

Barre City Elementary & Middle School Newsletter

March 25, 2024

Message from Mrs. Waterhouse

Important Dates:

- **March 25** - Parent-Player Meeting (at 5:30 PM) for Spring Sports
- **March 27** - Originally an Early Release Day, this is now a Regular School Day
- **March 28** - I Matter You Matter Day
- **April 8** - All BUUSD Schools will be Closed
- **April 10** - Progress Reports sent home
- **April 11** - Early Release Day (dismissal at 12:15); Parent Teacher Conferences 1 PM to 7 PM
- **April 18 & 19** - PreK and Kindergarten Screening & Open House (No School for PreK & K)
- **April 22 - 26** - Break: All BUUSD Schools will be Closed

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.

This time of year is challenging with varying building temperatures and 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. For immediate needs, please contact our main office at (802)476-6541.

-Brenda Waterhouse



World Wide I Matter You Matter

March 28 is World-Wide I Matter, You Matter Day! This is a day to take a moment and recognize that we each matter and to share a message as simple as “I appreciate your smile each day”, which can make a difference in a person’s day and such small acts overall impact the lives of many. But it is also a day to recognize you, yourself matter. If you can not appreciate that you matter, it is hard to grow as a learner or a community member.

Take a moment to stop, take a deep breath, say “I matter...” to yourself: Then remind your family, friends, work associates, caregivers, healthcare workers, service people and people you may not know that each one of us matters. It’s as simple as a smile, a word, a hug, a wave, an email, a text, a tweet, a phone call, whatever... Post it on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram! Have Fun! Be Creative! Celebrate Your Way! Help spread the word and feel free to [share](#) with us how you celebrated I Matter You Matter Day.

Each one of us does matter!

Message from Brandon Walker, AD

The spring athletics season is knocking at our door! The **baseball and softball parent-player informational meeting is Monday, March 25 at 5:30 PM** in the BCEMS library. For those unable to attend a document highlighting key information and expectations will be shared later in the week.

Softball is open to grades 6-8 to field an adequate roster, while baseball is open to grades 7-8 and we currently anticipate 2 teams! **Practice for both baseball and softball will begin April 1** with teams practicing in the gymnasium or the BOR. A schedule that identifies the team’s practice location will be shared each week.

A Remind thread will be created and shared this week for all pertinent practice, game, and dismissal updates for the spring season.

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: **Emberly Torres**
- 1st Grade: **Charlotte Laird**
- 2nd Grade: **Bradley Grenier**
- 3rd Grade: **Juno Carr**
- 4th Grade: **Laylah LaPlant**
- 6th Grade: **Piper Ewen**
- 7th Grade: **Gianna Monti, Kylie Untiedt**
- 8th Grade: **Lilli Anderson, Amalia Comolli, David Lemery, Blayne Smedy**
- Staff: **Erin Baldwin** (Paraeducator), **Traci Clark** (Grade 1 Teacher), **Billie Corrette** (Paraeducator), **Jennifer Curtin** (Librarian), **Michael Deering** (Permanent Substitute), **Bambi Florrucci** (Bookkeeper/Admin. Assistant), **Gus Hahn** (Behavior Interventionist), **Mariah Jacobs Routhier** (Student Management Coordinator), **Dani Killian** (paraeducator), **Denise Latshaw** (CARES Teacher), **Tara Martin** (MS Math Teacher), **Cheri O'Neill** (Registrar), **Kristen Rivard** (Behavior Interventionist), **Lori Robinson** (Custodian)

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

PTO

BOOKFAIR: Our Scholastic Bookfair was a HUGE success! Students were able to select their books and donations covered those in need. The total sales were \$12,762.36 and \$6,381.18 in Scholastic dollars for our school was raised, which will go towards purchasing books for the library. We want to **thank parents, community members and staff for the generous donations** that ensured that all students received their very own book. Research shows that book ownership increases reading achievement and the motivation to read. **Thank you to everyone who helped support our event and make it such a huge success!**

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. All baked goods are by donation only. We accept cash, Venmo, and PayPal!

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. Please consider signing up to volunteer for PTO events, activities or chaperone school events. If you haven't completed the volunteer form (which requires a background clearance).

PTO MONTHLY MEETING: Our next PTO meeting is on **April 2**. This will be our annual meeting to determine officers. If interested in joining PTO or helping with one or more events, please contact ptobce@buusd.org.

Don't forget to check out our PTO Newsletter.

Barre Art & Writing Contest Announces the Winners!

Each year, a writing contest provides an opportunity for students across the district to highlight their skills and creativity. This year's winners from Barre City Elementary and Middle School are:

- Grades 1 & 2: **Khaleesi Marseille**
- Grades 5 & 6: **Barbara Nutbrown & Alyvia Torres**
- Grades 7 & 8: **Will Bresett, Colton Cochran & Nora Otten**

In the Art category we have four students who are being recognized for their artwork - all from Grade 4: **Zoey Ferrari, Laylah LaPlant, Taylor Rock & Vincent Smith**.

Congratulations to all the winners! A celebration will be held on Thursday at 6:00 PM at the Aldrich Library.