out on [youtube.com/watch?v=T71taOb7VrA](https://youtube.com/watch?v=T71taOb7VrA).

Stay tuned to see if we will be selling FEDCO seeds once again this year in order to raise money for the garden activities.

Looking for an indoor plant for the holidays? Try the Cyclamen! This long-blooming plant should be kept evenly moist in a cool north window or where the sunlight is not too strong.



Happy Gardening....or at least thinking about it.

Deb Curtis, Garden Coordinator, [dcurtbte@buusd.org](mailto:dcurtbte@buusd.org)

## Music Department News

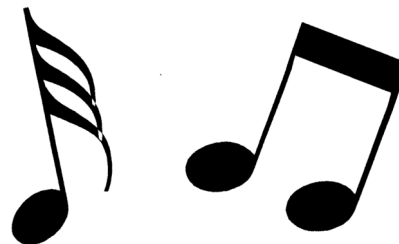
The Barre Town Music Department is keeping very busy. It is so wonderful to have music flowing in our classrooms again!

The 7th and 8th Select Band was very well received as they played in the Veterans Day Parade in Barre City on Nov. 11th. Well done!

Thanks to all for your donations and purchases for the Barre Town Music Department! We had a very successful fundraiser through Charleston Wrap and appreciate all the support for our students! Your orders should be arriving soon!

Wishing everyone a happy holiday season!

Mrs. Mehuron and Ms. Tarwater





# News from the Nurses' Office



## COVID-19 Pediatric Vaccine Resources

November 2021

### General information on the COVID-19 vaccine for ages 5-11

- [The Vermont Department of Health](#) has up-to-date information for Vermonters ages 5-11 who are now eligible for the vaccine
- [Frequently asked questions](#) about the COVID-19 vaccine for this age group
- Information changes frequently, so make sure to keep up with the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#) and [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) web pages for updates

### Join a family forum with Vermont pediatricians

- The [American Academy of Pediatrics family forums](#) are focused on the COVID-19 vaccine for ages 5-11 (please check the website for the most updated information)
- Informational videos from Dr. Andrea Green on the COVID-19 vaccine for ages 5-11 in [multiple languages](#) and [American Sign Language](#)

### Tips for supporting families during vaccinations

- Tips on creating a [more positive vaccine experience](#), especially for children with special health needs, from the Vermont Family Network
  - Under the "resource tab" you can also find handouts for a [social story](#) and a template to help families ["make-a-plan"](#)

### Schedule an appointment

- Links for general information on [vaccination appointments](#) or to help families [make an appointment online](#)
- Call the Health Department at **855-722-7878**, Mon - Fri 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, Sat and Sun 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
- Email questions to [AHS.VDHPublicCommunication@vermont.gov](mailto:AHS.VDHPublicCommunication@vermont.gov)

### Resources on talking with families

- [Talking with families about vaccines](#) can be difficult, here are some resources to help:
  - CDC web page, including a section on [common myths](#) about the COVID-19 vaccine and how to dispel them
  - Video explaining to families [how the vaccine works](#)
  - A [video with the Sesame Street](#) characters talking to doctors about what a vaccine is, why they should get it, and what to do if they are feeling scared



The Barre Town PTO currently has logo gear available for sale on a first-come-first-served basis. All orders must be requested by emailing [ptobte@buusd.org](mailto:ptobte@buusd.org). We will confirm that your requested items are available and email you with a total.

All apparel is currently Port & Company branded: A size chart can be found here <https://www.apparelbags.com/port-company/size-chart.htm>

BTMES 20 oz travel mugs \$15



Logo socks \$10



Bumper sticker \$5



Bobcat Winter Hat \$22



**Green Hoodies \$30 Currently Available: 1 Adult L, 1 Adult XL, 1 Adult 2XL. 2 Youth Small, 2 Youth XL**



**Green T-shirts \$13 Currently available: 1 Adult Small, 2 Adult Medium, 1 Adult Large, 1 Adult XL, 1 Adult 2XL. 4 Youth Small, 5 Youth Medium, 7 Youth Large, 8 Youth XL.**



**Gray Hoodies \$30. Currently Available: 1 Adult 2XL. 1 Youth Small, 1 Youth Medium, 2 Youth Large, 1 Youth XL.**



**Gray T-shirts \$13 Currently Available: 1 Adult Medium. 5 Youth XL.**



December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20 PTO Meeting— Virtual 6pm	21	22	23	24
			Holiday Vacation	
27	28	29	30	31
	Holiday Vacation			



January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17 No School for students and staff	18 Staff Development Day— no school for students	19	20	21 End of Quarter 2
24	25	26	27	28 Report Cards go home with students grades K-8
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