



# BERLIN BOBCAT BEAT

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Dear Berlin Families,

It's hard to imagine that June is around the corner. We have 3 big weeks to go with much to do! Each year, I promote the message to "Finish Strong." At our assemblies and with students and staff, we've encouraged everyone to work hard until the very end of year. We've encouraged students to not 'coast' but rather to dig deep and do their best through the end of the year. This is also a lifelong, positive character trait. In a job, a task, or in daily life, we hope we can instill a sense of completing something to its fullest in our students.

We also have important events coming up. Information on dates are included in this newsletter. Our PTNA picnic, families are invited, is June 13th. Graduation for 6th grade is June 14th beginning at 6:00pm in the school gym. Our last day of school for students and step up day, where students will meet their teacher for next year, is June 16th.

We'd also like to again share our grade level structure and teachers for next year.

K- Dessureau

K- Rogers

1- Maring

2- Turcotte

2- Rob

3- Downing

4- Miller

4- Wagner

5/6- Knapp, Egizi

Information about next year's teacher will accompany end of year report cards.

Have a nice Memorial Day Weekend,

Aaron Boynton, Principal

# Farm to School

## Mission Statement

BES strives to promote health & wellness education & experiences by coordinating the Classroom, Cafeteria and Community

On May 1st students from the Central Vermont Career Center helped prepare the Ann Burke Community garden for spring planting.

Over the coming weeks, students from BES will be involved in numerous learning opportunities in the garden.

We are looking for families to volunteer a time or two during the summer to help with garden maintenance by watering, maybe a little weeding and summer berry harvesting. There is a signup calendar on the wall near the office.



# WCUUSD School Board

Your attendance at school board meetings is encouraged and welcomed. The schedule can be found at <https://www.wcsu32.org/domain/525>. Next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 21, at 6:00 PM. To attend a meeting via google meets: Click on the link below and go to the Board meeting resources. Then, click on the meeting you wish to attend to find the link. <https://www.wcsu32.org/domain/272>

## Current School Board Members

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## **WCUUSD Bus Transportation Request for School Year 2023-2024**

Below is a link to a form to consent to our student transportation policies and request transportation for the 2023-2024 School Year. Please fill out this form and submit by Friday, June 9.

**This form does not guarantee where your bus stop will be located. If your student will need a stop at a before or after school care location, please contact your school with this information.**

**\*\* This form is required, even if you previously completed transportation information via the Infinite Campus Parent Portal, or on-line registration.  
\*\***

Please contact your school with any questions.

**~ PLEASE COMPLETE ONE FORM PER STUDENT ~**

**\*Please note that if you have an Exchange Student, Tuition Student or a Lottery Student from outside the WCUUSD, you are required to provide your own transportation to and from school.**

**<https://forms.gle/vjSesSAZT9jKK57C9>**

# WASHINGTON CENTRAL UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

## 2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Rumney (Middlesex), Doty (Worcester) and U-32

AUGUST					SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER					NOVEMBER				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
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14	15	16	17	18	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	13	14	15	16	17
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2 Student Days 5 Teacher Days					20 Student Days 20 Teacher Days					21 Student Days 21 Teacher Days					18 Student Days 19 Teacher Days				
8/25 Teacher Flex Day 8/28, 8/29 Inservice 8/30 First Day All Elementary Students and U-32 gr. 10-11-12 8/31 First Day U-32 gr. 7-8-9					9/1 U-32 All Students 9/4 Holiday (Labor Day)					10/9 Holiday (Indigenous Peoples Day)					11/10 Family Conferences 11/22 - 24 Vacation				
DECEMBER					JANUARY					FEBRUARY					MARCH				
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18	19	20	21	22	22	23	24	25	26	19	20	21	22	23	18	19	20	21	(22)
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16 Student Days 16 Teacher Days					20 Student Days 21 Teacher Days					17 Student Days 17 Teacher Days					17 Student Days 18 Teacher Days				
12/23-1/1 Vacation					1/15 Holiday (MLK) 1/16 Inservice Day					2/24-3/5 Winter Break					2/24-3/5 Winter Break 3/22 Family Conferences				
APRIL					MAY					JUNE					<b>Notes</b> ( ) = Inservice Days: No School Students / required for teachers  * = Holidays/Vacations  Dismiss at 2:05 for U-32 and 3:00 for Elementary Schools  Total Student Days = 178 Total Teacher Days = 185  Final – Approved by the WCUUSD School Board on 4/19/223				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F					
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29	30				*	28	29	30	31										
17 Student Days 17 Teacher Days					22 School Days 22 Teacher Days					8 Student Days 9 Teacher Days									
4/24-28 Spring Break					5/29 Holiday (Memorial Day)					6/12 Last day ½ day students (pending snow days); 1/2-day grading 6/13 Inservice 6/14 U-32 Graduation 6/19 Holiday (Juneteenth) 6/13, 14, 17, 18, 20 Contingency days									
<b>Semester Schedule</b>										<b>Teacher Inservice Days</b> 8/25 Teacher Flexible Prep Day 8/28, 8/29 Pre Inservice 11/10 Family Conferences 1/16 Teacher Inservice/ ½ Professional Work Day 3/22 Family Conferences 6/13 Teacher Inservice/ ½ Professional Work Day (pending contingency days)									
1 <sup>st</sup> Marking Period Ends 10/30/23 2 <sup>nd</sup> Marking Period Ends 1/12/24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Marking Period Ends 3/28/24 4 <sup>th</sup> Marking Period Ends 6/12/24																			



## Upcoming Events

- \* Friday, May 26, 2:30 at BES - **Memorial Day Observance** - Families are welcome to attend.
- \* Tuesday, May 30— **PBIS earned extra recess**
- \* Field Trips:
  - Thursday, May 25 - Grades 3&4 - Shelburne Museum
  - Thursday, June 1 - Kindergarten - VINS
  - Friday, June 2 - Grade 6 - Step Up Day at U32
  - Monday, June 5 - Grade 1 - Book Buddies at U32
  - Friday, June 9 - Grades 1&2 - ECHO
  - Monday, June 12 - Grades 5&6 - Spirit of Ethan Allen
- \* Monday, June 5, 6:00 at U32- BES Musical **"Ms. Nelson is Missing"**
- \* Tuesday, June 6, 6:00 at U32 - BES Musical **"Ms. Nelson is Missing"**  
 Parents and Students participating should refer to the Rehearsal and Performance Schedule for practice times
- \* Tuesday, June 13th - **End of Year PTNA Picnic**
- \* Wednesday, June 14th 6:00 at BES- **Sixth Grade Graduation**
- \* Friday, June 16 - **Last Day of School** - Dismissal at 12:30
- \* Wednesday, August 30 - **First Day of 23/24 School Year (3:00 dismissal)**





### Swim Lessons for Berlin Residents!

The Berlin Recreation committee will again be subsidizing swim lessons through the Montpelier Recreation Department for Berlin residents.

Please fill out the attached form and submit directly to the Montpelier Recreation Department. The fee for Berlin residents will be \$35 (Berlin Rec will subsidize \$25 per child).

**Please only pay Montpelier rec \$35 – no refunds will be given.**

Once you've submitted your paperwork to Montpelier Rec, please email [hannah.e.conner@gmail.com](mailto:hannah.e.conner@gmail.com) so I can add your name to my list.



# Montpelier Recreation Department Swimming Lessons 2023

58 Barre Street Montpelier, VT 05602 | 802-225-8699 | [www.montpelier-vt.org](http://www.montpelier-vt.org)

Please be sure that if you have never participated in a Montpelier Recreation Program that you also fill out a household creation form and attach it to this form. Thank You! **Please Print Clearly**

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fee per Session: ☐ Montpelier Residents: \$40.00 ☐ Non-Residents: \$60.00

Descriptions for the levels are located on the back of this page. Please locate the correct level and time in the table below. Circle the section you wish to register for. Maximum class size for each level is 10 participants.

## Session 1: July 10 - July 21

10:30am - 11:00am	11:15am - 11:45am	4:30pm - 5:00pm	5:15pm - 5:45pm
1121A: Level 1-Tadpoles	1111B: Level PK-Tiny Tots	1121C: Level 1 - Tadpoles	1111D: Level PK-Tiny Tots
1131A: Level 2 - Frogs	1151B: Level 4 - Dolphins	1131C: Level 2 - Frogs	1121D: Level 1-Tadpoles
1141A: Level 3-Swordfish	1161B: Level 5 - Sharks	1141C: Level 3 - Swordfish	1131D: Level 2 - Frogs
1151A: Level 4-Dolphins	1171B: Level 6		
<b>CAMPERS ONLY : 3:00 - 3:30: Circle One</b> 1121E: Level 1    1131E: Level 2    1141E: Level 3			

## Session 2: July 31 - August 11

10:30am - 11:00am	11:15am - 11:45am	4:30pm - 5:00pm	5:15pm - 5:45pm
1122A: Level 1-Tadpoles	1112B: Level PK-Tiny Tots	1122C: Level 1 - Tadpoles	1112D: Level PK-Tiny Tots
1132A: Level 2 - Frogs	1152B: Level 4 - Dolphins	1132C: Level 2 - Frogs	1122D: Level 1-Tadpoles
1142A: Level 3-Swordfish	1162B: Level 5 - Sharks	1142C: Level 3 - Swordfish	1132D: Level 2 - Frogs
1152A: Level 4-Dolphins	1172B: Level 6		
<b>CAMPERS ONLY : 3:00 - 3:30: Circle One</b> 1122E: Level 1    1132E: Level 2    1142E: Level 3			

Description of levels and Waiver are on the back page.

Continue to second page on back.



Montpelier Recreation Department - 2023 Summer Program Registration Form  
**RETURN FORM TO: Rec Center at 55 Barre Street Montpelier, VT 05602 |802-225-8699**

At the first day of swim lessons, all participants are evaluated to make sure they are all in the correct level.  
If needed, we will then place the participants in the correct level as soon as possible.

**DECRPTION OF SWIM LEVELS**

**Level PK - Tiny Tots:** Our program is for children 5 and under who have not been to kindergarten. It is required that a parent accompany their child in the water. You will learn to work with your child on pre-swimming skills that are provided by a qualified instructor. In case of cold and/or rainy weather, lessons will be cancelled.

**Level 1 - Tadpoles:** Learn basic personal water safety information and skills to help participants feel comfortable in the water and to enjoy the water safely. Participants will learn elementary aquatic skills such as floating, gliding, and breath control, which they will build on as they progress through the six learn-to-swim levels. Participants will also learn to safely enter and exit the water independently and begin to learn to recover from floating and gliding into a vertical position.

**Level 2 - Frogs:** Gives participants success with fundamental skills. This level marks the beginning of true locomotion skills. Participants continue to explore simultaneous and alternating arm and leg actions on the front and back to lay the foundation for future strokes. Participants will learn to step into chest deep water, perform front and back floats and return to a vertical position, as well as swim on the front using a combined arm and leg action for 5 body-lengths. Frogs is for children who have passed Tadpoles.

**Level 3 - Swordfish:** Participants will learn the survival float, the elementary backstroke and to coordinate the front crawl. They are introduced to the scissors kick and build on the fundamentals of treading water. Participants also learn rules for headfirst entries and begin to learn to enter the water headfirst from the rafts. Swordfish is for children who have passed Frogs.

**Level 4 - Dolphins:** Developing confidence in the strokes learned thus far and to improve other aquatic skills. Participants improve their skills and increase their endurance by swimming familiar strokes such as the front crawl and elementary backstroke for greater distances. Students also continue to build upon the scissors kick by adding the arms for sidestroke and butterfly. The back crawl and the breaststroke are introduced in this level. Dolphins is for children who have passed Swordfish.

**Level 5 - Sharks:** Coordinating and refining strokes. Participants refine their performance of all the strokes including the front crawl, back crawl, butterfly, breaststroke, elementary backstroke, sidestroke, and increase their swimming distances. Children must have completed Dolphins.

**Level Six:** Refining the strokes so students swim them with ease, efficiency, power and smoothness over greater distances. Children must have passed Sharks.

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**WAIVER RELEASE:** I assume all risk and hazards incidental to such participation, including transportation to and from activity, and I herby waive, release, absolve, and agree to hold harmless the City of Montpelier Recreation Department, their officers, agents, officials, employees, volunteers, the organizers, sponsors, supervisors and participants for any claim arising out of any injury to my child or myself.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount \$\_\_\_\_\_ Please Return with Cash or Check Payment, Thank You!

Office Use Only

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ Received By \_\_\_\_\_ Date Entered \_\_\_\_\_ Payment Entered \_\_\_\_\_



## THE BOOSTERS WELCOME YOU TO U32!

As your 6th grader gets ready to enter U32, what better way for them to start than with RAIDERS GEAR!

Please shop our online store by clicking on the link below. This store is only open for a limited time (closes April 30th) So that apparel can be in before the 6th grade graduations.

<https://kevinsmithsports.chipply.com/U32SPIRIT23/>

PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK WHICH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL YOU ARE FROM

Once the orders are shipped to me I will sort them out and get them to the different elementary schools for you to pick up.

If you have any questions please reach out ot me

Jodi Parker

[jparker@u32.org](mailto:jparker@u32.org)



**ARE YOU ENERGETIC & POSITIVE?  
DO YOU ENJOY ENGAGING WITH KIDS?**

**CURRENT OPENING**

# Summer Activities Coordinator

**Join Our Team!** Highgate Apartments is seeking a Summer Activities Coordinator to work with kids, ages 5-12, from mid-June thru mid-August. 25-40 hrs per week. Flexible schedule.



**Apply today!** Contact Diane Badger at Highgate Apartments:  
Tel: (802) 476-8645 or Email: [highgate@maloneyproperties.com](mailto:highgate@maloneyproperties.com)  
US Relay: #711

**EEO**





# Summer Camps

Register today!  
Sliding-scale tuition  
is available, learn  
more online.

<i>Week of</i>	<i>Summer Camp</i>	<i>Age Group</i>
June 19	Camp Adagio	9-18
June 26	● Musical Arts Camp	7-12
July 5	Music Moves Us	7-12
July 10	● Steel Drum Camp	9-14
July 17	● Adventure Into The Arts	7-12
July 24	Jazz Camp	12-18
July 24	● Music Discoveries	4-7
July 31	● Music Discoveries	4-7
August 7	● Music Discoveries	4-7
August 14	● Music Discoveries	4-7
August 14	● Musical Theater Arts	7-12
August 21	Musical Theater Arts: Scenes & Songs	8-12

● = Waitlist only

Registration is open now!

[mcmcvf.org](http://mcmcvf.org)



Summer Camps



A chamber music camp for young musicians.

The focus of the camp is to promote independent musicians. The ensembles, which consist of 3–5 members, are made up of students with similar proficiency levels. The music faculty will guide the students on how to independently rehearse. In the general sessions the faculty will guide the students through the fundamentals of tone production, rhythmic understanding, intonation and listening.

June 19 – June 23, 9am–3pm  
Tuition: \$450 or sliding scale



Ages 9–18yrs

Registration is open now!

[mcmcvt.org](http://mcmcvt.org)

Campio  
Adagio





**Summer Camps**



**Summer vibe standard repertoire of Jazz.**

The summer Jazz students will be studying and rehearsing the standard repertoire of Jazz in ensembles. They will be improving their ensemble skills, including blending tone, integrating rhythm, matching pitch, and balancing volume. There will also be ample time for improvisational skills. Students must submit the instrument they wish to play at camp ahead of time.

**July 24 – July 28, 9am–3pm**  
**Tuition: \$450 or sliding scale**



**Ages 12–18yrs**

**Registration is open now!**

**mcmcvt.org**

**Jazz  
Camp**

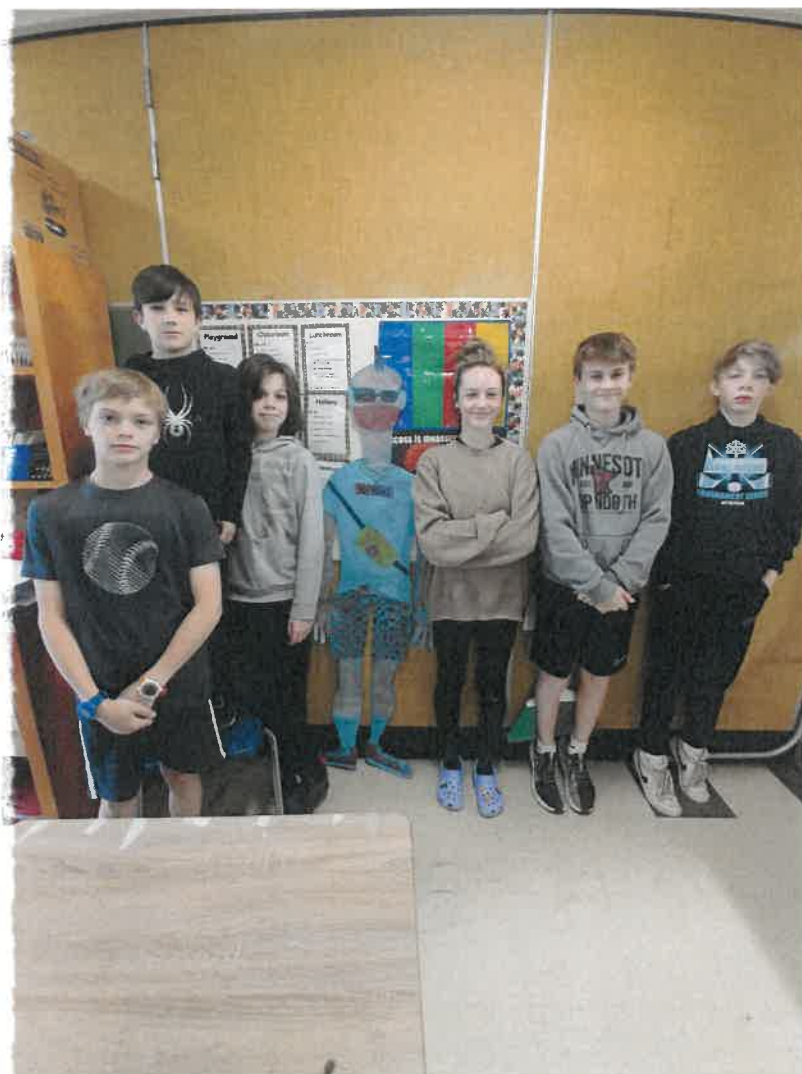




# **BERLIN BOBCAT BEAT**

## *Photo Gallery*

**Mrs. Knapp's 5th and 6th-grade** WIN group recently completed a project that incorporated measurement and statistics. The students constructed an average-sized 5th and 6th-grade "new" student based on their own body measurements. They used these measurements and the measurement means (averages) of the entire class to construct their "new" classmate.



Ms. Maring's first grade class earned a class costume day!





## Costume Day! - A PBIS celebration



Staff







Ms. Egizi's 5th & 6th Grade









## Self-Reading in Ms. Maring's first grade class.





# ART SHOW





## CONCERT









It get's a little wild in the office at this time of year!





As of May 26th there are 14 school days left in this year!!! The countdown is on!