



# Mettawee Messenger

October 21, 2021 Principal: Brooke DeBonis 645-9009

## Principal's Corner:

### Halloween Parade

We invite you to join us for our Halloween Parade on Friday, October 29th at 1:30. Children may not wear their costumes to school, there will be time after lunch to get ready for the parade. Your child should be able to independently get into their costume and the costume should accommodate wearing their mask for covid safety.

Guests will not be allowed into the building. This decision was made to help keep our community safe and aid in contact tracing. If you would like to take your child after the parade, please send in a note in the morning so we can reduce the chaos and have them ready to go.



### Holiday Greenery Orders

Holiday Greenery order forms are going home in your Big Blue folder TODAY.

Orders are due on Wednesday, November 10th so that we can have our product delivered by November 30th!



## Conference Day October 28th

### NO SCHOOL

**REMINDER  
NO SCHOOL**

Just an expectation that you come to your conference. Childcare for siblings will be provided.

### **DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR CONFERENCE!**

Links for signing up for conferences were emailed last Wednesday.

If you need help please reach out to your teacher or the front desk. **The LAST day to sign up for conferences is Tuesday, October 26th.**



All smiles on the playground for these cousins!





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Please check those backpacks for your Big Blue Folder! Each

family should have a wreath order form in their folder in addition to anything the classroom teacher may choose to put in there.

The first Four Winds meeting will be **October 26th**. Please join us!

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



sciences to our Kindergarten through 5th grade classrooms.

If you have questions or are interested in volunteering please reach out to Allison Garcia at [amgarcia921@gmail.com](mailto:amgarcia921@gmail.com).



Our friend Fox in Kindergarten was the lucky winner of a brand new chromebook that was raffled off by BRSU Food Services as part of an incentive to fill out the Free and Reduced Lunch application. Congratulations Fox!

## Soccer Updates



This is your place to go for soccer information!

A great soccer season is coming to an end. Certificates will be handed out at the last practice. There will unfortunately be no end of season ceremony this year.

**Kindergarten** - Last practice - Fri, Oct. 22nd  
**1st Grade** - Last practice - Wed, Oct. 20th  
**2nd Grade** - Last practice - Tues, Oct. 19th  
**3/4 Team** - last practice - Oct. 25th game  
**5/6 Team** - Last practice - Fri, Oct. 22nd

### ~ Uniform Returns ~

**5/6 Graders** should return their cleaned uniforms to Mrs. Webb by Friday, Oct. 22nd.

**3/4 Graders** should return their cleaned uniforms to Mrs. Webb by Friday, Oct. 29th.

### Come Cheer on the Team - Last Game

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

**GO METTAWEE!**







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## Deadline is approaching - JISP & KAPS SKI PROGRAM

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. Our JISP coordinator will be India Farmer. She will be reaching out to coordinate drivers for students who need a ride. There will be no bus transportation to the mountain. If you need a scholarship application please let the school know. We can send one home with your child.

**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](#)



Our library was transformed into an Escape Room and all the kids had a blast solving riddles and working together!

**SAVE THE DATE**

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

**October 28th** - Parent Teacher Conferences

**October 28th** - No School

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

**October 29th** - Halloween Parade at 1:30

**November 2nd** - PTO Meeting at 2:45

**November 24th - 26th** - Thanksgiving Break

**November 29th** - Picture Retake Day

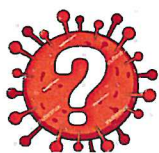
**Thank you Mrs. Bickford and Bjorn!**





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## COVID-19 Question of the week!

Answers to some Commonly asked COVID19 Questions

### \*What are the symptoms of covid-19?

COVID-19 affects different people in different ways. Infected people have had a wide range of symptoms reported – from mild symptoms to severe illness.

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have:

- \*Congestion or runny nose
- \*Fever or chills
- \*Muscle or body aches
- \*New loss of taste or smell
- \*Nausea or vomiting
- \*Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- \*Cough
- \*Fatigue
- \*Headache
- \*Diarrhea
- \*Sore throat

Covid can look like the common cold. Covid can look like allergies. Covid can look like a stomach bug. Please keep your child home if they are not feeling well. We ask that you **please** schedule a covid test to confirm that your child does not have covid before their return to school. Last week's Messenger had links to many area locations where you can get a covid test. PLEASE, reach out for help if you are not sure what to do or need support with finding a test site.

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



SYMPTOMS  
CORONA  
VIRUS



## 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.



**2021 MCS PTO GREENERY**  
**SO MANY CHOICES, SO MUCH FUN, GREAT COMPANY!**



Beautiful 12" balsam/white pine &/or cedar, decorated wreaths with clusters of pine cones and berries with a red or burgundy bow, your choice! \$23.00 ea.



The ever popular balsam kissing balls, large and decorated.  
choice of red or burgundy bow. \$30.00 ea.



Cemetery cones with holiday love \$20.00 ea.



Pretty holiday centerpieces for your special table that lasts for weeks! \$20.00 ea.

**ORDER FORM ON BACK**

2021 MCS PTO GREENERY ORDER FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE# \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

12" DECORATED WREATH \$23.00 EA.

# OF WREATHS \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

BOW COLOR: RED \_\_\_\_\_ BURGUNDY \_\_\_\_\_

LARGE KISSING BALLS \$30.00 EA.

# OF KISSING BALLS \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

BOW COLOR: RED \_\_\_\_\_ BURGUNDY \_\_\_\_\_

CEMETERY CONES \$20.00 EA.

# OF CEMETERY CONES \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

HOLIDAY CENTERPIECES \$20.00 EA.

# OF CENTERPIECES \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

ORDERS ARE DUE BY: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH!  
ALL ORDERS WILL BE READY FOR PICKUP BY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH, 2:30 - 4:00

**PAYMENTS ARE DUE AT THE TIME OF ORDER  
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO MCS-PTO**

Dorset Village will be having a walking Halloween from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday October 31<sup>st</sup>. The Dorset Players and the Dorset Library will be having their haunted houses outside. Many other residents and businesses will be handing out candy around the Village Green, Cheney Rd. and on Meadow Lane. Please look for the porch lights to know where you can trick or treat!

It is highly recommended that everyone practices social distancing, stay within your group, and wear a mask for safety. The Dorset Library and the Dorset Players will be practicing safety measures as well; distancing, wearing masks and limiting the 'victims' admitted into the haunted houses!

Residents are welcome to participate in the 'Trunk or Treat' experience by parking in the Dorset-Playhouse lot and handing out candy by your car. Please contact the Playhouse for more information.

Contact the Dorset Library 867-5774 or the Dorset Playhouse 867-2223 with any questions or for more information.

Parking is available on Church St., Route 30, the Field Club and at the Playhouse.



# AFTER-SCHOOL SEWING

## AT SOUTHERN VERMONT ARTS CENTER

Starts November 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Scholarships available

Join us for *Introduction to Hand Sewing*, a six-week class. Tuesdays, 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Learn how to use a needle, thread and other tools to make fun and useful things with cloth. Sew on a button, mend a hole...or create something new. Geared for ages 8+ (Please contact us if a younger child has interest and some experience.)  
**\$120 SVAC member/\$150 non-member**

About the teaching artists:

Andrea Myklebust is a textile artist who has been sewing since she was little. Some of her favorite sewing projects to make are soft toys, puppets, and costumes, but she can also be coaxed into mending socks and replacing missing buttons. Tansy Sears loves to hand sew small creatures, and unique clothing for herself. She occasionally stitches together enormous monsters.



Southern Vermont  
**ARTS CENTER**

Questions about scholarships or anything else? Ready to register?

Please call or email Erin at SVAC: 802.367.1306, [ekaufman@svac.org](mailto:ekaufman@svac.org)



# AFTER-SCHOOL MUSICAL THEATER DANCE

## AT SOUTHERN VERMONT ARTS CENTER

Starts November 8<sup>nd</sup>

### Scholarships available

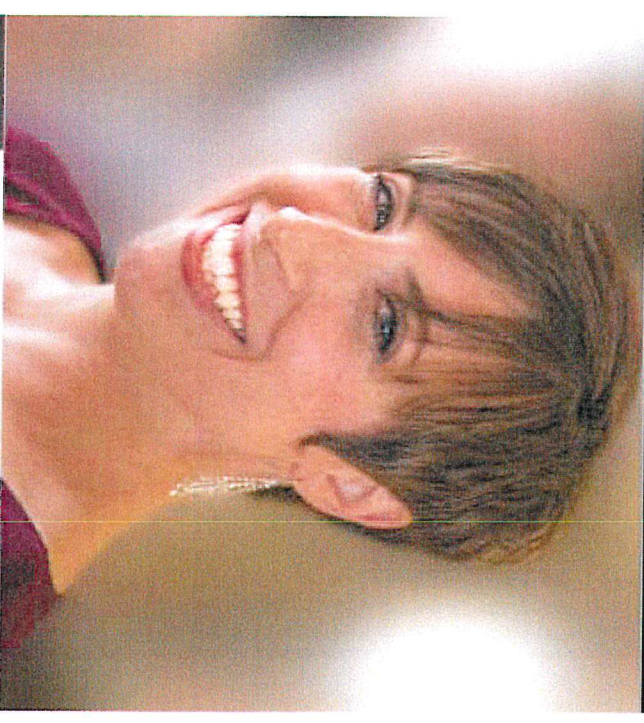
Come explore the world of musical theatre through the lens of movement. This fun, exciting, physical class will teach you how to embody a character in a musical dance number. Learn dance movements from different eras while building confidence and learning tools and skills.

Six Mondays, 90 minutes each time. All levels welcome.

Ages 10 - 14. \$160 SVAC member/\$195 non-member

#### About Carissa:

Carissa Bellando has performed professionally for thirteen years in concert dance and musical theatre. She has taught and choreographed in the US and Germany for colleges, conservatories, theatres, dance companies, and dance studios. Carissa has a passion for teaching students to develop their unique dance "voices" as safely as possible. Her own research interests are in contemporary jazz dance and its historical roots.



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