



# Mettawee Messenger

April 8, 2021 Principal: Brooke DeBonis 645-9009

## Principal's Corner:

### Bikes are coming to Mettawee!



We are excited to announce that we will be hosting the Kohl's Kids Bike Smart trailer where our students in K-6 will

be able to learn bike safety and will have the opportunity to ride bikes during their PE class the week of May 3rd - May 7th. Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Chalmers are working together to get this special program organized for our school. There will be bikes and helmets available for all of our students and we have COVID safety guidelines that we will follow to be sure we keep everyone safe. Your child may bring in their own helmet to use if you would prefer. It would be helpful to have the helmets labeled so we can keep track of them. More information will come home after break.

### ELA SBAC Test

Please be sure your child is in school on April 26th, 27th, 29th, and 30th so they can take the SBAC test with their class. If children are not in school, we will need to find time, staffing, and space for them make up the test on another day. The exception would be if your child is not feeling well. Please do not send them to school if they are feeling sick. Thanks for partnering with us so we can make sure the assessments are completed by the beginning of May.

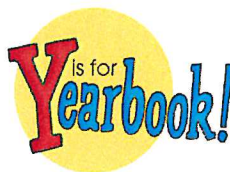


## Spring Break

I hope all of you have a relaxing spring break. If your family is traveling out of Vermont, the latest guidance is that you please make sure your child quarantines for 3 days, has a covid test, and receives a negative result before returning to school. This will help keep us all us safe so we can continue to stay open for in person instruction.



More High Mowing seeds have trickled in! Some of you will find a brown paper bag of seeds in your child's backpack.



If you are a 6th Grade parent who has not sent in your yearbook parent message or your child's

baby picture please do so as soon as possible. You can email them to

[mettaweeyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:mettaweeyearbook@gmail.com) or send in a hard copy with your child.



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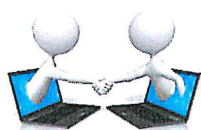
## Attendance Expectations

Just a reminder...

Moving forward, in person students may not choose to stay home and Distance Learn unless they are sick, are quarantining, or have an appointment that makes it a challenge to be at school.

In order to be considered PRESENT, Distance Learners must do their attendance, show up for their Classroom Connections meetings, and complete assigned work.

If you have any questions about attendance expectations please reach out to your classroom teacher or Mrs. DeBonis.



**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.



**TABLE FOR TWO!**



**April 9th** - Last day of Math SBAC

**April 12th - 16th** - Spring Recess

**April 26th, 27th, 29th, 30th** - SBAC ELA

**April 30th** - Virtual All School Meeting

**May 3rd - 7th** - Bike Smart trailer

**May 21st** - Virtual All School Meeting



Bluebird day!



**Ms. Pierce's class** enjoying some good books





### **MANCHESTER COMMUNITY FOOD CUPBOARD with VERMONT FOODBANK**

Free Fresh Produce Pick-Up.

Everyone Welcome.

Community Food Cupboard is working with the Vermont Foodbank to provide fresh produce and more to anyone looking to stretch their food budget. The first event will be on Monday, April 12 from 10:00-11:00 in the parking lot of the Israel Congregation Synagogue, at 6025 Main Street in Manchester. This is a drive-through, contactless food distribution that is free, open to all, and requires no registration or proof of identification.

#### **What to Expect:**

Arrive in your vehicle and follow the signs for the CFC food distribution. Once in line, stay in your vehicle, and follow signs and volunteers directing traffic. A volunteer will ask how many families you are picking up for. You can pick up for multiple families in addition to yourself. You can pick up food, not only for yourself, but your neighbors as well. If your trunk opens automatically, pop your trunk. If not, a volunteer will open it for you. Please drive slow and stop at designated traffic cones and/or stop signs so that volunteers can load food into your car, and you're done!

# SUMMER CAMPS IN THE BRSU COMMUNITY - 2021

Southern Vermont Arts Center, Manchester, VT

## Southern Vermont ARTS CENTER **CAMP** Summer 2021

6/14 - 6/18	<b>Acting for Middle Schoolers</b>	Ages 10 - 14
6/21 - 6/25	<b>Intro to Architecture</b>	Ages 6 - 11
6/28 - 7/2	<b>Fun with Music</b>	Ages 6 - 11
7/5 - 7/16	<b>Space Camp</b>	Ages 5 - 12
7/12 - 7/16	<b>Acting for High Schoolers</b>	Ages 14 - 18
7/19 - 7/23	<b>Hobbit Houses</b>	Ages 6 - 11
7/26 - 7/30	<b>Art of Textiles</b>	Ages 6 - 10
7/26 - 7/30	<b>Animation, Art &amp; Artists</b>	Ages 10 - 14
8/9 - 8/13	<b>Myth and Monster</b>	Ages 10 - 18
8/16 - 8/20	<b>Nature Photography</b>	Ages 11 - 14
8/16 - 8/20	<b>Acting for Grades 3 - 5</b>	Ages 8 - 11
8/23 - 8/27	<b>Wunderle's Big Top - Circus!</b>	Ages 6 - 18

Details and more programs at <https://www.svac.org>



Scholarships available - COVID-19 protocols in place  
Please call or email with questions: 802.367.1306 / [ekaufman@svac.org](mailto:ekaufman@svac.org)



## SPRING on the Farm Vacation Camp



April 13, 14, & 15; 9am – 3pm (Tues., Wed., & Thurs.)

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.

Grades 2 – 5, Space is limited (a total of 6 campers)  
\$150 per camper.

To register, go to our shop at [www.merckforest.org](http://www.merckforest.org)  
Questions? Go to [learn@merckforest.org](mailto:learn@merckforest.org)

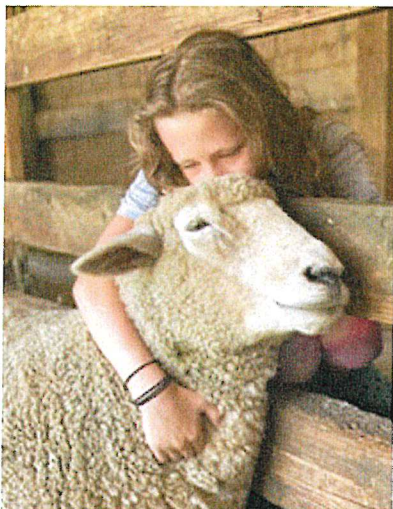
Merck Forest & Farmland Center, East Rupert, VT



## Summer Day Camps 2021

Join us this summer as we explore and experience Merck Forest's natural and working lands!

Visit [www.merckforest.org](http://www.merckforest.org) or email [learn@merckforest.org](mailto:learn@merckforest.org) to find out more!



### 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade

6/14 - 6/18: **Barnyard and Beyond Farm Camp**

7/19 - 7/23: **Dragonflies and Cattails Camp**

8/2 - 8/6: **Woods and Wildlife Camp**

### 4-6<sup>th</sup> grade

6/21 - 6/25: **Ag Camp: Inquiry and Exploration on the Farm**

7/12 - 7/16: **Aqua Camp: Inquiry and Exploration in Ponds and Streams**

7/19 - 7/23: **Wilderness Camp: Inquiry and Exploration in the Forest**

### 7-8<sup>th</sup> grade

6/28 - 7/2: **Trail Crew Camp**

7/26 - 7/30: **Trail Crew Camp**



Merck Forest &  
Farmland Center



**Manchester Park & Recreation, Manchester, VT**



The Manchester Parks and Recreation Department is excited for another year of camp! In order to provide a wonderful experience, we will continue to have the children broken up in two groups to provide daily activities, field trips and hikes that are appropriate for all ages.

**BATTENKILL ADVENTURERS**

The Battenkill Adventurers will be geared towards children **ages 5-8**. The campers will spend their time at camp participating in different sports, playing games, swimming, hiking, field trips and other activities.

**EQUINOX EXPLORERS**

The Equinox Explorers will be geared towards children **ages 9-12**. The campers will spend their time at camp participating in different sports, playing games, swimming, hiking, field trips and other activities.

Throughout the 7-week summer camp, the Battenkill Adventurers and Equinox Explorers will go on field trips around town and discover what Manchester has to offer!

***Please note some camp activities will require an extra fee.***

Dates: Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>

Hours: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Location: Park House at the  
Dana L. Thompson Memorial Park  
340 Recreation Park Road  
Manchester Center, VT 05255

Campers must bring to camp: Lunch, 2 snacks, sneakers, sunscreen, bug spray, pool shoes, towel and bathing suit.

Hikes require full length pants and sneakers or hiking boots

Fees:	Resident	Non-Resident
Weekly Rate	\$175.00	\$225.00

*\*Day rates are not available*

To register please visit the website <https://secure.rec1.com/VT/manchester-vt/catalog>





Find us on

# Plastic Film Recycling

## These items don't go in your recycling bin!

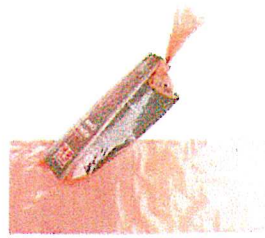
Put them in participating store grocery recycling bins in your community:



Grocery bags



Produce bags



Newspaper bags



Ziploc bags



Dry cleaning bags



Case wrap



*Cut off  
paper labels*

Shipping envelopes

*Cut off  
paper labels*



Bread bags



Stretchy product wrap



Air pillows &  
bubble wrap



Stretch wrap &  
plastic wrap



Cereal bags



Pellet bags

*Cut off ends and  
turn inside out to  
remove residue*



Salt bags



Ice bags



Items with these labels  
(#2 or #4 plastic films)

**Film collected by groceries stores and local community collection programs is recycled into Trex® decking material!**



# Not Accepted

The following plastic bags & films cannot be recycled in this program and should be discarded in the trash:

✗ “Crinkly” and stiff plastic bags and film that **do not stretch**

✗ Most **food packaging**, especially:

- Resealable **pouches**
- Grape bags (& similar)
- **Snack food** bags
- **Meat & cheese** packaging
- Pre-washed salad mix bags
- **Chip bags**
- **Shiny/metallic** foil-lined plastic
- Candy and granola bar wrappers
- Mesh bags
- **Frozen food** packaging
- Vacuum seal bags



✗ Bags that are **dirty, wet**, or have **paper labels** (cut out paper labels from plastic shipping envelopes and other recyclable bags)

✗ **Paper** envelopes lined with bubble wrap

✗ Anything labeled with a **number other than 2 or 4** (such as 5 or 7) or with strike-through labels:



✗ **Pet food & bird seed** bags

✗ **Woven** grain & feed bags

✗ Cellophane & “**crinkly**” plastic

✗ **Biodegradable**, degradable, or compostable plastic

✗ **Mulch & soil** bags, agricultural plastic

✗ Six-pack rings

A complete listing of drop off locations is here: <https://cutt.ly/Xhvhpbfb>

Questions! Contact Paula Kamperman (518) 788-2553

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