



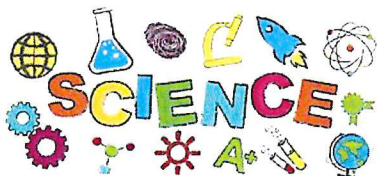
Mettawee Messenger

May 6, 2021 Principal: Brooke DeBonis 645-9009

Principal's Corner:

Vermont Science Assessment

Our 5th graders will be taking the Vermont Science Assessment on Monday, May 10th and Tuesday, May 11th. Please make sure your child is at school and on time for these testing days next week. It would be great if your child could get to bed early so they will be rested and ready to do their best work. If your child is absent, they will need to make up the science assessment on Thursday and Friday. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.



2021 METTAWEE SUMMER CAMP

We are so excited to announce that we will be hosting our very own summer camp this year, and it's **FREE**.

Please find the information packet, including a registration form, in your BIG BLUE FOLDER this week.

The registration deadline is May 14th.

There is an electronic version following your Messenger and we will be sure to include it in the Summer Camps email until the registration deadline.



Pick Up / Dismissal

We want to first say thank you to everyone for being so patient with our new pick up routine. We know the line sometimes reaches the road and the wait feels long, but most days from beginning to end (the first student out the door to the last) dismissal is approximately 7 minutes. We wanted to take this moment to address some concerns. Occasionally we have a parent bypass the line and park in the parking lot to receive their child. We have made a few exceptions on a need to basis only for occasional appointments where the timing is tight between dismissal and appointment time or in an effort to be flexible with covid related hybrid school schedules for older siblings at other schools where transportation is an issue. This situation happens only a few times a week at most and we appreciate your understanding. If you are to need this accommodation please reach out to the school at 645-9009. We are trying to be as flexible as possible to meet everyone's needs during this exceptional year.

Last Day of PRESCHOOL



If you are the parent of a preschool student we wanted you to know that the **last day of preschool will be June 10th!**



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Calling all 3 and 4 year olds

If you have a child, or know of a child, who lives in Rupert, West Pawlet, or Pawlet, that is not already enrolled in our preschool program, we would like to hear from you! We are planning for the 2021-2022 school year and want to be sure that we have all children who will be 3 or 4 by September 1st on our list as potential students and would like to know your intent on coming to join us at school in the Fall. We would like parents or guardians to call us at 645-9009 or email Heidi Hammell at hhammell@brsu.org so that we can email you a quick survey. Please share with your neighbors and friends! Thanks ~



TICK CHECKING

PLEASE...be checking your children every day for ticks. We are spending a lot of time in the woods and in the meadows but are also noticing that we have had some ticks on the playground. They are hungry this time of year and are searching for a meal.



VIRTUAL ALL SCHOOL MEETING



The last All School Meetings will be from 2:00-2:20 May 21st.

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

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.



"MAY THE 4TH" BE WITH YOU - AND ALSO WITH MR. HARMON'S 2ND GRADE



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SUMMER CAMPS

For the past few weeks we

have been passing along

Summer Camp

opportunities following

your Messenger. These are

NOT school related Summer Camps but camps in
our local communities.

There are so many flyers now that we have
decided to send the Summer Camp information in
a separate email that will go out on Thursdays
labeled Summer Camps. We will send them as a
packet with the most current flyers at the top and
older flyers that you may have already seen in
the back. That way all Summer opportunities are
in one place making it easier for you to decide.

For your convenience, if we are provided a
registration link, we will include it in the email.
Many of these camps have scholarships available
so please reach out to us if you need help with
that.



May 21st - Virtual All School Meeting

May 31st - No School - Memorial Day

June 7th - Field Day

June 10th - Graduation

June 10th - Last day of preschool

June 11th - Last day of school



Lily and Orynn helped lead our Virtual All School Meeting last week. Thank you to everyone who has put in the hard work to bring us all together for these special All School Meetings.

**Girls on The Run/Heart and Sole are asking for
your help!**



The girls of Girls on the Run and Heart and Sole are asking families to please donate thin spaghetti and spaghetti sauce for the GOTR spaghetti dinner to

help support the Girls on the Run scholarship fund as well as the Food Pantries of Rupert and Pawlet. Donations should be brought to school no later than May 18th.

Be looking for more information in the coming weeks about the dinner.



**Ms. Robertson's fourth grade class found 45
newts on their woods walk on Tuesday.**



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Meet the Mettawee Robins



Our students found a Robin's nest on the playground and we have enjoyed watching them grow.



Tuesday, May 4th

Our 4 babies have almost outgrown their nest!



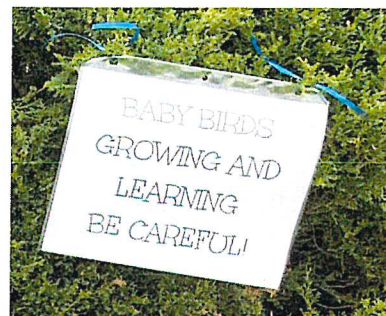
Friday, April 30th - just starting to grow feathers.



Wednesday, May 5th - and they've fledged. One little baby didn't go far from the nest just yet. See it in the back?



Monday, May 3rd - just a little bit of baby fluff left and their eyes are open!





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Bike week was a great success!





2021 METTAWEE Summer Camp

JUNE 28TH - JULY 2ND

JULY 12TH - JULY 16TH

JULY 19TH - JULY 23RD

JULY 26TH - JULY 30TH

**The Camp Day is from 8:00-3:00
We will provide FREE breakfast &
lunch to all participants.**



The Mettawee Community School is excited to announce that we will be providing FREE engaging and enriching Summer Camps to children currently enrolled in our Kindergarten program through 5th Grade.

We will provide fun-filled days of outdoor games, Merck land hikes, academic support and enrichment, arts & crafts, science exploration, and weekly field trips.

A DAY AT CAMP:

8:00-8:30 - Settle in and Breakfast

8:30 - Welcome to Camp

8:40-12:00 - Wellness, Arts, or enrichment activities

12:00-1:00 - Lunch and Recess

1:00-3:00 - Wellness, Arts, or enrichment activities

Week 1: ART & NATURE

We will explore the natural world including bugs, the sun, and the earth through ART.

Week 2: DINOSAUR STOMP

This week promises to unfold some of the mysteries of dinosaurs.

Week 3: SPORTS CAMP

Mini Golf to soccer - Bowling to basketball.

We will have so much fun moving our bodies and learning some new skills together.

Week 4: WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE

Be sure to pack a change of clothes, you are sure to get wet this week. Water games, lake trips, arts and crafts.

2021 Mettawee Community School Summer Camp Registration

Registration is due no later than May 14, 2021. Please email your form to Cheryl Chalmers at cchalmers@brsu.org or bring the completed form back to school.

Registration Form due by May 14th!

Student's Name: _____

Student's Grade in the Fall of 2021: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Number: _____

Signature: _____

Please indicate on the back which camp your child is planning to participate in. You can do one or all camps.

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Please mark each week of camp your child will attend. The camp will be FREE to all students currently enrolled in Kindergarten through 5th Grade.

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_____ Art & Nature - June 28th - July 2nd

_____ Dinosaur Stomp - July 12th - July 16th

_____ Sports Camp - July 19th - July 23rd

_____ Water, Water Everywhere - July 26th - July 30th

Calling all 3 and 4 year olds!

(that live in Pawlet, West Pawlet, and Rupert)



2021-2022 **METTAWEE** preschool program wants to hear from you!

The Mettawee School Early Education Program,
Rutland Head Start, and Children's Integrated Services are preparing for the Fall
school year and would love to know if there are kids out there that may be
interested in learning more about our preschool program.

If you have a child who will be 3 or 4 years old by September 1st, 2021 we would
like for you to contact the Mettawee Community School at **645-9009** or email
Heidi Hammell at hhammell@brsu.org so we can tell you about our program
and send you a parent survey.

If you are currently enrolled in our preschool program you do not need to contact us.

Come join the fun!

Spring on the Farm Event

Wind Valley Farmstead

Route 153 Salem, NY



Saturday May 15th (11am-2pm)

Come join us on the farm and see the Goats, new babies, Bunnies and other Animals!

We will have LOTS of **Local Crafters** set up for shopping along with The Wind Valley & Humble Hill Goat Milk & Bee Products for purchase. Enjoy **Music** and great **food** from Lewis Maple Wagon & Jays Pizza Truck!!

It's going to be a fun day, We hope to see you!

Masks must be worn while on the Farm property!



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Wilderness Wednesdays Grades 4 - 6

Jump into the natural world around you.

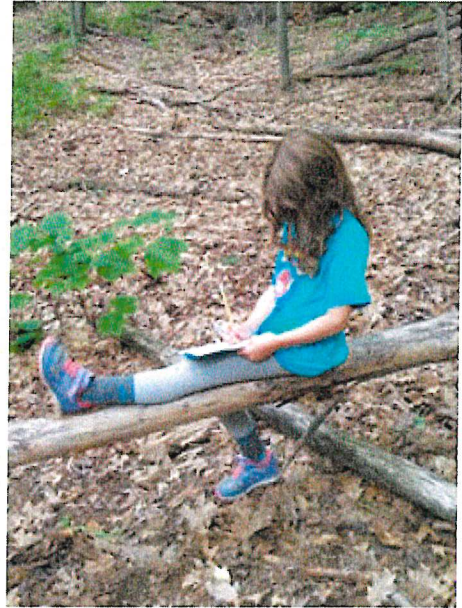
Find out what makes it all tick!

Dig into the forest floor.

Dip into the pond.

Explore the biodiversity of our ecosystems.

Draw and write to document your journey.



Wednesdays, 1:00pm - 3:30pm
May 12, 19, 26, & June 2

Sign up for one day, or for the entire session
\$30 per day; \$100 for 4 days
Space is limited

To register, go to our Shop page at www.merckforest.org,
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.

FAMILY CIRCUS DAY: WUNDERLE'S BIG TOP ADVENTURE



SUNDAY, MAY 16
10 A.M. – 4 P.M.



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HEARTWORKS CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

**Saturday, May 8th
8am - 10am**

Rec park pavilion by tennis courts