



Mettawee Messenger

March 18, 2021 Principal: Brooke DeBonis 645-9009

Principal's Corner:

Attendance Expectations

Please see the attached flyer pertaining to attendance. Moving forward we have clear expectations about when Distance Learning can and can not be used and what needs to be done in order to be considered present. There are clear expectations about what is an excused absence and what is an unexcused absence. Most importantly, we need to hear from you. Please communicate with us if your child will not be participating in school either in person or remote. If your child is struggling academically or emotionally please reach out to us, we have resources available to help. This is a challenging time and we hope that this clear guidance about attendance will be helpful moving forward.

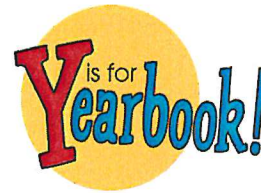
Partnership and Communication

All of you are important to us and it is critical that we are partners in educating your child(ren). I know that many of you are disappointed that we are not holding parent conferences this year. We will have report cards going out on March 25th, which will communicate how your child is doing. If you have any questions or concerns about your child, please reach out to the classroom teacher to set up a meeting.



Big Blue Folder

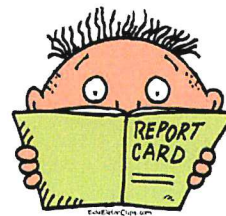
Your child will have a Big Blue folder in their backpack today with information about purchasing a yearbook.



If you are the parent of a 6th grader, there is important information about submitting baby pictures and personal messages for your soon to be graduate.

Please return all forms/photos by

April 2nd.



REPORT CARDS

Report Cards will be going home on March 25th in your email. Please look in your Big Blue Folder for the signature sheet.



If you ordered seeds, they will be coming home with your Big Blue folder next week!



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Spring School Pictures



Spring School Picture Day will be April 5th. Paperwork for pictures will go home next week. If you do not want Spring Pictures you can simply not return your order form. We will only photograph students with order forms, proof of purchase online or, for yearbook purposes, those who did not have a photo taken in the Fall. If you would like to order online Heidi can forward you the online banner from the company. You can send her an email request for the online banner at hhammell@brsu.org.



All School Meetings will be from 2:00-2:20 April 30th and May 21st.

For the safety of our virtual ASM, only student and staff gmail accounts will be able to enter the meeting.



April 5th - Spring School Pictures

April 12th - 16th - Spring Recess

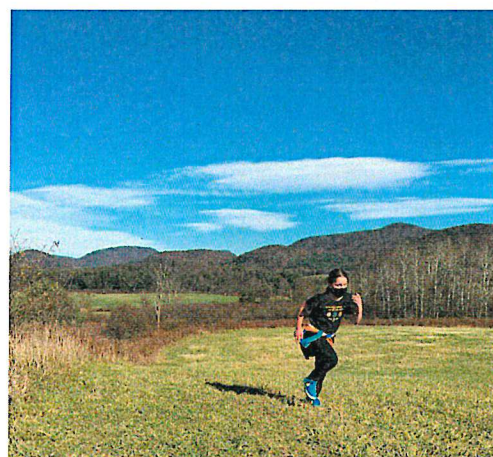
April 30th - Virtual All School Meeting

May 21st - Virtual All School Meeting

Families with multiple children in the building are going home with new lavender screening pads this week. Next week we will send home pads for everyone else. Thank you so much for cooperating with the screening sheets each and every morning. It means a lot to know you are doing your part in keeping our school safe and open.



Before the thaw we had some pretty spectacular ice!



The perfect bluebird sky!

Mettawee Attendance Reminders

In-Person Students

Students are expected to attend school regularly unless

- The student is sick, and the parent has communicated with the office (excused absence).
- The student had an appointment, and the parent has communicated with the office (excused absence).
- The student is required to quarantine (excused absence).
- Students who are unable to attend in-person due to illness or quarantine may access their learning remotely).

Distance/Remote Students

To be marked Present a student MUST:

- Attend their ENTIRE classroom meeting (Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri)
- Their camera MUST be on
- They need to do their assignments and turn them in

To be marked Present on Wednesdays the student/parent MUST:

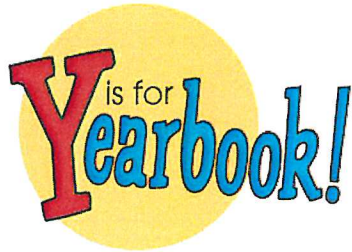
- Complete the online attendance form in Clever by noon.

We need to work together to be sure in person students are attending school consistently. Having your child go to remote learning is not an option moving forward unless it falls under the statements listed above. We will mark students unexcused if they are not sick, did not go to an appointment, or if they do not need to quarantine. If your child has 5 or more unexcused absences we will need to move forward with the truancy protocol. Please communicate with the school every time your child is absent so we can mark the attendance correctly.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Mrs. DeBonis

Time to order your



YEARBOOK!

NOTE: The PTO purchases yearbooks for all 6th grade students.

The 2020/2021 Yearbook will cost \$13.00

If you would like to order a yearbook, please return this form and payment (cash or checks made out to MCS PTO) by **APRIL 2nd.**

Name: _____

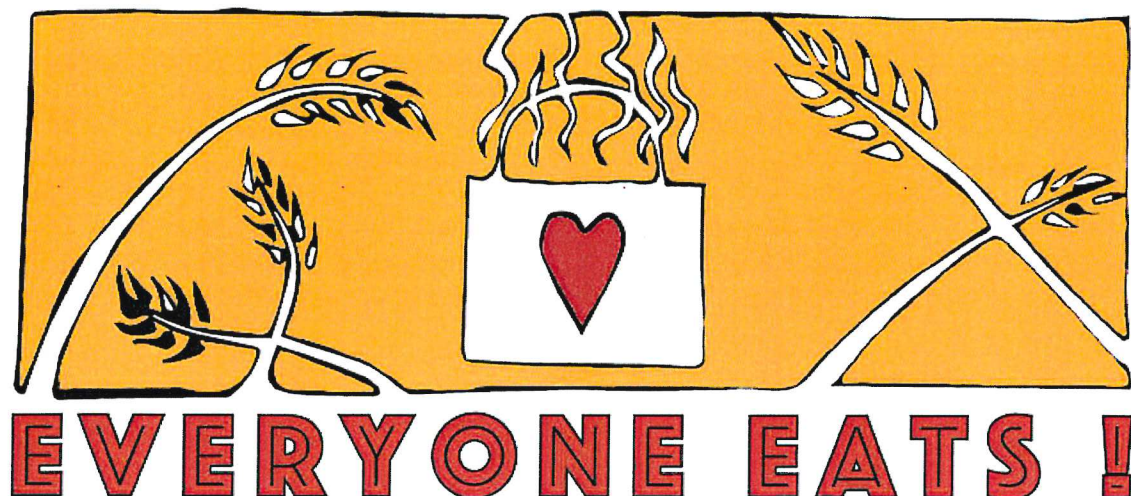
Email: _____

Phone number: _____

Number of yearbooks: _____

Payment form check / cash **Total Cost:** _____

Thank you from the PTO!



Restaurant prepared meals for FREE.

Everyone Eats provides nutritious meals to Vermonters in need of food assistance and a stabilizing source of income for Vermont restaurants, farmers, and food producers. Everyone Eats is funded by the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund and made possible through a grant provided by the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development to Southeastern Vermont Community Action.

Smokey House Center is a pre-order only pick-up site for the statewide Everyone Eats program. **Pre-order your meals by emailing jamie@smokeyhouse.org or calling (802) 293-2300 ext. 2. Orders for meals must be placed the week prior to pick up.** Please specify how many individuals are in your household as meals are portioned and packaged individually.

**Meal pick up is located in the Stone Shed at:
Smokey House Center
426 Danby Mountain Road
Wednesday 3:30pm-5:00pm
(must pre-order see above)**

If pick-up is a hardship for you but you are interested in a weekly prepared meal please email jamie@smokeyhouse.org or call 802-293-2300 ext. 2. We will make every effort to accommodate delivery to those who would benefit from it.

Meals will be prepared by Mach's Market in Pawlet.

Meals are also available on a first-come, first-served drive through at:
Vermont Farmers Food Center
Rutland, VT
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
4:00pm-6:00pm



3270 Route 315 * Rupert, VT

Spring on the Farm Vacation Camp For Grades 2 - 5

Spring on the farm brings all kinds of new life as the earth warms up after a long winter. You'll meet our flock of sheep and chickens, as well as say hello to our draft horses, Fern and Arch. We'll get our hands dirty as we explore and create on and around the farm, planting seeds, working with sheep's wool, seeing who's out and about at the pond, and discovering all the farm has to offer.



April 13, 14, & 15
Tuesday,
Wednesday, and
Thursday
9am - 3pm

\$150
Space is limited
to a total of 6
campers.

- To register, go to www.merckforest.org, or Call 802-394-7836.
- For more information, email us at learn@merckforest.org

Merck Forest is committed to providing a safe learning environment for students. We are following COVID guidelines issued by the American Camp Association set forth in consultation with the CDC. For more information on the ACA Field Guide, please go to www.acacamps.org.

