

# Barre City Elementary & Middle School Newsletter

March 18, 2024

## Message from Mrs. Waterhouse

Some may have noticed that we have had some classroom closures or that we have had postings for positions. As a district, we have multiple **positions** available, as does our food service and bus company. At BCEMS, our most urgent need is substitutes and special education support staff. If interested in applying, please see our [district website](#) or contact Laura Potter at [lpottbsu@buusd.org](mailto:lpottbsu@buusd.org).

**Middle School Yearbooks:** Middle School Yearbooks are currently on sale for \$27. Order forms are available at the office or you can contact Tara Martin at [tmartbce@buusd.org](mailto:tmartbce@buusd.org). Parents of 8th graders!!! Please email a picture of your child as a baby/toddler to [tmartbce@buusd.org](mailto:tmartbce@buusd.org) for placement in the yearbook.

Please help us **keep our campus safe!** Handicap parking is reserved for those with proper handicap tags and this is to allow adults and students with mobility challenges to access our campus. Additionally, only PreK and Kindergarten children should be dropped off and picked up in the visitor parking area. Our pick up and drop off area by the generator allows for cars to transition more efficiently and safely for all. We appreciate everyone's support.

This time of year is challenging to manage the temperature of the building and to know what to expect for outdoor conditions. We highly recommend **dressing students in layers** so that they can add and subtract the layers as the temperatures dictate. Also, the outside areas can be muddy and wet, so it is recommended to have **rubber boots**. **Extra clothes in case of getting wet** are also highly recommended.

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*



## After School Tutoring

Aldrich Library is starting a drop-in tutoring club for middle school students after school. Students in grades 5-8 can bring academic work to the library from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM on Mondays and Wednesdays. From 4 PM to 4:45 PM, trained tutors on hand will have curricula, computers, and a quiet space. From 4:45 PM to 5:30 PM, students can stay for a fun creative activity. On Mondays, Samn Stockwell, city council member and professor, will lead poetry work. On Wednesdays, Dierdra Michelle, a studio artist, will be leading crafts. Snacks will be provided. Students do not need to sign up in advance but must find their own transportation. Please call 802-476-7550 or email [aldrichteens@gmail.com](mailto:aldrichteens@gmail.com) for questions.

## Message from Brandon Walker, Athletic Director

A baseball & softball informational **Parent-Player meeting will be held on March 25 at 5:30 PM** in the BCEMS library. Team expectations, season dates, and other logistics will be covered at the meeting.

### Important upcoming dates to remember:

March 25, 2024 - 5:30 PM - BCEMS Library - Baseball & Softball Parent-Player Info Meeting

April 1, 2024 - 4:00 - 5:30 PM - BCEMS Athletic Fields - 1st day of Baseball & Softball Practice

## 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: **Colton Curtis & Liza LaCourse**
- 1st Grade: **Scarlett Richling**
- 2nd Grade: **Dominique Chartier-Schmidt & Ezra Marshall**
- 3rd Grade: **Liliana Cottle & Hannah Masi**
- 4th Grade: **Taylor Rock & Ms. Schenkman's Class - Peter Brodie, Gwendolyn Brunner, Eli Bushey, Holly Dailey, Devon Herring, Zhamien Hughlett, Damani Jones, Lindsay Page, Cailee Parker, Warden Rancourt, Justin Thorng, Noah Tucker, Zachary Wheelles**
- 5th Grade: **Arya Dane**
  
- Staff: **Karen Guthrie** (MS ELA Teacher), **Bernadette Guyette** (Permanent Substitute), **James Macomber** (Maintenance), **Rebecca McSheffrey** (Interventionist), **Brian O'Connor** (Maintenance), **Dylan Otis** (Paraeducator) & **Sarah Scribner** (Student Support Specialist)

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

## PTO

**BOOKFAIR: Our Scholastic Book Fair is March 18 - 22.** Please see our Fair [homepage link](#). We have an [eWallet](#) for anyone in the community to donate. The funds are to ensure each student gets a book during our Book Fair. Any extra will go to a school-wide PTO fund. The PTO will match all eWallet donations (up to \$1000). Please know that the link says it is for 4th grade, but that is how it needed to be set up and the funds will be distributed to those in need. **The evening Book shopping event is Thursday, March 21, from 5 - 7 PM** in the library. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to look at book offerings with their children. There are also items available during that time that will not be available during the day hours.

**BAKE SALE:** We are also preparing for our bake sale at the Barre Recreational Easter Egg Hunt on **March 30**. The hunt starts at 10 AM. We are still in need of a few more baked goods. If you are able to donate a baked good, please [sign up](#).

**BCEMS PTO [Amazon Wishlist](#).** Many have asked how they can help, so our PTO has created a Wishlist to make it easy! We will be updating as needs arise. Thank you for all the continued support! We couldn't support our students and staff without our community!

All our fundraisers directly impact our students and help to expand their educational opportunities. If interested in joining PTO or helping with one or more events, please contact [ptobce@buusd.org](mailto:ptobce@buusd.org). We want to encourage parents/guardians to sign up to volunteer for PTO events or activities. If you haven't completed the [volunteer form](#) (which requires a background clearance), we suggest doing so now, as it takes a couple of weeks and we know the spring is full of opportunities to chaperone and help PTO and/or classrooms.

**PTO MONTHLY MEETING:** Our next PTO meeting is on **April 2**. This will be our annual meeting to determine officers.

Don't forget to check out our PTO School Store: [online store](#) and our [Newsletter](#). The Online Store has new spring apparel items added, so take a look! Get your Bulldog gear and show your spirit!