



# Mettawee Messenger

September 30, 2021 Principal: Brooke DeBonis 645-9009

## Principal's Corner:

### Halloween Parade Expectations

Our parade will be held on Friday, October 29th at 1:30. Kindergarten through sixth grade, along with the Mettawee teachers, will walk in our parade by coming out the primary wing doors, down the sidewalk in front of our school, and end up out back on the playground. We will sing a few songs outside before the classes come back into school. Make sure your child's costume is school friendly and easy for your child to put on and take off independently. Your child will need to be able to wear a COVID safe face mask during the parade. We do not want students to have face paint this year due to wearing the masks. *Please leave the weapons, scary masks, and any extra accessories at home.*

Families will not be allowed in the building to bring in costumes, help put the costumes on, or to pick up their children afterwards. This will help keep everyone safe. You can come watch the parade outside the school and you can come around the building to listen to the children sing the songs. The parade will be done around 2:15 so families can pick up their children for dismissal. We will ask that you send in a note telling us that your child will be leaving with you after the parade and we will send them to the front to be dismissed. We are hoping to keep this fun tradition for our students and also change things to make sure we are keeping all of our staff and students safe. Thanks for your support and understanding.



### THERE WILL BE NO PRESCHOOL ON OCTOBER 4TH!

ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 4TH THE PRESCHOOL STAFF WILL BE ATTENDING A REQUIRED TRAINING AND THEREFORE

THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL.

WE APOLOGIZE FOR THE INTERRUPTION AND APPRECIATE YOUR UNDERSTANDING.



### To Our Community of Readers,

Welcome to another year of Books and Beyond at Mettawee. I would like to thank all of the readers who sent me mail this summer. I love hearing about the books you've been reading. I hope you enjoyed your sweet treat; Stewart's was our ice cream sponsor this year. We had an "out of this world" experience to kick off our new theme "The Ecology of Reading" at All School Meeting this week. Ask your child about it! And please look for additional information in Big Blue.

Happy reading,  
Mrs. Donaldson





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## **SOCCER UPDATES**



**This is your place to go for soccer information!**

We have been noticing that there has been a fair amount of garbage left on the soccer field from soccer practices. If you have had a snack or drink at soccer practice or at a game, please be sure to put your garbage in your soccer bag and take it home with you. It is not the responsibility of the morning PE classes to pick up trash on the soccer field.

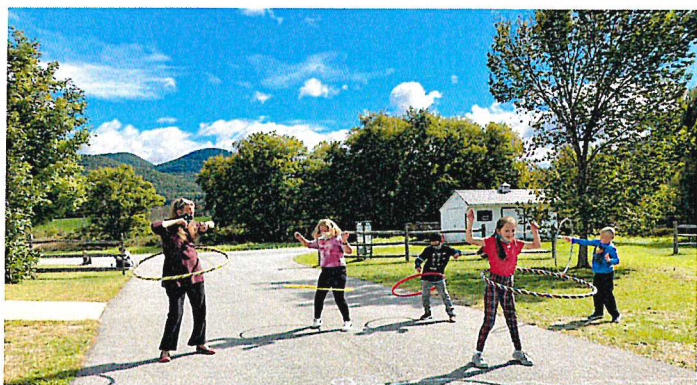
### **Come Cheer on the Team**

Monday, October 4th - 5/6 Team plays away vs. Poultney at 4:00

Tuesday, October 5th - 5/6 Team plays away vs. Fair Haven/Benson at FHGS at 4:00

Friday, October 8th - 3/4 Team plays away vs. Poultney at 4:00.

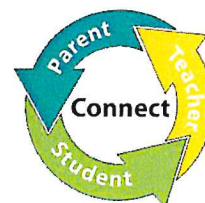
**GO METTAWEE!** 



A Hula hoop mini lesson with Mrs. Smith-Pliner.

## **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.



**SAVE THE DATE**

**October 15th** - No school - prof. development

**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



Chalkin' the walk on this beautiful Fall day!



# Notice to Preschool Families

Dear Preschool Families,

On Monday, October 4th the Preschool programs at Currier Memorial School, Manchester Elementary and Mettawee Community School will be closed. On that day Preschool Staff and support staff will be attending a required training. We do not anticipate further changes to the schedule for the remainder of the year. We understand this is an interruption of the established schedule and appreciate your understanding.

Kind regards,  
Debra Hathaway  
Early Education Director



## 8 Ways for Parents and Teachers to Foster Wild and Lifelong Reading Habits

by Donalyn Miller, Book Whisperer

1. **Model daily reading habits.** As literacy expert Stephen Krashen reminds us, “children read more when they see other people reading.” Talk with children about what you are reading and why you find reading personally interesting and meaningful.
2. **Set aside time for daily reading.** If we value reading, we must make time for it. Children who read at least 20 minutes a day score in the top range on reading tests and express more motivation and interest in reading. Even short blocks of time every day are better than bursts of reading on an occasional basis.
3. **Carry a book with you everywhere.** When packing for trips or running errands, throw books and magazines into the suitcase or back seat. Carrying something to read helps ward off “reading emergencies”—those times when you are stuck waiting without anything to do. The number one way adult readers rack up reading time is stealing short reading breaks in between other obligations. Carrying a book with you shows children how to steal reading time.
4. **Provide a wide variety of reading material.** Fiction and nonfiction, print and online magazines, graphic novels and comics—children need access to lots of texts that match their interests and reading ability. You never know what book or topic might engage a child with reading.
5. **Read aloud with children.** Sharing books with children—even teenagers—reinforces that reading is important and something you find personally rewarding. Through reading aloud, you send pleasure messages about reading and can share books with children that they might not be able to read on their own. With older children, reading together can provide a launching point for discussions and help you connect on a regular basis. Burdened with homework

and after school activities, many teens stop reading for pleasure. Reading together can keep them invested.

6. **Visit the library often.** Beyond free access to thousands of books, libraries offer qualified librarians and staff who can help match reading material to your child's interest and locate online and print resources to support children's needs. Most libraries host reading events and programs like summer reading clubs, too.
7. **Celebrate all reading.** Children read more when they are given choices in what they read. When reading for pleasure, children should control their own book selection with your personal limits on content and topics the only restrictions. Do not push children to read harder books, abandon picture books and comics, or limit their choices by reading levels when selecting pleasure reading books at the library or bookstore.
8. **Limit screen time.** The more time children spend using electronic devices and watching television, the less they read. While children need digital literacy skills, reading websites and surfing online don't provide the same vocabulary development or reading stamina that reading books and magazines do. If children read e-books on electronic devices, shut off internet access and limit other features during daily reading time.

# **PLAY HOCKEY!**

**Registration for 2021-2022  
Hockey Season is Open**

**TEAMS:**

**6U (born 2015-2017)  
8U (born 2013-2014)  
10U (born 2011-2012)  
12U (born 2009-2010)  
14U (born 2007-2008)**

**For beginners wanting to learn or  
others unsure if they want to play:**

**Intro to Girls Hockey  
Intro to Boys Hockey NEW**

**Intro programs are FREE!**

**Go to:**

**[www.northshirehockey.org/](http://www.northshirehockey.org/)**

**For registration and details**



# **NHHA Celebration Night**

## **Family Meet-and-Greet & Gear Swap**



**Saturday, October 9th**

**4-6**

**Riley Rink**



**Come for an evening of celebrating the upcoming hockey season!  
Meet your team mates, new and old, and meet the family community  
that makes each season fun and memorable.**

**Members of the board and coaching staff will be available  
to meet and answer any questions for the year.**

**Bring any gear that you don't need and swap for gear you do.  
You can always donate any gear too, even if you don't need any.**

**Anything helps!**

**Food & Beverages will be available.**