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**HAPPY NEW YEAR
2022!**



Dear Barre Town Families,

While we are not entirely sure where the first half of the school year has gone, we are excited to welcome 2022 here at BTMES!

Even though 2021 is in our rearview mirror, the reality is that COVID in all its variations have not left us. To that end, please be sure to send a copy of your child's vaccination card to our school nurses, Nicole and Mary, at nladdbte@buusd.org and mnewtbte@buusd.org. Having the card on file helps us ensure that we are following the contact tracing guidelines. For information on getting your child (ages 5 and up) vaccinated, please visit <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/vaccine/getting-covid-19-vaccine>.

A few housekeeping items:

- No school on Monday, January 17(Vacation) or Tuesday, January 18 (PD for staff)
- Quarter 2 ends on Friday, January 21st
- Report cards will go home with students on Friday, January 28th

As we get deeper into winter, please be prepared that there may be days when the Recreation Road is closed during parent drop-off and pick-up times. We know it is not ideal and the Town road crew does an amazing job at trying to keep the road open as much as possible. It is very frustrating for everyone, and we are thankful for your patience.

Sincerely,

Erica Pearson and Jennifer W. Nye, Co-Principals

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News from the Nurses' Office

HERE ARE 8 WINTER SAFETY TIPS YOU NEED TO KNOW FROM THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS:



1) **Warm layers are key.** Dress infants and children warmly for outdoor activities. Several thin layers will keep them dry and warm. Don't forget warm boots, gloves or mittens, and a hat.

2) **Dress kids a little warmer than you would dress yourself.** The rule of thumb for older babies and young children is to dress them in one more layer of clothing than an adult would wear in the same conditions.

3) **Don't forget the sunblock.** The sun's rays can still cause sunburn in the winter, especially when they reflect off snow. Make sure to cover your child's exposed skin with sun-screen.



4) **Be careful when sledding.** Children should be supervised while sledding. Sledding feet first or sitting up, instead of lying down head-first, may prevent head injuries. Avoid sledding in crowded areas.



5) **All skiers and snowboarders should wear helmets.** Ski facilities should require helmet use, but if they do not, parents should enforce the requirement for their children.

6) **Do not take children under age 6 on a snowmobile!** The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children under age 16 not operate snowmobiles and that children under age 6 never ride on snowmobiles.

7) **Allow children to skate only on approved surfaces.** Check for signs posted by local police or recreation departments, or call your local police department to find out which areas have been approved.



8) **Be sure to set reasonable time limits on outdoor play** to prevent hypothermia and frost bite. Have children come inside periodically to warm up.



Crops by Kids



Snow is on the ground, but it isn't too early to think of all the plants you want to grow this summer. We hope many of you are anticipating the annual Crops by Kids **seed fundraiser**.

We will once again have the seed fundraiser through High Mowing Seeds. Your seed orders will support our endeavor to get water closer to the garden and the chicken coop. We are having discussions with school and community members to determine the best route to take.

Be looking for the seed order forms by mid-January. If you don't receive one, and would like to, email dcurtis@bte@u61.net with your child's name and homeroom teacher. We want to support your gardening needs, and we'd like you to support ours.

This year we encourage you to invite your family, friends and neighbors to buy seeds with us. The more seeds sold, the greater percentage we get. Ask family and friends to participate and feel free to make copies of the seed order forms that come home or ask your child's teacher for more.

Deb Curtis, Garden Coordinator, dcurtbte@buusd.org

Recycled Christmas Cards

We are so fortunate to have a very kind and generous community, and we look for opportunities throughout the year to share our thanks and help our students learn the value of helping others and giving back. This year we are happy to participate in the St. Jude's Ranch for Children Recycled Card program that helps to provide teens with life and work skills. This program collects the fronts of greeting cards (with the exception of Hallmark, Disney, or American Greeting due to copyright laws), and recycles them. They do also accept new cards (any occasion), with or without envelopes. Please note: They do not accept any family photo cards.



We will have a collection box in the front lobby of the school that students can drop off the donations into, and we will prepare the collection to be sent to St. Jude's Ranch. As we prepare the collection, we will discard any not acceptable brands, so do not worry if you are unsure what to donate.

The collection box will be available in the front lobby beginning January 3rd, and will be in place until January 15th. Feel free to send any donations to school with your child/children.

Thank you for your help supporting this cause. Many wishes to you all for a safe and healthy new year!!

News from the Art Department

It is a great pleasure to announce the following students whose work is now showcased in three special art exhibits. The first group is featured at the office of Dr. Curt Healey in downtown Barre and will remain on view through December of 2022. The second group is featured in the principal's office of Mrs. Jen Nye and will remain on view through May. The third group is featured in our very own school art gallery and will remain on view through February. Congratulations to all!



Dr. Healey's Office:

Kindergarten: Lydia Burke, Ezra Lochhead, Mia Milo. 1st grade: Addie Matthews. 2nd grade: Cammie Ball, Gabby Jones, Hayley Perry, Owen Reynolds. 3rd grade: Chloe Barr, Addie Bisson. 4th grade: Sydney Ball, Mila Munroe.

Mrs. Nye's Office:

Kindergarten: Belle Bergeron, Henry Cappetta, Josselyn Jenner, Kennedy Morton, Addison Owen. 1st grade: Charlie Harrington, Mason Williams. 2nd grade: Coleson Franks, Cece Richards. 3rd grade: Flynn Dieckerhoff, Jah'voni Gibson, Graysen Murphy. 4th grade: Parker Duchaine, Carly Martel.

The Gallery at Barre Town:

- All of the students from Mrs. Ball's kindergarten class. The featured project is titled, "Line and Spectrum Painting."
- All of the students from Mrs. Cournoyer's kindergarten class. The featured project is titled, "Silly Shape Face."
- All of the students from Mrs. Lincoln's 2nd grade class. The featured project is collage.
- A group of 5-8 students with the winning entries in this year's Hand Turkey Competition:
 - 5th Grade: Lydia Lemieux, Chloe Geno, Anaia Uthmann, Emily May, Eva Van Orman, Quinn Healey & Seth Fewer
 - 6th Grade: Emma Chappelle Cortez, Alex Darby, Caleb Cascadden, James Marcellus & Lexi Duranleau
 - 7th Grade: Cailea Hosking, Nick French, Carsen Powers & John Kolowitz
 - 8th Grade: Brady Fortier, Riley Kidder & Kylie Feccia
- A group of 8th grade students with their Printmaking projects: Abby Oakes, Gabe Torre, Ella Collins, Landon Ramirez, Zachary Crete, Mercedes Estes, Brady Fortier, Connor Vincent, Drew LaPrade, Brynn Lewis, Riley Kidder, Zachary Parker, Luke Emmons, Maisy Cascadden, and Emma Beede

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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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February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
	Winter Vacation			
28	March 1	2 Return to School		
Winter Vacation				