



# Mettawee Messenger

September 16, 2021 Principal: Brooke DeBonis 645-9009

## Principal's Corner:

### Informational Calls from Mettawee

We have a system called School Messenger that we will use to make announcements for snow delays, snow closings, sporting events, and transportation updates. I want to be sure all of our families are receiving these calls and emails.

Please call the school if you did not receive the phone call or email. We will be using this system to give out reminders for soccer, basketball, our school events, and bus changes. It is critical that you are on our list so you are informed about our school delays and closings this winter. If your number has changed

since we started school please call and let us know so we can update our student information system. If you do not have an email address, I highly recommend creating a free google email account.

I would be willing to meet with you to set up the email account so you are able to receive the important messages from our school.



### Bus Drivers

Unfortunately, due to difficulty in hiring (which all of us are experiencing), it may become necessary at some point to cancel a bus route. If a driver is out sick, there is simply no one to drive that bus (the transportation and grounds directors are already driving daily routes!) I hope that this does not happen, but thought it would be better to warn you in advance of the possibility. I would like to promise you advance notice, but we all know that sickness does not come at convenient times. Please think

about alternate plans for your children's transportation in the event that we need to cancel a bus route one day. We will, of course, give you as much advance notice as possible, but it may be the morning of. Thank you for your cooperation, and I hope it does not happen!



### Attendance

Please be sure to communicate with the school if your child is sick, needs to quarantine, or is waiting for test results. If your child has tested we would appreciate you forwarding your test results to us so we have them for our record. If your child is sick they will be marked as an excused absence and we will not expect the student to do any work. If your child is home based on having a symptom where they cannot come to school, but they can do school work, we will mark them present as long as they are completing the assignments. If your child has to quarantine based on being a close contact, they should be completing school work and handing it into their teacher. The classroom teachers will be communicating with you about the assignments that need to be completed. We may need a little bit of time to pull the assignments together and we will then communicate a time to come pick the assignments up. Thank you for your cooperation and patience as we are navigating these situations.



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## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The After School Program (MAP) will begin on Monday, September 20th. If you have completed your registration form, and plan to use our after school care, please send in a note with your child so that their classroom teacher will know to have them go to MAP.

Our coordinator will have your child on a schedule based on what you requested on your registration form. If the plan changes from what you requested please be sure to send in a note. If you have any questions about our after school program please address them to Heidi Hawkins at

[hhawkins@brsu.org](mailto:hhawkins@brsu.org).



## AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

### A note from the bus drivers:

Our buses are operating with a few windows open to increase air flow while transporting children. This is an effort to decrease any covid



risk but the result is that the bus ride can be chilly. If your children ride the bus

please have them wear a sweatshirt, especially in the mornings.

## SOCCKER UPDATES



This is your place to go for soccer changes and information!

Kindergarten will begin practice on Friday, September 17 from 2:30-3:30.

A soccer practice schedule went home for K-6 last week following the electronic Messenger.

You will find it again this week since we received many phone calls about soccer schedules.

### GAMES ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The game schedule is still being finalized but this is what we know so far...

**3/4 Soccer Team** will have a game on Monday, September 27th at HOME vs. Poultney at 4:00

**5/6 Soccer Team** will have a game on Wednesday, September 22nd at HOME vs. Poultney at 4:00  
&

Friday, September 24th AWAY vs. Castleton/Orwell (at Castleton Elementary on Rte 30) at 4:00



Just a little praying mantis sitting on his shoulder.





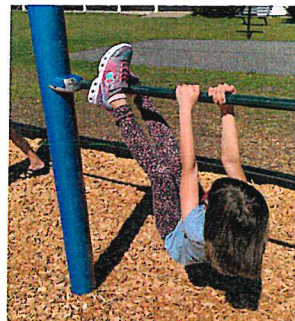
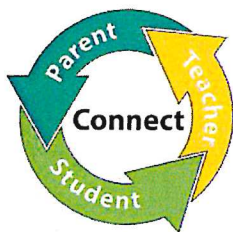
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## Conferences

Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences will be on Thursday, October 28th.

This is a student led conference so you should plan to bring your child with you. There will be childcare in the library for school aged siblings. There will not be regular school on this day. Please mark your calendars and try to be present for this very important meeting. Preschool will have conferences on Thursday, October 28th and Friday, October 29th. A letter will be sent home from your classroom teachers with more details and a scheduled meeting time.



We are building STRONG muscles.



**October 15th** - No school - in service day

**October 18th** - School Picture Day

**October 12th** - 5th Grade to Starbase

**October 19th** - 5th Grade to Starbase

**October 26th** - 5th Grade to Starbase

**October 28th** - Parent Teacher Conferences

**October 28th & 29th** - Preschool Conferences



**Mud  
Kitchen!**

# Soccer Updates

**\*\*If you have not signed the concussion form for your child, please do so as soon as possible. E-mail Mrs. Webb if you'd like a copy sent home with your child.**

**Mrs. Webb**

School: 802-645-9009 ext. 3232 - Cell: 802-558-6766 - E-mail: jwebb@brsu.org

**Kindergarten:** ~~Practices?~~ **FRIDAYS from 2:30-3:30**

First practice: Information to come

Last practice: Information to come

**First Grade:** Practices Wednesdays from 2:30-3:30

First practice: Wednesday, September 15th

Last practice: Wednesday, October 20th

**Second Grade:** Practices Tuesdays from 2:30-3:30

First practice: Tuesday, September 14th

Last practice: Tuesday, October 19th

**Third and Fourth Grade:** Practices Tuesdays and Thursdays: 4:00-5:30

***We currently have ONE coach for 20 players. If you are willing to be a helper, even to just help athletes be on task, please let Mrs. Webb know as soon as possible.***

First practice: Tuesday, September 14th

Last practice: Thursday, October 21st

**Fifth and Sixth Grade:** Practices Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays: 4:00-5:30

***We currently have ONE coach for 17 players. If you are willing to be a helper, even to just help athletes be on task, please let Mrs. Webb know as soon as possible.***

***\*\*Our coach will not be able to start until Friday, September 17th. Your first game is on Wednesday, September 22nd. You will only have TWO practices before your first game. If any parents are willing to step up to cover only TWO practices on Monday, September 13th and Wednesday, September 15th, that would give our athletes 4 practices before our first game.***

First practice: Friday, Sept. 17th (unless someone is willing to cover the 13th and 15th)

Last practice: Friday, October 22nd



## **SOCCER UPDATE**



**5/6 Practices will  
begin this  
Wednesday from  
4:00-5:30.**

**RAINED OUT**

SEE YOU ON FRIDAY

4:00-5:30

**Kindergarten practice will begin  
this Friday from 2:30-3:30.**

August 18, 2021

Hello BRSU Families,

We are very excited to announce that **school meals will be free** again to all BRSU students. This is very exciting for families and will hopefully help out the local economy. This means that a student is entitled to one free breakfast and lunch daily, and the student has to take a complete meal. If a student chooses just milk alone, they will be charged \$.50, therefore we will always encourage the student to take the components they need to make a meal.



**Another exciting announcement is that we will be raffling off one chrome book and an ipad mini!**

To get into the raffle you will need to **fill out and return the 2021/2022 free and reduced application or apply online**. By completing the application the students in the household will be added to the drawing automatically.

All online applications need to be completed, or forms returned to the food service director, by **September 30, 2021** to be entered in the drawing. The drawing will be held on Thursday, October 14, 2021.

How do you apply or submit completed forms? Pick one of the four options below.

1. Apply online at <https://www.mymealtime.com>
2. Drop off the completed form to the school's registrar
3. Email the completed form to the food services director at [sgates@brsu.org](mailto:sgates@brsu.org)
4. Mail the completed form to:

BRSU  
6378 Vermont Route 7A  
Sunderland, Vermont 05250  
Attn: Stephanie Gates

**All information is kept strictly confidential!**

**Why is this needed?** This information is required to receive funding from many other state and federal programs that contribute to your child's education.

Thank you for taking the time to apply. If you have any questions, please contact:

Stephanie Gates  
Food Service Director, BRSU  
802-362-2452  
[sgates@brsu.org](mailto:sgates@brsu.org)



# Braintree School Open House

Sunday, Oct. 3 1:15-3:15 pm

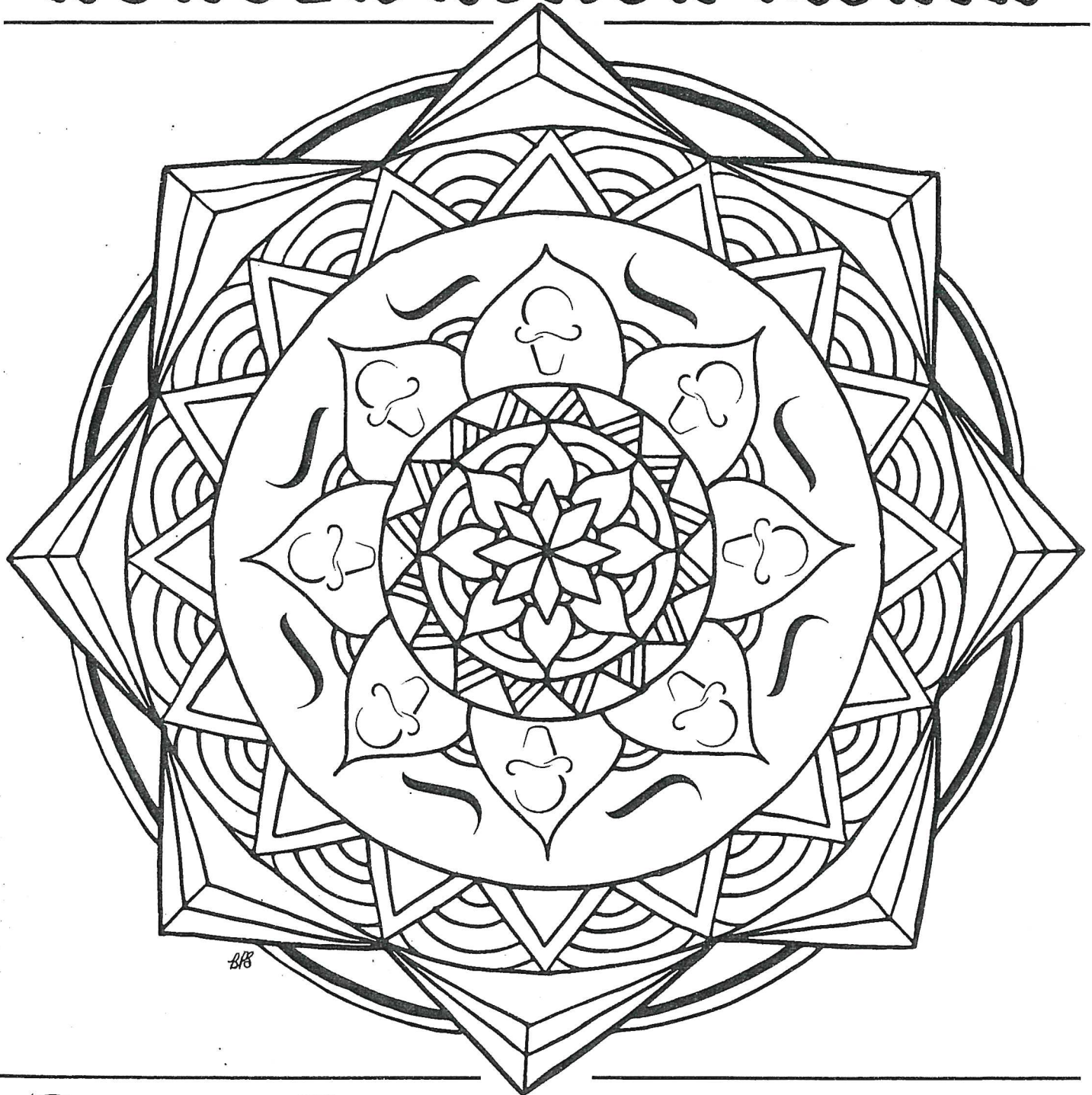
Rt. 153 West Pawlet, Vt

There will be ice cream for  
refreshments and Abbie Mahurin  
as the teacher.





# SEPTEMBER IS HUNGER ACTION MONTH



**Stewart's  
Shops**

**FREE ANY FLAVOR** single  
scoop ice cream  
cone when you hand in your  
colored sheet.



Design by  
**Nourish Designs**



Expires 9/26/2021

## #HungerActionMonth

- Hunger is a reality for 1 in 9 people in our communities
- 1 in 6 children don't know where their next meal is coming from

**Need Help?  
Looking for  
Ways to Help?**





Mettawee School sent the Come Alive Outside Passports home to students last Spring. If you chose to not participate in this program you can ignore the following message.

A message from Myra at Come Alive Outside...

*Dear Families,*

*Fall is on its way! I hope you have had a wonderful summer exploring Rutland County with your Come Alive Outside Summer Passports. If your child hasn't picked up a prize for earning 30 points yet, visit one of the prize centers: Wonderfeet Kids' Museum, Brandon Public Library, Gilbert Hart Library, and Poultney Public Library. Show your passport and claim a prize. The final date of the summer passport is September 24th. Enter your child/children in the grand prize drawing by completing this [survey](#) for each child by Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for getting outside and being active!!*

*Myra, Program Director, Come Alive Outside*

