



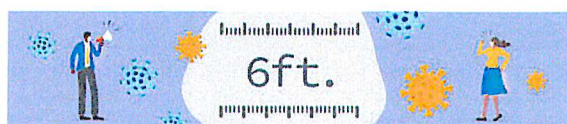
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January 14, 2021 Principal: Brooke DeBonis 645-9009

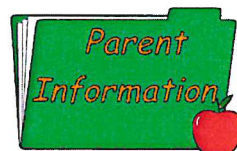
Principal's Corner:

Working Together

I wanted to say how grateful I am that as a school community you have shown how responsible and caring you all are as we navigate through the challenges that COVID19 has brought us. You have been wearing masks when out in public to keep each other safe. You have been doing a great job with daily screening sheets for your children and reminding everyone at your home to wash their hands well and often. You have all been showing strength and resilience with the even more challenging recommendation that we must not gather at this time with other households while COVID19 surges through the country and through Vermont. The time is now. The practices we have been putting into place were a dress rehearsal for what we see happening right now as cases rise throughout the state. In the building, we are diligently following the rules to keep each other safe and keep our school open, but we can't do this alone. If your child has any signs of illness please do not send them to school. Remote learning is in place so that we have the flexibility to learn from home when not feeling well. If you have any questions or concerns about illness please contact Mandy Mayer, our school nurse, at mmayer@brsu.org. Please continue to read and fill out the yellow screening sheets and send them to school every day with your child. If we are not diligent as a community about masking and gathering the ripple effect will enter our building. As Dr. Levine says, "Masks on faces, 6 foot spaces, uncrowded places." Let's continue to work together to keep us all safe and healthy and keep our schools open.



BIG BLUE FOLDER



BE SURE TO LOOK IN YOUR CHILD'S BACKPACK FOR THEIR BIG BLUE FOLDER OF SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS!

YOU WILL FIND A PRINTED COPY OF THE LUNCH MENU, THE MOST CURRENT SCHOOL CALENDAR, AS WELL AS THE ORGANIC SEED ORDER FORM. SOME OF YOU WILL HAVE SCHOOL PICTURES IN YOUR FOLDERS FROM RETAKE DAY.

We begin the new year with a new schedule.



If your child had Art in December, they will now have Music. If they had Music, they will now have Art.



We are excited to be offering Health classes again! If your child had Guidance in December, they will now have Health. If they did not have Guidance, they will this rotation.

This schedule will be in place until February vacation. Alternating the schedule in this way reduces the potential exposure and possible transmission of illness throughout the building.



There will be NO SCHOOL on MONDAY, January 18th in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

**PACKET PICK-UP FOR DISTANCE LEARNERS
WILL BE TUESDAY!**



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We are excited to announce that breakfast and lunch will continue to be provided for **FREE** to every student through June.



News from the Kitchen:

We will be encouraging children to pack up any uneaten lunch in their paper lunch bag to bring home to have



later for a snack. (Not things like half eaten hamburgers but apples or raw vegetables and things like that.) Be sure you are peaking in their backpacks regularly so you won't find rotten food in there.

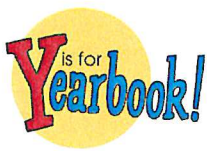
Yearbook

We are looking for parent volunteers who are interested in designing our school yearbook. Now is the time to get started since we have our school pictures done and have plenty of pictures from the fall. We hope to have three

to four yearbook volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering, please let

Brooke DeBonis know so we can set a training session with our picture company.



High Mowing Seed Order Forms will be sent home this week. Let's start thinking about warmer weather and growing fresh vegetables! Orders are due on Friday, February 12th. No late orders will be accepted. The seeds will be delivered in March!



Inclement Weather Remote Day / Delay Day

When a Remote Day is called due to snow, there will be
NO COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS MEETINGS.
Attendance and school work MUST be completed.

On a Delay Day, there will be NO breakfast, NO Community Connections Meetings, and NO morning preschool.



January 18th - NO SCHOOL in honor of MLK Jr.

February 15th -19th - Winter Recess

April 12th - 16th - Spring Recess

A Helping Hand in Pawlet:

FREE meals are available for those struggling to make ends meet. Wednesday's meal is prepared by Mach's Market; meals on Friday and Sunday are prepared by The Barn Restaurant.

This week's menu: Wednesday, January 13 - Chicken Piccata; Friday, January 15 - Veggie Lasagna; Sunday, January 17 - Chicken and Biscuits. To reserve a meal, call Nancy Bryant at 802-325-3172 from 10 am to 12 pm THE DAY BEFORE (Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday) for pick up from 5 to 5:30 pm the next day.

Menus are posted each week on Front Porch Forum and on [facebook/McChesneyRealEstateInc](https://www.facebook.com/McChesneyRealEstateInc). Those who can are asked to make a tax-deductible donation to support this valuable outreach to our neighbors. Send checks payable to Pawlet Community Church Food Pantry, c/o Timothy Bryant, 337 Milaura Lane, Pawlet, Vermont 05761.