

Barre City Elementary & Middle School Newsletter

December 18, 2023

Message from Mrs. Waterhouse

As always, safety is of utmost importance to all of us in the BCEMS community. We will be conducting an **Egress/Evacuation Drill** this week to continue practicing our safety procedures. A *Remind* message will be sent when the drill is conducted to assure families that it is only a drill.

This week, our Students on the Move are organizing a Spirit Week! Help show school spirit by participating in one or more of our fun days: **Monday - Festive Feet:** Wear your Fuzzy festive socks; **Tuesday - Sweater Weather:** Wear your favorite cute, ugly, or favorite sweater; **Wednesday - Candy Cane Day:** Wear Red and or Stripes of any Color; **Thursday - Snowflake Day/Solstice Day:** Wear white and make snowflakes during your TA or morning meeting time or wear black in celebration of the shortest daylight day of the year; **Friday - Comfy Day:** Comfy Clothes Day! Wear your comfy clothes, get ready for your Break! Clothing must be appropriate.

Our Middle School **Winter Concert is on Wednesday, 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!

Friday, December 22 will be our last student day before our winter break. We will be having an **early release at 12:15 PM**, which means that there will be no PreK that day.

I want to wish each and every family a safe and joyous break. Wishing everyone peace and kindness in the new year! We will be returning on Tuesday, January 2, 2024!

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

-Brenda Waterhouse



Barre City Way Celebrates Solstice

On Thursday, December 21, we will be experiencing Solstice - the shortest day of the year. Our students are studying about various traditions and cultures, including the celebration of light. We will be doing our version of celebrating light with a bonfire, hot chocolate and music! We hope this will become an annual tradition where our students can continue to create memories with their friends!

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: **Alexavier Camacho**
- 1st Grade: **Duane Luce**
- 2nd Grade: **Quinn Byrne & Levi Grant**
- 3rd Grade: **Islynn Deyo & Maddux Sneed**
- 4th Grade: **Mika Smith**
- 5th Grade: **Neikho Hughlett & Brendan Wilder**
- 6th Grade: **Madilyn Blandin & Tyler Parker**
- 8th Grade: **Levi Rogers**

- Staff: **Laurie Byrd** (Custodial Staff), **Andrea Cechak** (MS Band Teacher), **Sarah Jordan** (Behavior Specialist), **Eirene Mavodones** (MS Art Teacher)

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 **Spaghetti Dinner is 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 selling **raffle** tickets at the dinner. **Prizes** include: Gift cards from AR Market, Exile on Main Street, More Block Deli, KittyKorner Cafe/Forget Me Not Flowers, Harry & Lloyd's, Dominoes; a Scentsy Cleaning gift basket; a winter sled; a bird feeder with seed; a 5 gallon bucket; a bicycle helmet; a handmade apron; a large pack of holiday gift wrap; and 2 backpacks.
- We will be providing the BCEMS staff with 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 or interested in joining PTO, please contact ptobce@buusd.org. Thank you for all the support!

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

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

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 or Melissa Greenwood at mgreebce@buusd.org.

Athletics

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.