

Barre City Elementary & Middle School Newsletter

April 29, 2024

Message from Mrs. Waterhouse

Welcome back!

Planning for field trips, enrichment activities and field days are in the works and are wonderful opportunities for parents to support our students in these activities. We also would love some Garden Volunteers! If interested in these and other **volunteer opportunities**, please see our [district volunteer information](#) site and fill out the background information. This process takes a couple of weeks, so it isn't too early to be prepared!

Vermont weather continues to keep us on our toes! Building temperatures and outdoor conditions vary by the hour. 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 rubber boots are recommended. **Extra clothes in case of getting wet** are also highly recommended.

We are noticing an increase in ticks. Whether at school or in the community, please look over children carefully. There is a helpful video about ticks included [here](#) for your information.

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

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: **Harper Cornell & Lilah Sturtevant**
- 1st Grade: **Bailee Day**
- 2nd Grade: **Oliver Brown**
- 3rd Grade: **Aiden Cochran, Emma Ibey & Ms. Roberta's Class - Harper Anderson, Juno Carr, Islynn Deyo, Omiyana Jones, Cecelia King, Eli Lucas, Devon McElroy, Liam Miller, Brooklynn Prive, Matson Romeo, Garrett Ross, Oliver Ruiz & Maximus Vest**
- 4th Grade: **Tristan Reynolds**
- 5th Grade: **Liam Carslaw, Lilly Coles & Natalie Correia**
- 6th Grade: **Ben Charbonneau, Calvin Falcara & Rylie King**
- 7th Grade: **Zane Jarvis-Debrowski**
- 8th Grade: **Alek Abdella, Lilli Anderson & Bryer Flood**

Staff: **Shelley Bessette** (Interventionist), **Ethan Byrd** (Behavior Support Specialist), **Karlyn Carrien** (Administrative Assistant), **Tana Cosgrove** (7/8 Math Teacher), **Allison Courtemanche** (Special Educator), **Elisa Covey** (Behavior Specialist), **Nicole Gallup** (Administrative Assistant/Transportation Coordinator), **Melissa Greenwood** (Assistant Principal), **Suzie Jacobs** (HHB Coordinator), **Stacie Jacques** (Grade 2 Teacher), **Roberta Melnick** (Grade 3 Teacher) **Kristin Morrison** (Assistant Principal), & **Brandon Walker** (PE Teacher / Athletic Director)

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

Glancing in the Rearview Mirror Art Show: May 1 - 4

The Studio Place Arts in Barre building had many bricks that had been waterlogged. Bricks were given to local artists and students from SHS and BCMS to transform them into artwork. Eighth graders from BCMS used the theme of resilience to transform the bricks. The show will include artwork about the recent floods in Barre and elsewhere in central VT (photography, collage, paintings, etc.) and artwork made from items left behind from the flood (modified bricks and other found, flood-impacted objects). The show will also include artworks that look forward. Please support our students and community and check out the art show.

PTO

If interested in joining PTO or helping with one or more events, please contact ptobce@buusd.org. We are currently working on Teacher Appreciation, which is the week of May 6. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, May 7** at 6 PM.

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 we need to. 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).

Check out our PTO [Newsletter](#) - May and our new [Webpage!](#)

Message from Brandon Walker, AD

April 29 - May 3: Hopefully everyone enjoyed their week of break. Outdoor practices will continue the remainder of the season. They will take place on the North Field at BCEMS for Baseball and at Lincoln Field for Softball, unless otherwise stated

Games will begin this week! Softball begins the week by scrimmaging at White River Valley, before Baseball (White) and Softball will be dismissed at 2:45 to travel to Randolph on Wednesday for the first official games of the year. Softball and Baseball (Red) will be dismissed at 2:50 on Friday and cap off the week at Oxbow. The Paine Mountain Softball game originally scheduled for May 2 has been postponed. Game schedules for both [baseball](#) and [softball](#) are linked. Reach out with any questions you may have.

Monday, April 29 -

Baseball Practice - 4:00 - 5:30pm

Softball (Scrimmage) @ White River Valley - 4:30pm

Friday, May 3 - Dismissal for both teams @2:50

Softball Game @ Oxbow - 4:30

Baseball (Red) Game @ Oxbow - 4:30

Tuesday, April 30 - Practice for both teams

Baseball & Softball - 4:00 - 5:30pm

School/Field Locations:

White River Valley - 154 Pleasant St, Bethel, VT 05032

Wednesday, May 1 - Dismissal for both teams @2:45

Baseball (White) @ Randolph - 4:00pm

Softball @ Randolph - 4:00pm

Randolph - 15 Forest St, Randolph, VT 05060

Thursday, May 2 - Practice for both teams

Baseball & Softball - 4:00 - 5:30pm

Oxbow - 36 Oxbow Dr, Bradford, VT 05033

Summer School & Camp

BCEMS and BTMES are starting on plans for **summer school** and which students should be referred for summer school, free of charge. The district has three options for students in K-7 grades: General Education Summer School, Small Group (ESY), and Barre Buds. Here is a brief description of each option:

- General Education (Gen Ed): The purpose of general education summer school is to minimize regression of skills over the summer vacation for students who are currently behind their peers in grade-level standards. It services students who may or may not require specialized instruction, as long as they can be successful in a general education classroom. If you have questions about this program, please contact Milika Neddo at mneddbce@buusd.org
- Extended School Year (ESY): For Students on IEPs who qualify based on VT Special Education Regulations regarding ESY. Special Education case managers will have IEP Team discussions for decision-making about ESY eligibility and will make referrals. If you have questions, please contact your child's case manager.
- Barre Buds: For students on IEPs who qualify for ESY and who have highly individualized academic programming and social/emotional goals and/or use an AAC system. If you have questions, please contact your child's case manager.

The YMCA will also be providing a **summer camp** program, one of which will be located at Barre Town Middle and Elementary School. For more information or to register, please see the following: [Camp Koda | Vermont Summer Camps | Greater Burlington YMCA \(gbymca.org\)](#). Financial assistance is available for those that qualify and assistance is available to complete the application.