



Mettawee Messenger

October 14, 2021 Principal: Brooke DeBonis 645-9009

Principal's Corner:

Positive Partnership with Merck Forest and the Vermont Land Trust

Our students and staff members are so lucky to have access to the 100 + acres of land located next to our school. Check out this website

<https://vlt.org/pressreleases/vlt-merck-partner-to-create-100-acre-outdoor-campus-for-k-6-public-school> to read the article that explains how we are able to use the land to enrich our education practices.

We are so fortunate to work with Merck Forest and their educators as our students explore and learn about the many parts of the natural landscape in West Pawlet, Vermont. We will be brainstorming more ways we can utilize the land for outdoor education experiences. This is a wonderful gift from the Vermont Land Trust!

Halloween Parade

This is just a reminder that we will be hosting our annual Halloween Parade at 1:30 on October 29th. Please make sure you send in your child's costume to school. **We do not want our students wearing costumes prior to the parade.** You are welcome to watch the parade outside the building, but we ask that you NOT come into the school. By setting this expectation we will be able to keep all of the staff and students safe and it will be less stressful for us to monitor close contacts during this event. **If you would like your child to go home with you or a family member after the parade, please send in a note so we know the plan ahead of time.** We will be sure the students are packed and ready for this slightly earlier dismissal time if you communicate ahead of time. We want to be sure that all students go to the correct locations after the parade. Thank you for your understanding.



NO SCHOOL FOR THE STUDENTS ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15TH!

In-service Day for the Teachers



**Picture Day is MONDAY
October 18th!**

Please look in your Big Blue Folder for your picture order form.

Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences

for Kindergarten through 6th Grade are Thursday, October 28th and conferences for Preschool are Thursday, October 28th and Friday, October 29th. There is no school on this day, just an expectation that you and your child participate in conferences. An email was sent out Wednesday, October 13th with more information about electronic sign ups and links to your child's conference schedule.

If you need help with signing your child up for conferences please reach out and let us know.





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Soccer Updates

This is your place to go for soccer information!



Please adjust your calendars - ALL games against Wells School have been canceled!

Come Cheer on the Team

3/4 Team - Friday, October 15th - HOME vs. Poultney at 4:00

3/4 Team - Wednesday, October 20th - AT Poultney at 4:00

3/4 Team - Monday, October 25th - HOME vs. Poultney at 4:00

GO METTAWEE!



Ms. Hoyt and her daughter are twinning on Spirit Week Twin Day!

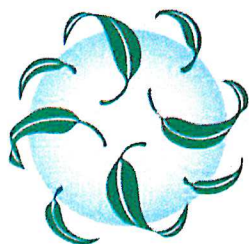
Please look in your backpack for a Big Blue Folder!



Correction: The email address on the Four-Winds flyer was incorrect. If you would like to volunteer for Four-Winds please email Allison at amgarcia921@gmail.com.

4-Winds is looking for parents or community members to volunteer to help bring more

natural sciences to our Kindergarten through 5th grade classrooms. The first meeting will be October 26th. Come join us!





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JISP & KAPS

Please be sure to find the Bromley Mountain KAPS and JISP information following your Mettawee Messenger. The deadline for registration without a late fee is **November 1st**. This is not a Mettawee sponsored program. If you have any questions regarding KAPS or JISP please go to their website or call the Bromley Outing Club.



Mettawee will be closing at 11:40 each Friday during JISP. This will be professional development time for our teachers and staff and an opportunity for enrichment for our students.

[link to JISP/KAPS information](#)

Wreath Orders

*We just wanted you to be aware that Holiday Greenery order forms will be going home next week in your Big Blue folder.
The due date for orders will be November 12th.*



First Grade kickball game



October 15th - No school - Prof. Dev.

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



SPIRIT WEEK - HAT DAY!



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6th Graders read their completed Land Acknowledgement statement before school began on Monday - Indigenous People's Day. They will continue to read it before special gatherings such as All School Meeting when we all come together.

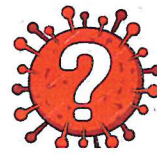


Special Education Staff Twinning on Twin Day!

COVID-19 Question of the day!

Answers to some Commonly asked COVID19 Questions

* Where can I get a COVID test?




You have options...

Call your child's pediatrician, they can advise you about your individual circumstances. Some doctors offices are doing testing, but if your child is asymptomatic they may ask you to test somewhere else.

Manchester Medical Center

They are offering FREE drive through covid PCR tests for kids every Friday!

LET'S KEEP OUR KIDS IN SCHOOL, AND KEEP COVID19 OUT!



As local physicians and the parents of young children with deep roots in this community, we are committed to doing what we can to give our community's kids and teachers the chance to start this school year safe and COVID free!

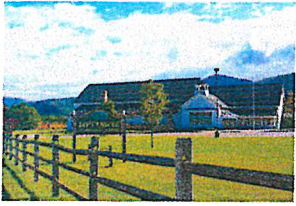
Castleton Express Care

They can test you if you have symptoms but ask that you call your doctor if you are an asymptomatic close contact so you can schedule a test at the medical center.

Southwestern VT Health Care -

Bennington

In Bennington you can either make an appointment or walk in.



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Rutland Regional Medical Center -

COVID-19 testing is available at RRMC but *only* with a healthcare provider order and an appointment. Your doctor could write you an order for a test at RRMC.

Vermont Health Department - you can find testing sites and learn more about testing for COVID on the Health Department website.

Visit us again next week for another COVID-19 Question of the day!



IF YOUR CHILD IS SICK...

#1 - STAY HOME - if you send your child to school not feeling well (headache, stuffy nose, cough...) we **WILL** send them home.

#2 - If the symptom lasts for less than 24 hours you may send them back to school the next day. We will be happy to have them back!

#3 - If the symptoms last for more than 24 hours - EVEN IF THEY SEEM VERY MILD AND YOU WOULD NORMALLY NOT BRING THEM TO A DOCTOR - **Please** schedule a covid test or a visit to your child's doctor. We do **NOT** want to see them back at school unless they have had a covid test or have an alternative diagnosis in writing from a doctor.

#4 - If you choose to not test - your child can return to school only after **10 full days** from the onset of their symptoms.

Even if your child is feeling totally better, unless they have had a covid test, have an alternative diagnosis from a doctor, or it has been 10 days since the first day they were feeling sick, we do not want them back at school.

We are doing our very best to keep sickness out of our classrooms and to keep our school open. We thank you for your patience and cooperation.



Getting in on the TACKY TUESDAY silliness!



Sunrise over Mettawee

JISP & KAP Drivers

Drive 3 or more JISP and/or KAP students and receive a lift ticket for \$15 on your JISP afternoon & \$20 for Bromley Sundays. All drivers must be BOC members. Shared drivers must share benefits, meaning only one can use the benefits on a given day at a time. Drivers can sign in as early as 11:00 on their JISP day. Your town chair will coordinate students.

Questions – Contact the BOC at 824-6498 or boc@bromleyoutingclub.com

2022 Program Schedule

ALL instruction begins on Tuesday, January 4th and ends on Friday, March 11th.

ALL PROGRAMS skip TWO weeks - February 14-18 and February 21-25.

Supervised instruction is from 1-3 p.m. during the above dates.

There is no JISP or KAP supervision from 3-4 p.m.

JISP classes are not offered to High School students grades 9-12. They can take advantage of the teen student afternoon pass. Please contact Bromley for more info. The Bart Center will accept and instruct grades 9-12.

JISP Sunday Schedule

At Bromley Sunday JISP Schedule to be released ASAP – anticipate same # Sundays as in years past

At Stratton Sunday JISP schedule to be released ASAP

Snow day Policy - When school is cancelled due to a snow day, students may use their pass on their scheduled program day of the week. Drivers will need to buy a regular priced pass and instructors must use a credit. No programs/lessons if school is cancelled. There are no makeup days.

Pass Info

Questions? Call the ticket office at 824-5522 or ticketoffice@bromley.com

KAP – All students must come up to the ticket office to get their photo taken and pick up their pass. **NO preprinted passes are available.**

JISP – You have 2 choices....

1. Photo on file – If you have a photo on file from last year you can choose to use last season's photo. Your pass will be sent to your school through your town chair. You will receive a NEW pass – please do not use last years pass.

2. New photo – If you do not have a photo on file, have not gotten a pass in the past, or never been in KAP or JISP then passes are available for pickup during the times below.

Pass Pick Up Dates @ Ticket Office

November 8 - 12 from 1pm – 5pm.

November 15 – 24 Mon – Fri from 1 - 5, Sat & Sun from 10 - 2

November 26 - December 1 from 12:30 – 4:00

Must pick up passes before December 1 or be charged \$20.00

December 2 through opening, Mon. – Fri. 9:00 until 3:30, Sunday's 1 – 4

LATE FEE

You must come pick up your pass before December 1 or you will be charged a late fee of \$20 and you will not be taken in line before a season pass holder.

December 2 – Opening Mon-Fri: 9:00 - 3:30 Sunday: 1-4

(\$20 late fee applies!!!!!!) **NO JISP Pass Cards Issued after December 1 on Saturdays.** There is a \$10 replacement fee for lost Pass Cards at Bromley customer service.

Equipment Rentals

KAP & JISP

All JISP/KAP rentals are now pickup only, you may not take them home. JISP/KAP rentals are \$120 with no deposit required. If you desire to take them home, you will need to purchase a regular seasonal rental for \$220 plus a \$100 deposit.

You must come to a fitting.

Rental Fitting & Sizing Days @ Rentals

November 25 – December 24 – Everyday 8:30 – 4:30

December 21/22 – Afternoon only 12:00 – 4:30

Fitting will not be available December 25 – January 1

LATE FEE

You must get fitted before your first day of rentals or you will be charged a late fee of \$20. This includes scholarship students.

Questions – Contact rentals at 824-5522 or rentals@bromley.com

Conduct:

Lift access will be denied if you are not with your group during class times.

All participants must take instruction each week.

They are expected to conduct themselves properly and safely at all times while on the mountain property.

The staff reserves the right to suspend any student, driver or instructor from the program for misconduct



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SATURDAY
NOV. 6
9AM



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FREE for First 100 UCS Clients to sign up

KIDS' DASH — Free kids' training booklet for all kids who register. Get ready to run, walk, or roll!



FOR MORE INFORMATION
or to **REGISTER FOR THE RACE**
visit ucsvt.org/events
or call Community Relations at
802.442.5491 ext. 281



Enjoy a pancake breakfast to benefit the
Bennington Rotary Scholarship Fund.

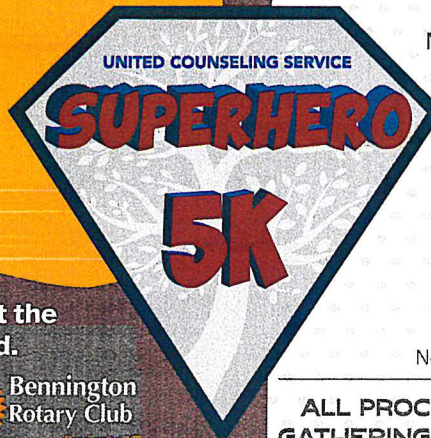
\$8/ticket

No advance purchase available

8-10:30AM



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Rotary Club
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