

**BARRE TOWN MIDDLE AND
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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April 2022



Step Up Parent Meeting

Dear Parents/Guardians of Eighth Graders:

While it seems that it can't possibly be true, the school year is quickly passing by and we need to be aware that our eighth graders will soon be moving on to high school! As most of you know, Barre Town parents traditionally play a primary role in planning and carrying out the step up/graduation experience for their children.

Preparation for step up/graduation involves two committees on which parents of eighth graders serve to:

- design and put up outside decorations.
- develop a theme and decorate the gym.

Barre Town step up/graduations to date have been wonderful, well thought out, and beautifully implemented events which I am certain will be long remembered both by the students and by their families. This event is typically festive, important, and memorable events.

I have scheduled the following date for parents to meet and to set Step Up 2022 in motion.

Monday, April 11 via Google Meet

5:30-6:00 p.m.

[8th Grade Step Up Meeting](#)

Please join me for the purpose of making the occasion of step up/graduation a memorable event.

Sincerely,

Erica Pearson
Co-Principal



BUUSD School Calendar

Last day of school for students:

Thursday, June 16th

8th Grade Step Up Night:

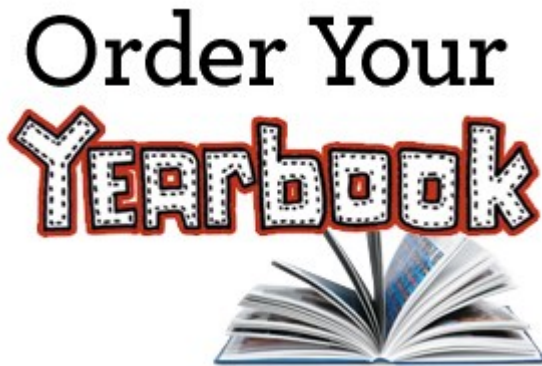
Thursday, June 16th 6pm
More details to follow

[2022-2023 BUUSD School Calendar](#)

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Yearbook 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
School ID: 1968822

Crops by Kids

WOW! The fundraiser was a HUGE success AGAIN this year. We made over \$2500.00! The exact numbers will be published in the May newsletter. Thanks again to all of you, your families, friends and community members who bought seeds from High Mowing Seeds. This is a win-win for all of us; those of you who bought seeds at a reduced rate, the money we make will go towards getting a reliable water supply to the garden, and High Mowing seeds to support their continued success in offering organic seeds as a local company.



Here is a tip to keep flowers looking fresh. If you receive flowers from a store, remove any plastic wrapping and immediately cut the stems at an angle with a sharp knife, about 1-2 inches from the bottom, then place them in fresh water. The angle cut allows the stems to absorb water better.

If you do not have commercial packets to keep flowers fresh, you can make your own. Dissolve 3 tablespoons sugar and 2 tablespoons white vinegar per quart of warm water.

If you are picking flowers from a garden, try to pick early in the day before it gets too hot or in the evening.

Happy Gardening....

Deb Curtis, Garden Coordinator, dcurtbte@buusd.org

PTO News



The PTO will be holding a meeting on Tuesday, April 26th at 6:00 p.m. and we would love to see you there! We are actively recruiting new members and are hoping for inspiration and ideas to get us all connected with the community again. This will be a meeting with in-person and virtual options. If you are interested in attending, please email ptobte@buusd.org for more information.

Other Events and Happenings

Adventure Day
Lotus Lake in Williamstown, VT
May 20, 2022

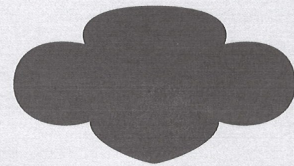


Adventure Day is a fun-filled networking event for children who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or Deaf Blind and in 4th through 12th grade. This event is being organized by UVMHC EHDI program. A complete itinerary and transportation details to follow. Email Tracy Hinck at tracy.hinck@uvmhealth.org to RSVP or with any questions.



You're Invited!
Spa Science

girl scouts
 of the green and
 white mountains



Meet our STEM Van and see the science behind soap, lip gloss, and bath salts, and make your own spa products to take home!

We invite girls Grade 2-8 to meet new friends and learn what Girl Scouts has to offer.

NOT A GIRL SCOUT YET?

This is your opportunity to check us out!

ONCE REGISTERED YOU'LL JOIN IN THE FUN WITH SPA SCIENCE!

**SATURDAY APRIL 2, 2022
 10:30AM-11:30AM**

GSGWM Williston Office 60 Knight Lane Suite 30 Williston, VT

Parents & Caregivers, you're invited, too. Get more information at girlscoutsgwm.org or contact Customer Care at customer care@girlscoutsgwm.org or 888-474-9686.

Not a school sponsored event.

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April 1, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

An important responsibility of the school staff each year is to assign students to a class for the upcoming year. We start the process of completing tentative class groupings in late spring.

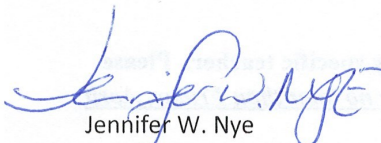
Barre Town Middle and Elementary School places students in ways that best meet their needs. Our goal is to provide equitable opportunities for all students in a balanced classroom environment while accommodating their academic, emotional and social needs. Our staff members consider all of the following points when placing each child.


- a. Students in each classroom who have a positive influence on each other in learning.
- b. A balance of gender equality.
- c. An equal distribution of children enrolled in special programs.
- d. A need to keep classes approximately equal in size and stay within the BTMES Board's class size policy.
- e. Parent input.

We invite you to give us specific information about the learning needs of your child that we may not be aware of, on the back of this letter. You may wish to share information about your child's needs: academic, social, emotional, physical. The information will be considered in conjunction with school information on each child and with the broader needs listed above to complete student placements. This information will be shared with the current and next year's teacher.

Parent information on student placement should be submitted to the front office, no later than Friday, April 18, 2022. Please use the form on the back of this letter for this purpose.

Sincerely,


Jennifer W. Nye
BTMES Co-Principal


Erica Pearson
BTMES Co-Principal


Theodore Mills
BTMES Assistant Principal

**BARRE TOWN MIDDLE AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PARENT/GUARDIAN PLACEMENT INFORMATION FORM
2022-2023 School Year**

This form is designed to provide the teaching teams and administration with parent input regarding the needs of your child. **It is not required.**

STUDENTS NAME:

GRADE IN 22/23 SCHOOL YEAR:

NAME OF CHILD'S CURRENT TEACHER:

This form was completed by:

1. What are your child's greatest academic, social and emotional strengths and needs?
Strengths:

Needs:

2. Describe a learning environment in which your child can be most successful.

3. What additional information would you like to share with us, which we may not be aware of, that you feel would be relevant to your child's class placement?

Completion of this form does not determine or guarantee placement of a student with any specific teacher. Please do not specify the name of a particular teacher. **Please return this form to the front office no later than Friday, April 18, 2022. Thank you.**

If you need a paper copy or would like a electronic version, please reach out to Betsy Pearce at bpearbte@buusd.org.

Understanding Tick Bites and Lyme Disease



How to prevent tick bites



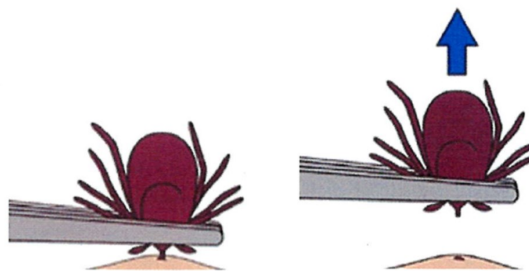
Ticks can spread disease, including Lyme disease.

Protect yourself:

- Use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellents containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus, para-menthane-diol, or 2-undecanone. Always follow product instructions.
- Wear clothing treated with permethrin.
- Shower as soon as possible after spending time outdoors.
- Check for ticks daily. Ticks can hide under the armpits, behind the knees, in the hair, and in the groin.
- Tumble clothes in a dryer on high heat for 10 minutes to kill ticks on dry clothing after you come indoors. If the clothes are damp, additional time may be needed.

How to remove a tick

1. Use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible.
2. Pull upward with steady, even pressure to remove the tick. Avoid twisting or jerking.
3. Clean the bite area and your hands with rubbing alcohol or soap and water.



Notes:

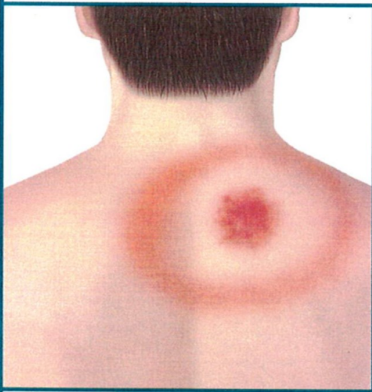
- Remove the tick as soon as possible to reduce your chances of getting an infection from the tick bite.
- Don't use nail polish, petroleum jelly, or a hot match to make the tick detach.
- If tick mouthparts remain in the skin, leave them alone. In most cases, they will fall out in a few days.



U.S. Department of
Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention



Facial paralysis.



Bull's eye rash on the back.



Arthritic knee.

When to see your healthcare provider

If you develop a rash, fever, exhaustion, or joint and muscle aches within several weeks of removing a tick or spending time in tick habitat, see your healthcare provider. Be sure to mention your recent tick bite and when it happened, or that you've spent time in places where ticks may live.

If left untreated, Lyme disease can affect the joints, heart, or nervous system.

Antibiotics treat Lyme disease

People treated with antibiotics in the early stages of Lyme disease usually recover rapidly and completely. The antibiotics most commonly used to treat Lyme disease include: doxycycline, amoxicillin, or cefuroxime axetil.

Looking ahead to recovery

Rest and take antibiotics as prescribed. Recovery may take several weeks or longer.

Some people wonder if there is a test to confirm that they are cured, but there is no such test. Retesting for Lyme disease is not recommended because blood tests might be positive for months or years after you have been treated. A positive test doesn't mean you are still infected. It simply means that your immune system remembers your infection.

You can get Lyme disease again if you are bitten by another infected tick, so protect yourself from tick bites.



**For more information see www.cdc.gov/Lyme
and www.cdc.gov/Ticks**

April

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 End of Quarter 3
4	5	6	7	8 Report cards go home with all students, Gr 1-8
11	12	13	14 School Board Meeting—5:30 pm	15
18	19	20	21	22
Spring Vacation				
25	26	27	28	29



May

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