

Barre City Elementary & Middle School Newsletter

May 6, 2024

Message from Mrs. Waterhouse

This week is **Staff Appreciation Week**! We appreciate all our staff do to support our students and school community. Consider sending a note to your favorite staff or having your child make a note - a heartfelt note can mean so much! Our theme this year is Superhero and we are hoping that **students will dress as their favorite superhero or superhero sidekick on Thursday**. We will have pictures taken of our superheroes - because our students have super powers, too!

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. If you are interested in helping with our end-of-year **Field Day**, please submit your interest via the [form](#). 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!

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 and **extra clothes** in case they get wet are also highly recommended. Please send students with **water bottles** - water hydration is critical for brain function and comfort.

After-school care can be challenging for families. We have worked with YMCA to provide BCEMS students after school care at BTMES. If you are interested in learning more about accessing the YMCA program, please email bwatebce@buusd.org.

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: **Jackson Burroughs, Sawyer Grant, Layne Eddy-Harris, Madysen Manning, Emily Martinez & Brayden Shields**
- 1st Grade: **Grace Lynn Hutchinson**
- 2nd Grade: **Destin Provancha**
- 4th Grade: **Jameson Turner**
- 5th Grade: **Keegan Flynn, Kaelynn Kelley & Zandra Thompson**
- 6th Grade: **Daniel Moreau & Kickline Group - Makenna Chadwick, Cooper Dupont, Halo Jarvis-Dobrowski, Reighan Matthews, Faythe Paton, Tyler Parker & Genavieve Sickles**

Staff: **Traci Clark** (Grade 1 Teacher), **Lisa Felch** (Grade 1 Teacher), **Mary Gehlbach** (Grade 1 Teacher), **Prudence Krosowski** (MS Math Teacher), **Liz LaCourse** (Clerical Paraeducator), **Jody Leone** (MS Science Teacher), **Alicia Partridge** (Grade 1 Teacher), **Dawn Poitras** (SAP Counselor), **Jessi Savage** (Paraeducator) & **Ruby Verge** (Clerical Paraeducator)

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

Drama Club Presents...*The Secret Garden*

The middle school Drama Club is presenting an adaptation of *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett. An orphan girl uncovers a secret garden in an old mansion and heals her family in the process. Shows will be on **Friday, May 17** at 6 PM and **Saturday, May 18** at 4 PM. Tickets are by donation. Come and support our students and have a fun family friendly evening!

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

May 6 - May 10: This week brings a full slate of games for all teams as the season really ramps up!

Please note that all home game times have been shifted ahead to 4:00 PM rather than 4:30 PM due to field use conflicts at Barre Town Recreation Fields. Game schedules for both [baseball](#) and [softball](#) are linked, weather permitting! Reach out with any questions you may have.

Monday, May 6 - Baseball - 2:50 PM Dismissal
Softball Practice - 4:00 - 5:30 PM (North Field - BCEMS)
Baseball (White) Game @ PA/Stowe - 4:30 PM

Tuesday, May 7 - 3:05 PM Dismissal for both teams
Baseball (Red) Game @ Harwood - 4:30 PM
Softball Game @ Harwood - 4:30 PM

Wednesday, May 8 -
Baseball (White) Game vs. Craftsbury - 4:00 PM
Softball Practice - 4:00 - 5:30 PM (Lincoln Field)

Thursday, May 9 - Practice for both teams
Baseball & Softball - 4:00 - 5:30 PM (Lincoln Field)

Friday, May 10 - 3:10 PM Dismissal for both teams
Baseball (Red) Game @ U32 - 4:30 PM
Softball Game @ U32 - 4:30 PM

School/Field Locations:

Stowe Elementary School -
254 Park St, Stowe, VT 05672

Harwood High School -
458 Vermont Rte 100, Moretown, VT 05660

U32 Middle & High School -
930 Gallison Hill Rd, Montpelier, VT 05602

Barre Town Recreation Field (Home Field) -
46 Websterville Rd, Barre, VT 05641

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.