



# Mettawee Messenger

June 3, 2021 Principal: Brooke DeBonis 645-9009

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## Principal's Corner:

### Odds Bodkin

We are excited to announce that Master storyteller Odds Bodkin will be joining us on our last day of school to perform StoryBlast. He is a storyteller, musician, and educator. This event will take place under the tent for all K-6 students and staff.

#### From his website...

If today's children are digitally "re-wired," why bother with spoken-word storytelling? Unlike movies, there are no visuals. Where's the interactivity? Where are the buttons? On the surface, the entertainment experience looks incomplete.

Simply put, therein lies its power. The act of listening taps our inborn ability to create mental images. If "imagination is more important than knowledge" as Einstein famously said, then the very act of imagining builds strength and flexibility in kids' minds, firing up new neural nets and improving their ability to gain knowledge across the board. It's not just stories they learn, it's how to use their minds. Spoken-word stories are interactive with the brain itself.



## From the Library:



### A Note to Distance Learners

It's time to bring things in from home!

Please use the checklist that will be emailed to you as well as included in your Monday learning packet to be sure you have properly wrapped up the year with your Chromebook computer. Please bring your bag, Chromebook computer and charger/cord to school by the dates specified on your checklist. Please be sure to bring all library books back with your computer.

There are replacement fees for lost or damaged computer equipment and library books.

Thank you for helping your student to take care of technology and library materials!

### A Note to In-Person Learners

It's time to bring back library materials and Chromebook computers!

Classroom teachers will help students with the final wrap up of Chromebook computers next week. Your bag, Chromebook computer and charger/cord must be turned in to school by Friday, June 11, 2021. Please be sure to bring back all library books as well.

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**LAST DAY  
of SCHOOL**

The last day of school is Friday, June 11th with a 12:30 dismissal.



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## Field Day



*Bring an extra set of clothes...*

*you WILL get wet!*

The weather is looking  
*HOT* and *SUNNY* for Field

Day 2021 on Monday, June 7th.

Pack your sunblock and a beach towel because we will be playing outside for the afternoon.

The details are a surprise but it will be a  
*BLAST!*

## Books and Beyond Celebration

### *The Art of Reading*

Tuesday, June 8, 2021 @ 1:00PM

Mettawee Community School Classrooms  
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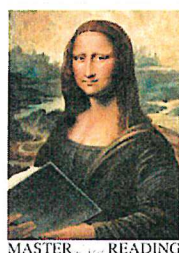
virtually at The Kennedy Center for the Arts in  
Washington, DC

Students are invited to  
wear BLACK and/or  
WHITE clothing to  
celebrate.

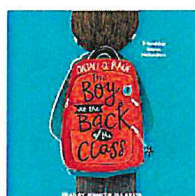
All participants will be  
recognized and receive  
books.

Happy Reading,

Mrs. Donaldson



MASTER OF READING



The Deadline to donate to  
Ms. Warnecke's class Refugee  
Project is Friday, June 4th.  
Thank you for supporting this  
learning opportunity.

## 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!**



*Mark your  
calendar!*

**June 7th** - Field Day

**June 8th** - Books & Beyond  
Ceremony

**June 10th** - Graduation at  
6:30

**June 10th** - Last day of preschool

**June 11th** - Last day of school - Dismissal at 12:30

## Merck Day Fun

Thank you so much to everyone who  
helped make it possible for us to enjoy  
an all school outdoor learning day!



Thank you Chris and  
Cara from Merck  
Forest for supporting  
our outdoor learning  
all year long.

Our 6th Grade students  
created trail guides for a  
kiosk that will help guide  
visitors to the adjacent  
Merck land.

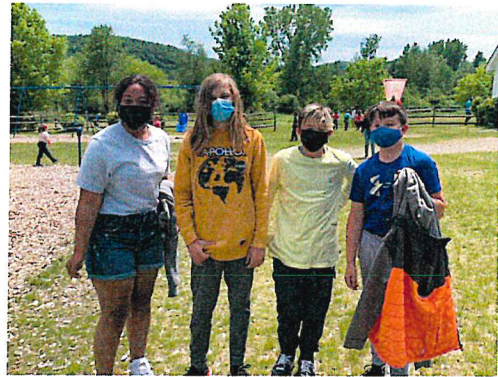






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COMMUNITY

*kids book swap*

SATURDAY, JUNE 5TH

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

ON THE DORSET GREEN!

## NEW (TO YOU!) BOOKS

Donate your gently used books at one of the locations below or bring them to the book swap!

Please attend even if you don't have books to donate, **ESPECIALLY NEW MOMS!**

We often have an abundance of baby books and would love for them to find a home.

SHIRE KIDS

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Contact: Nicole Campbell  
nicole@shirekidsvt.org  
603.759.9415

### Book Drop Locations:

Dorset Church  
143 Church Street, Dorset

Zippy Chicks / Zipper Snappers  
4732 Main Street, Manchester

R K Kittay Library  
2827 VT-153, West

*snacks and music!*

*raffle prizes!*