



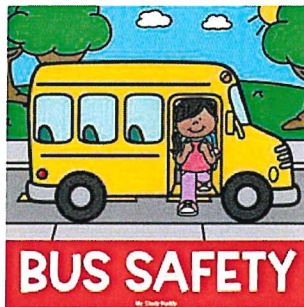
# Mettawee Messenger

November 4, 2021 Principal: Brooke DeBonis 645-9009

## Principal's Corner:

### Bus Expectations

We are seeing some students struggling with following the bus rules so it seems like a great time for us to remind everyone of bus expectations. Please encourage your students to be safe, respectful, and calm on the bus. In addition, we do not want the students writing notes on the bus to each other. The notes are causing students to be upset and it is making a mess on the bus. The bus drivers will be writing tickets if the students are not following the bus expectations. Thank you for your support with keeping all of our students safe on the bus.



### Mettawee Bus Safety Rules

1. Stay facing forward in your seat while the bus is in motion.
2. Use quiet voices.
3. Be respectful to your friends and the bus driver.
4. Keep hands and feet to yourself.
5. Stay out of the aisle and sit with your back against the seat.
6. Please do not eat or drink on the bus.
7. Always listen to the bus driver's directions.

## Winter Sports Update



We have received the winter guidance from the Agency of Education. The state strongly recommends all eligible student athletes to get vaccinated. The

memo states that unvaccinated student athletes will need to be tested weekly in order to participate in playing a winter sport. Keeping track of weekly testing for each unvaccinated student will be a lot to manage for grades K-6. Based on this, we will only be offering basketball to Mettawee students in grades 3-6. Masks will be worn by all student athletes, coaches, referees, and spectators during indoor practices and games, regardless of individual vaccination status.



We will be starting basketball practices in January. This gives our families time to get their children vaccinated before participating in basketball. If you do not plan on getting your child vaccinated, and they want to play basketball, you will need to have your child tested each week with a PCR test. The results will be submitted each Friday in order for your child to participate in basketball practices and games the following week.

Mrs. Webb will be sending home a student sign up sheet next week to see how many students would like to participate in basketball in grades 3-6. We will also be recruiting basketball coaches. These details will be determined by mid-December. Basketball practices and games will be scheduled from January to the end of February. Let Brooke DeBonis or Janna Webb know if you have any questions about Mettawee's Basketball program.





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There will be **No Preschool** on  
Tuesday, November 23rd.



Don't forget - turn  
your clocks back  
Sunday, November  
7th

## Holiday Greenery Orders

Holiday Greenery order forms are due on  
**Wednesday, November 10th** so that we can  
have our product delivered by  
November 30th!

We have included another order form in  
your Big Blue folder in case you misplaced  
the one that went home a couple of weeks  
ago. Please consider buying your wreath  
from the Mettawee PTO!



## Veterans Day

We regret to inform you that we will not be  
hosting our Veterans Day breakfast this year due  
to coronavirus concerns. On Veterans Day, and  
every day, we thank  
you for your service to  
our country and the  
sacrifices you made to  
protect us all.



There will be **NO  
SCHOOL** on

Thursday, November 11th in honor of Veterans  
Day.

## Art of Kindness Project



For the month of  
November we are  
delighted to be  
showcasing the "Art  
of Kindness".  
In the Spring of  
2020, our sixth  
graders were invited  
by Claire Reczek, a  
former literacy  
specialist at  
Mettawee, to  
participate in the

project. The students were challenged to draw  
images of "Kindness". The students selected five of  
the pictures to be part of the travelling exhibit.  
Former students, Alyssa, Breanna, Elijah, Finley  
and Haedyn have drawings in the collection.  
The project is organized by Delta Kappa Gamma  
VT, a society that promotes professional and  
personal growth of women educators and  
excellence in education. Students from many  
schools across the state participated. The display  
has been in Bennington and will travel to Rutland  
and then on to the State House in Montpelier.

If you are in the building, please take a moment to  
enjoy the wonderful drawings of kindness.  
Thank you to Claire Reczek and Delta Kappa  
Gamma for including Mettawee in this project.

Amy Harris - Mettawee School Art Teacher



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## Mettawee Apparel

**Please look in your backpacks for your Big Blue folder!**

An order form for Mettawee Apparel is going home today.

**Orders are due by November 19th.**



**Make checks payable to MCS PTO**

## Share the Warmth Clothing Drive

*Save the Date!!*

**November 20th & 21st from 9:00-2:00**  
at Mettawee Community School  
Bring your own bags!!!

😊 MASKS MANDATORY

regardless of vaccination status 😊

No Mask, No Entry

***Please see the attached flyer for more information!***

**Volunteers needed!** Please contact Brooke Burnham if you can help. You can reach her at 802-342-6377 or email her at

[bburnham@burrburton.org](mailto:bburnham@burrburton.org)



## Warm Clothing Reminder

This is the time of year when it's hard to remember to grab a jacket, mittens, and a hat when you walk out the door. Even if it warms up throughout the day, it's a good idea to have these items for the days it stays cold. We spend a lot of time outside and want to be sure that our students are warm and comfortable while exploring, learning, and playing outside. An extra set of clothing and boots would be great too as we sometimes go out even if it's lightly precipitating. These items can be left in a bag in your child's cubby if you'd like. Mask breaks and fresh air are so important to our regular daily routine.



## JISP SKATING

Skating lessons will be offered at Riley Rink for K-6 students on Friday afternoons in the winter!

Here are the links for registering and a scholarship application if you would like to apply.

This is not a school sponsored activity and we do not provide transportation. If you need help coordinating a ride for your child please let us know and we can try to help.



[Register](#)

[Jonathan Levin Scholarships](#)





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**JISP SKIING**  
[link to JISP/KAPS](#)  
[information](#)

## DEADLINE EXTENDED!!!

The per student fees for JISP and KAP will increase by \$50 at midnight on Monday 11/8, so the last day to register without the late fee will be November 7th. You get one more week! **Scholarship Applications must be turned in by November 4th.**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**November 11th** - No School Veterans Day

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

**November 29th** - Picture Retake Day

**December 23rd - January 3rd** - Holiday Break

**January 17** - No School - MLK Jr. Day



## COVID-19 Question of the week!

Answers to some Commonly asked  
COVID19 Questions

**\* When will the COVID-19 vaccine be available to 5-11 year olds in Vermont and what will the roll out look like?**

Covid-19 vaccination appointments for Vermont children ages 5 to 11 opened Wednesday morning, November 3rd, at 8:00 a.m.

Appointments for school-based and state-run clinics can be made at

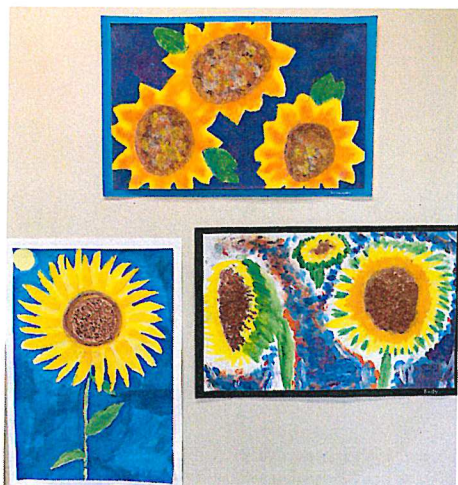
[healthvermont.gov/KidsVaccine](https://healthvermont.gov/KidsVaccine) or by calling 855-722-7878. Families may need to add their child as a dependent in the registration system.

We are fortunate that there will be a clinic for 5-11 year olds in Manchester with the first vaccine on November 13 and the second on December 4. The clinic is open from 9:00am-3:00pm and has 200 appointment times. If these appointments are filled, the Department of Health has said they will offer another clinic the weekends of November 20 and December 11. These clinics are only for 5-11 year old children.

The vaccine authorized for young children is a smaller, more diluted dose than the vaccine for those 12 and older, meaning only certain clinics will have the necessary supplies to administer shots to 5 to 11 year-olds. Those locations will be indicated in the registration system.

If you have questions about the vaccine, please visit the [Vermont Department of Health website](https://healthvermont.gov/KidsVaccine). This site is the state's primary site for providing information and many of your questions will be answered here.

The Vermont Pediatrics Academy is holding virtual forums with local pediatricians about



*6th Grade  
brightening  
our halls  
with  
sunflowers!*





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Covid-19 vaccines for children. Events will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. via Zoom on the following dates:

- **Monday, November 8th** with Leah Costello, M.D. (So. Burlington)  
[Click here to join Zoom meeting](#)
- **Wednesday, November 10th** with Elizabeth Richards, M.D. (Brattleboro)  
[Click here to join Zoom meeting](#)
- **Tuesday, November 16th** with Josh Kantrowitz, M.D. (St. Johnsbury)  
[Click here to join Zoom meeting](#)
- **Thursday, November 18th** with Ashley Miller, M.D. (So. Royalton)  
[Click here to join Zoom meeting](#)
- **Monday, November 22nd** with Colleen Moran, M.D. (Lamoille)  
[Click here to join Zoom meeting](#)
- **Monday, November 30th** with Alexandra Bannach, M.D. (Newport)  
[Click here to join Zoom meeting](#)
- **Tuesday, December 2nd** with Tracy Tyson, M.D. (St. Albans)  
[Click here to join Zoom meeting](#)
- **Monday, December 6th** with Monica Benjamin, M.D. (Middlebury)  
[Click here to join Zoom meeting](#)
- **Wednesday, December 8th** with Judy Orton, M.D. (Bennington)  
[Click here to join Zoom meeting](#)
- **Monday, December 13th** with Stanley Weinberger, M.D. (Burlington)  
[Click here to join Zoom meeting](#)
- **Monday, December 15th** with Sarah Weidhaas, M.D. (Springfield)  
[Click here to join Zoom meeting](#)

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



## 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.







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**IF YOU MISSED  
THE HALLOWEEN  
PARADE - HERE  
ARE SOME  
HIGHLIGHTS!**



SPED Team - 3 peas in a pod



1st Grade were all part of "Farmer" Pierce's  
Pumpkin patch!



Mrs. Chalmers and her daughter Mrs. Thomas  
are getting in on the Jurassic fun.



Mrs. Webb - the boombox - complete with  
music!



Mrs. McGann's group of 5th graders



Mrs. Thomas' 5th Grade class.





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Halloween in Mrs. Porrier's 3/4 class.



Mrs. Baker's 3rd Grade class.



Mrs. Lea's 6th Grade



Frankenstein!



Some Halloween craft project fun!





# METTAWEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

**\$8.50**

NAVY OR DK GREEN



**PC450** Port & Company  
Fan Favorite Tee

**\$11.50**

NAVY OR DK GREEN



**PC450LS** Port & Company  
Long Sleeve Fan Favorite Tee

**\$23**

NAVY



**PC590H** Port & Co. - Performance Fleece  
Pullover Hooded Sweatshirt

**\$7.50**

NAVY OR DK GREEN



**PC61Y** Port & Company  
YOUTH Essential Tee

**\$10.50**

NAVY OR DK GREEN



**PC450YLS** Port & Company - YOUTH  
Long Sleeve Fan Favorite Tee

**\$23**

NAVY



**PC590YH** Port & Co. - Performance Fleece  
YOUTH Pullover Hooded Sweatshirt

**\$5.50**

NAVY



**PAMASK** Port Authority  
Cotton Knit Face Mask

**\$21**

OXFORD



**974Y**  
JERZEES YOUTH  
OPEN-BOTTOM SWEATPANTS

**\$20**

SPORT GREY



**G182B**  
GILDAN YOUTH  
50/50 SWEATPANT

NAVY

**\$10**



**CP77**  
Port & Co. Low Profile Cap

**\$15**

FOREST or NAVY



**BST600** Sport-Tek Rival  
Cinch Pack







## B400 Port Authority Shopping Tote



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**NAVY**

# TB850 PORT AUTHORITY TRAVEL BLANKET



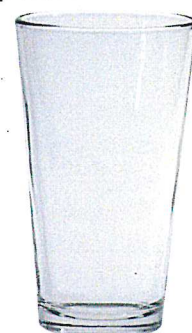
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WITH LOGO



**LTM076 20 oz. Vacuum Insulated Tumbler**



LASER ENGRAVED  
WITH LOGO



**PG16** 16oz. Pint Glass



## KEY TAG

**\$11**

**WHITE WITH NAVY PRINT**



**MUG** 15oz. Coffee Mug

**\$3**



**MINI EURO**  
**3x4 INCH**  
**MINI EURO DECAL**

**\$4**



**EURO**  
**4x6 INCH**  
**EURO DECAL**

**add \$2 for sizes XX and bigger**

**ORDERS DUE BY:**  
**11/19/21**

## HAND IN TO SCHOOL OFFICE

**MAKE CHECKS  
PAYABLE TO:  
MCS PTO**



**PLEASE FILL OUT ALL COLUMNS CLEARLY**

Name:				
EMAIL:		PHONE:		
Item #	Color	Size	Qty	Price
Ex. G200	Royal	XL	1	\$11.00
TOTAL AMOUNT				

**We have made every attempt to create flyers free from errors. However, we do reserve the right to correct pricing errors. Color choices may also vary when printed on paper compared to actual fabric.**

**DUE TO LACK OF GARMENT COLORS IN CERTAIN SIZES, SOME GARMENTS WILL BE SUBSTITUTED WITH A DIFFERENT BRAND AND COLORS MAY NOT BE CONSISTENT.**



11/01/21

Dear Mettawee Families,

In the spirit of the season, the Mettawee Community School faculty, staff, interested families and community members would like to help families in our school who need support in brightening their holiday.

Does your son or daughter need any particular clothing that would help keep him or her warm during the winter months? Is there a special toy, book, piece of sports equipment, stuffed animal or art supplies that you need help providing for your child this holiday? (Other ideas: puzzles, dolls, legos, trucks, play-doh, slippers, mittens, hats, pajamas, boots, dress, socks, pants or shirt, soccer ball, coloring books and crayons, fuzzy blanket, books for his/her age, etc.)

Please let us know if we can help by completing the form below and returning it addressed to Heather Lund, Special Educator. **Please return your wish form by November 19th.** For clothing and shoes please specify boy/girl/gender neutral, age and size. *Please do not ask for electronic games or devices.*

All requests will be kept anonymous. Your request will receive a number which will be written on an ornament and placed on our "Giving Tree" in our school lobby with the item you are requesting. Teachers, staff and anyone interested in helping will take an ornament from the tree so that a gift can be purchased and returned to school in time for the holidays.

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding this program.

Sincerely,

***Mettawee Giving Tree Friends***

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We would like to request that the following item be placed on the Giving Tree at school for our child.

Name of child: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of item (if clothing or footwear, please specify size): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please return this form to school in a **sealed envelope** addressed to Mrs. Lund **on or before** Friday, November 19th. Thank you!)



**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**





Please help us provide **New** socks and underwear for the students we serve.

Kids size 3T-16  
For our Upper Elementary  
Womens SM-L  
Mens SM-XL

Drop off box outside at **morning drop off** and **afternoon pick up**. Students can also use the drop off basket inside!

November 8-23rd

# SHARE THE WARMTH 14<sup>th</sup> year

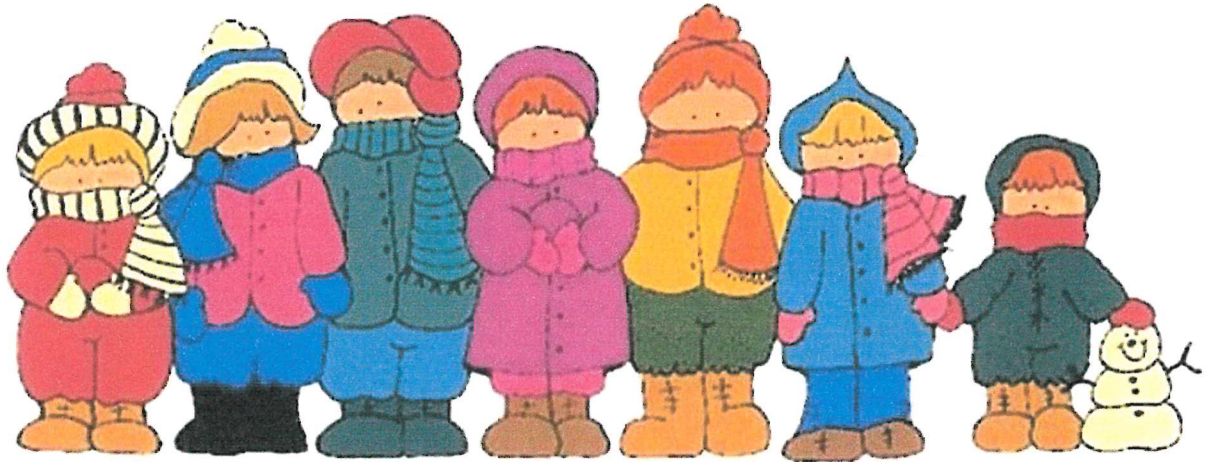
At Mettawee Community School

5788 VT -153, West Pawlet

Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>

From 9:00AM -2:00PM

MASKS ARE MANDATORY (regardless of vaccination status)



All size winter clothing will be accepted along with outerwear, accessories, bedding and shoes.

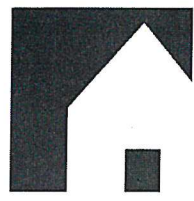
All clothing **MUST** be clean, smoke free and reusable!

Donations can be dropped off Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from  
8:00AM-4:00PM

If you have any questions, please call Brooke Burnham at

802 242 6277





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ARTS CENTER

## FEBRUARY BREAK CAMPS

### Camp Hygge

Instructor: Andrea Myklebust • [mountainheartvt.com](http://mountainheartvt.com)

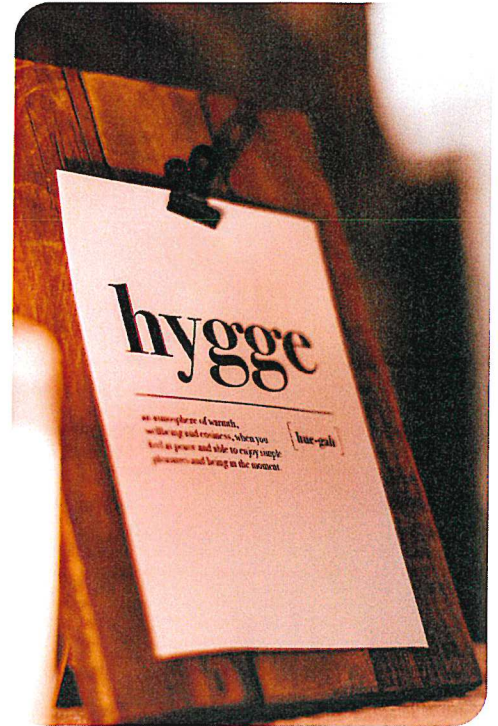
Monday, February 21 - Friday, February 25

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (contact us about early drop-off or late pick-up)

Ages 7+

SVAC member: \$225 / Non-member: \$275 • Scholarships available

Embrace winter fun in this camp devoted to the Scandinavian concept of "Hygge." Hygge (pronounced "hoo-gah") is a quality of coziness and togetherness that leads to a feeling of contentment and well-being, especially in winter! In this camp, we'll make our own toys and games, create gifts for family and friends, build indoor blanket forts (and/or outdoor snow forts) go sledding, look at art, draw and write in sketchbooks, and more--all designed to make late winter fun and bright.



### Painting Bootcamp for Teens

Instructor: Cynthia Rosen • [cynthiarosenartist.com](http://cynthiarosenartist.com)

February 22, 23, 24 (T, W & TH)

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Ages 14 - 19

SVAC member: \$155 / Non-member: \$195 • Scholarships available

A special opportunity for high school students to explore composition, color, light and perspective with professional painter Cynthia Rosen. Each day's demo will use a different medium. Students may work with whatever kind of paint they wish. We will use still lifes to further our understanding on the first two days. On the third day, students are welcome to bring photos to work from, and/or discover images in art books from which to do an interpretive painting from famous works of the past.

Register with Erin at [ekaufman@svac.org](mailto:ekaufman@svac.org) or 802.367.1306