

**BARRE TOWN MIDDLE AND  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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**TH**thankyou!**U!**

On behalf of BTMES, a HUGE thank you to the voters in our community for supporting the 2022-2023 school budget. Your support is instrumental! Thank you for investing in a strong future for our students.

[Barre Town Community Thank You](#)

*Save The Date!*

**8th Grade Step Up Night**

**Thursday, June 16th**

**6:00 PM**



**March**

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*Barre Town Middle & Elementary School**70 Websterville Road**Barre, VT 05641**802 476-6617**Fax 802 479-5723**Website [www.btmes.org](http://www.btmes.org)***NAEP 2022 PARENT/GUARDIAN NOTIFICATION LETTER****Mathematics & Reading Assessments****February 21, 2022**

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Barre Town Middle and Elementary School will participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) on Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> grade) and Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> (8<sup>th</sup> grade). NAEP is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what students know and can do in various subjects. NAEP is different from our state assessments because it is a common measure of achievement across the country. The assessment is administered by the National Center for Education Statistics, within the U.S. Department of Education. The results are released as The Nation's Report Card, which provides information about student achievement to educators, parents, policymakers, and the public.

Your child may take a mathematics or reading assessment. In addition to subject-area questions, students voluntarily complete NAEP survey questions. These questions provide valuable information about participating students' educational experiences and opportunities to learn both in and outside of the classroom. More information about NAEP survey questions is available at <https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/parents> under the section "What Questions Are on the Test?"

The assessment takes approximately 2 hours for most students, which includes transition time, directions, and completion of survey questions.

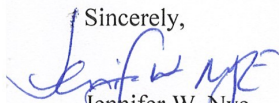

**The information collected is used for statistical purposes only.**

- Your child's grades will not be affected.
- Students may be excused for any reason, are not required to complete the assessment, and may skip any question.
- While the assessment is voluntary, NAEP depends on student participation to help policymakers improve education. However, if you do not want your child to participate, please notify me in writing by Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.

There is no need to study in preparation for NAEP, but please encourage your child to do their best. A brochure that explains what participation in NAEP means for you and your child is available at <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/pdf/parents/2012469.pdf>. Contact Kim Benson at (802) 476-6617 ext. 6305 or at [kbensbte@buusd.org](mailto:kbensbte@buusd.org) if you have any questions.

We are excited that our school is participating in NAEP. We know that Barre Town's students will show what our nation's students know and can do.

Sincerely,

  
Jennifer W. Nye  
Co-Principal  
Erica Pearson  
Co-Principal

*National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) is authorized to conduct NAEP by the National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act (20 U.S.C. §9622) and to collect students' education records from education agencies or institutions for the purposes of evaluating federally supported education programs under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA, 34 CFR §§ 99.31(a)(3)(iii) and 99.35). All of the information provided by participants may be used only for statistical purposes and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose except as required by law (20 U.S.C. §9573 and 6 U.S.C. §151). By law, every NCES employee as well as every NCES agent, such as contractors and NAEP coordinators, has taken an oath and is subject to a jail term of up to 5 years, a fine of \$250,000, or both if he or she willfully discloses ANY identifiable information about participants. Electronic submission of participant's information will be monitored for viruses, malware, and other threats by Federal employees and contractors in accordance with the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015. The collected information will be combined across respondents to produce statistical reports.*





Barre Town Middle and Elementary School is SUPER excited to announce that our Scholastic Book Fair is returning—**March 21st through April 1st!!!**

Scholastic is sending us LOADS of supplies for a “Super Size” Fair full of books, items, and gifts! Our two public events scheduled for March 24th (3:00pm - 7:00pm) and March 25th (8:00am - 7:00pm) will be set up in The Crowley Gym for a full Book Fair experience!

Due to our size limitations during school hours, two smaller displays will be available for students and classrooms to visit. All classrooms will have two times scheduled to visit the school displays privately.



**Our eWallet digital payment option makes Book Fair transactions easy, cashless, and contactless!** It's easy to create an eWallet for your student. Simply add funds or invite family and friends to contribute. Then, shop in-person at the Book Fair or The Scholastic Store Online where you'll discover thousands of products including Book Fair exclusives, new releases, and value packs.



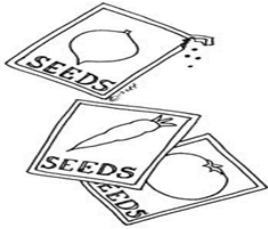
## LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!!!

Volunteers needed for our Scholastic Book Fair! We are looking for people who are interested in helping with set up, public event sales, and pack up of our upcoming book fair.

If you are interested or would like additional information, please contact Bridgett Apfel at (802) 476-6702 or [bapfebte@buusd.org](mailto:bapfebte@buusd.org).

We look forward to talking with you!

## Crops by Kids



Again this year, the seed fundraiser is being done through High Mowing Seeds, an organic seed company located in Wolcott, VT. The orders are **due Monday, March 7, 2022**. This is a quick turnaround time. The seeds should be shipped back to us in late March. Please return the completed seed order form and money to your student's teacher or the front office.

The total money earned for this fundraiser will be listed in the next newsletter.

Happy Gardening....

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

## Running Club

Message to all 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders interested in Running Club:

The Barre Town Running Club is offered to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students who are interested in running and have a desire to get better at the sport of running. The club will meet once a week for 6 weeks (6 practices) and then will participate in a culminating 5K (3.1 miles) race that is on May 21 at the BT bike path.

The club will begin the week of April 4<sup>th</sup>, permission slips will be available from classroom teachers and in the lobby. Practices will be afterschool from 2:30-4:15, either on Mondays or Wednesdays (see permission slip for exact dates). Because this is a running club, please do not sign up if you are not interested in running or cannot attend all 6 practices and the race.



# News From the Art Department



Faith Kingzett, Plate Weaving, grade 3

Congratulations to the following students whose artwork was selected for display in *The Barre Unified Union Art Show*! This is a district-wide exhibit celebrating the artistic achievement of students in grades K-12 from Barre Town Middle and Elementary, Barre City Elementary and Middle, and Spaulding High Schools.

We're so pleased that this special exhibit takes place at the Aldrich Public Library where it can be enjoyed by the general public. The show will run from Saturday, February 12th through Wednesday, March 30th. The work is exhibited downstairs in the "Milne Room." You may view the show during regular library hours: Monday - Friday: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We invite the entire school community to attend!

Enjoy,

*Ms. Leeds and Mr. Pope*

## **Kindergarten:**

Braden Ball, Timmy Bisson, Quinn Henry, Jayce Huskes, Maisy Kingzett, Oliver Lane, Evelyn Martin, Scarlett Munroe, Makayla Peyton, Remy Ray, Lydia Whitcomb, Taryn White

## **1st:**

Cullen Codling, Liam Crowther, Natalie Dupont, Ada Hull, Riley Johnson, Everly Kirkpatrick, Quinn Laferriere, Ainsley LePage, Elodie Moreau, Myles Pelkey

## **2nd:**

Paige Bliss, Lydia Demarias, Myles Douglas, Izzy Elwert, Cooper Estes, Kensi Hull, Renee Kpessé, Josephine Munroe, Brooklyn Parker, Olivia Pelletier, Ryley Stevens

## **3rd:**

Chloe Barr, Zachary Bradley, Raymond Chapin, Ava Christman, Lilo DeJesus, Cyrus Duprey, Cameron Fortier, Reese Hull, Gavin Jones, Faith Kingzett, Harrison Kingzett, Wesley Kirkpatrick, Corbin Larrabee, Alexis Lewis, Olivia Lugowska, Holden Mayo, Jacqueline Perry, Lucy Peterson, James Searles, Ruby Sheeran, Charley Young, Elliot Young

## **4th:**

Aleks Begagayev, Austin Brier, Colton Corbett, Brayden Currier, Zane Demarias, Charlie Elwert, Mira Maas, Jacob Melendy, Josh Melendy, Myla Pinardi, Lauren Smith, Will Tremblay

## **6th:**

Emma Chappelle Cortez

## **8th:**

Emma Beede, Maisy Cascadden, Ella Collins, Zachary Crete, Luke Emmons, Mercedes Estes, Brady Fortier, Drew LaPrade, Brynn Lewis, Riley Kidder, Abby Oakes, Zachary Parker, Landon Ramirez, Gabe Torre, Connor Vincent

# Yearbook News

## Yearbooks For Sale!

The yearbook is available for pre-order (for grades 5-8 ONLY). Yearbooks will only be sold online this year, and must be purchased by April 18th, in order to receive one at the end of the year. They cost \$22.00.

To purchase a yearbook, visit the link below !

[ybpay.lifetouch.com](https://ybpay.lifetouch.com)

School ID: 1968822



## Sports Photos Needed!

Due to some unexpected changes at Lifetouch, we do not have many sports photographs. In order to include these teams in the yearbook, action shots are needed. If you took photos during a student game and are willing to share for yearbook use, please email Jess VanOrman at [jvanobte@buusd.org](mailto:jvanobte@buusd.org). We desperately need photos for the teams listed below, but will take any and all photographs available!



*7th & 8th Grade Fall Soccer (boys & girls)*



*Boys 8th grade Basketball*



## 8th Grade Families!

Baby photos for the yearbook are now being collected. An email was sent to 8th grade students to collect them digitally. Pictures must be a jpeg and submitted using the form below. If pictures are not submitted by the deadline of March 11th, baby photos will not be put into the yearbook. Click the link below to submit the baby photos. <https://forms.gle/4sBFo3UpMrzvhpCp7>

Yearbook Quotes are also being collected from 8th graders. These words accompany the 8th grade portrait in the yearbook. Students must submit a quote by March 11th, or there will be no quote next to their name. Only quotes will be accepted. If students submit call outs to other students or inappropriate quotes, the student will simply not have a quote with their picture in the yearbook. <https://forms.gle/s9dpAi5fFaWrvsxw6>



## Other Events and Happenings



BASA Spring Soccer

Registration Now Open

Ages: 6 to 18 Girls & Boys

Visit Our Website: [www.barresoccer.com](http://www.barresoccer.com)

BARRE YOUTH SPORTS ASSOCIATION  
**REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

**BARRE  
LACROSSE**



- Girls and Boys teams for grades 3-8.
- Season runs from mid March through beginning of June.
- Used equipment may be available for families who need it.
- Visit the website below to register!

[WWW.BARREYOUTHSPORTS.COM/PAGE/SHOW/3247540-LACROSSE](http://WWW.BARREYOUTHSPORTS.COM/PAGE/SHOW/3247540-LACROSSE)

## Other Events and Happenings (con't)



Registration now open for Barre Community Baseball Softball. Find us on FB or go to website [www.barrecommunitybbsb.com](http://www.barrecommunitybbsb.com)

Don't forget to sign up for the free clinics!

 **girl scouts**  
of the green and  
white mountains



### What Do Daisy Girl Scouts Do?

Your girl's dreams are our dreams, and we have fun making them come true together—whether she's into climbing a tree, painting a mural, or making a robot. When she's a Girl Scout, doing her best is always good enough and there are no wrong answers or ideas. Let's get started!

#### Daisy Girl Scouts:

- Grow social skills through virtual or in-personal meetings with other girls their age
- Find new ways to practice kindness, bravery, and generosity
- Earn special badges and pins to wear as a reminder of the new skills they're learning
- Gain confidence and pride in their abilities
- Learn how to run their own businesses
- Explore the outdoors and spend time in nature
- Try out tech and learn cyber basics that help keep them safe online
- Discover how to help their community and make the world a better place
- Join a circle of friendship and fun like no other

**If your girl is going into kindergarten or first grade, Daisies is for her!**  
**Sign up today at [girlscoutsgwm.org/join](http://girlscoutsgwm.org/join).**



March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Town Mtg. Voting at BTMES	2 Return to School	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16 NAEP Testing for Grade 4	17	18 NAEP Testing for Grade 8
21	22 8th Grade Information Night—Virtual Mtg.	23	24	25 Staff Development Day—no school for students
28	29	30	31	



April

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 End of Quarter 3
4	5	6	7	8 Report Cards go home for grades 1-8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
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25	26	27	28	29