

# Barre City Elementary & Middle School Newsletter

December 11, 2023

## Message from Mrs. Waterhouse

Our winter season seems to be starting off with some complicated weather events! If you did not receive a **Remind message** indicating our delay, which subsequently was changed to closure, please contact Nicole Gallup at [ngallbce@buusd.org](mailto:ngallbce@buusd.org) to set up your contact. We want to make sure our families receive notices as quickly as possible.

Please mark your calendar for our Middle School **Winter Concert on December 20 at 6:30 PM**. We will hold a **Spaghetti Dinner from 4:30 PM to 6:15 PM** before the concert and hope that this can be a wonderful family event!

**December 22** will be our last student day before our winter break. We will be having an **early release** on that day. This means that there will be no PreK that day and students will be released at 12:15 PM.

Please contact me with questions at any time. My email address is [bwatebce@buusd.org](mailto:bwatebce@buusd.org). For immediate needs, please contact our main office at (802)476-6541.

*-Brenda Waterhouse*



## Student Needs

We appreciate the winter items we have received and are still accepting coats, ski pants, and boots of various children's sizes. Mittens and gloves are always appreciated, too. If you have gently used items that fit our needs and need to rehome them, please feel free to drop them off at our office. We have plenty in need and can help redistribute these resources. If you have questions or have needs, please contact Rebecca Barruzzi at [rbarrbsu@buusd.org](mailto:rbarrbsu@buusd.org) or Melissa Greenwood at [mgreebce@buusd.org](mailto:mgreebce@buusd.org).

## Students & Staff of the Week

Please help us congratulate our Student and Staff of the Week - recognizing those that help make our school community a wonderful place by their efforts, making progress for themselves or simply being *Kind, Safe and Responsible!* This week's Students & Staff of the Week are:

- Kindergarten: **Owen Hathaway**
- 1st Grade: **Michael Bickmore**
- 2nd Grade: **Abby Brodie, Annika Martinez, Harper Maurais, Mariah Rosa & Alexis Seirgiey**
- 3rd Grade: **Hailey Conner & Garrett Ross**
- 4th Grade: **Lenora Grant & Jacob McMurray**
- 5th Grade: **Jaxson Jewett**
- 6th Grade: **Grant Curtis**
- 8th Grade: **Alek Abdella, Cooper Dupont, Devontay DeMatteo, Emilia Palmisano, Ryver Plumley & Julina Thorng**
- Staff: **Lisa Felch** (Grade 1 Teacher), **Roberta Melnick** (Grade 3 Teacher), **Lori Robinson** (Custodial Staff), **Chelsea Smith** (Paraeducator), **Brendan Walker** (PE Teacher & AD) & **Deb Washburn** (Custodial Staff)

We appreciate contributions big and small that make our school community great!

## PTO

We have two upcoming events that we could use support with.

- The first is the Spaghetti Dinner on December 20 from 4:30-6:15 PM. Whether helping with cleanup or supporting us through attending, we look forward to a big turnout. We will also be raffling off prizes at the dinner.
- We will be providing the BCEMS staff an appreciation breakfast on December 21. We could use assistance with set up (7:30 AM) and/or clean up (8:45 AM).

If anyone is available to help with either event, please contact [ptobce@buusd.org](mailto:ptobce@buusd.org).

Thanks for all your support!

Don't forget to check out our PTO School Store: [online store](#)

We are always looking for new members - big or small, we appreciate any support you can give us and the students of BCEMS! Please email us at [ptobce@buusd.org](mailto:ptobce@buusd.org) with questions or interest.

Want to know more?! Check out our [Newsletter!](#)

## Athletics

**December 11 - 15:** This is the final full week of practices before games begin in the Winter Athletics season. Unless otherwise informed by a Coach or the Athletic Director via Remind or email, all teams will practice at their normally scheduled practice times for the entire week:

- 7th/8th Girls - 4:00 - 5:30 PM
- 7th Boys - 5:30 - 7 PM
- 8th Boys - 7 - 8:30 PM

\* All athletes must have completed a minimum of 7 practices prior to competing in any games.

\* A full day of school attendance is required for athletes to participate in any games or practices unless they are absent for a portion of the day for the following reasons: medical, therapeutic, court, etc appointments, per the school handbook.

**December 18** - Games will kick off for all teams December 18th at Barre City against Northfield and Saint Monica's - Saint Michael's. The 7th grade boys will play first at 5 PM against SMSM, followed by the girls at 6 PM and the 8th grade boys at 7 PM, who will both play against Northfield.

**December 19** - Practice for all teams at their normally scheduled time

- 7th/8th Girls - 4:00 - 5:30 PM
- 7th Boys - 5:30 - 7 PM
- 8th Boys - 7 - 8:30 PM

**December 20** - No practices - Winter Concert & Spaghetti Dinner - Come out and support our Middle School Band and Chorus

**December 21** - Home games against White River Valley and SMSM. The girls will play first against WRV at 5 PM followed by the 7th grade boys, also against WRV at 6 PM before the 8th grade boys team caps the night off at 7 PM against SMSM.

**December 22** - No practices - Enjoy winter break!

## Barre City Way: Poster Contest

The students of Studio BC are holding a BCW Poster Contest. All BCEMS students are eligible to submit their posters by December 18 that promote being Kind, Safe and/or Responsible. All posters will be displayed and the winners will be selected by the Studio BC students.

For more information or questions, please contact Mike Martin at [mmartbce@buusd.org](mailto:mmartbce@buusd.org).