



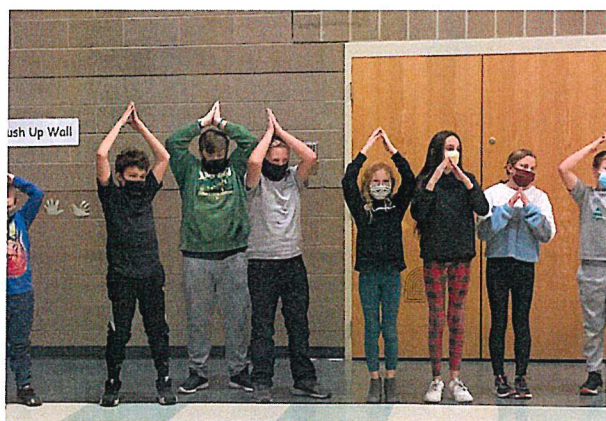
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November 10, 2021 Principal: Brooke DeBonis 645-9009

Principal's Corner:

Freedom Within Assembly

On November 3rd, we had an all school assembly called Freedom Within. We had a presenter come teach us about mindfulness practices and entertained us with songs and movements. It was wonderful to see the students highly engaged and having fun together.



Winter Sports Update



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

The student sign up sheet will be in Big Blue today for 3-6 grade students. Please fill out the sheet before November 19th. We are hoping to figure out 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.



PLEASE...

Do tick checks every day!

We have the kids outside exploring the woods and meadows every day. We even see ticks on the playground and soccer field this time of year. We are having the kids look for ticks before coming inside and teachers are checking the best they can but it is important to do a full tick check at home every day.

Veterans Day



There will be NO SCHOOL TOMORROW Thursday, November 11th in honor of Veterans Day.



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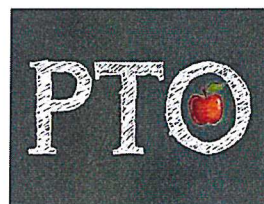
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Mettawee Apparel

An order form for Mettawee Apparel went home last week in your Big Blue folder. You will also find it following your Messenger this week. If you need another paper order form please let us know.

Orders are due by November 19th.

Make checks payable to MCS PTO



The next PTO Meeting will be December 6th at 2:45

Warm Clothing Reminder

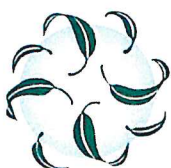
This is the time of year when it's hard to remember to grab a jacket, mittens, and a hat when you walk out the door. We've had lots of frosty mornings lately. We spend a lot of time outside and want to be sure that our students are warm and comfortable while exploring, learning, and playing outside. 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.



Please consider donating some **NEW** socks and underwear to our Seats and Feet Drive.

We are looking for new socks and underwear of all sizes to donate to families in need. We will have a drop box outside the front door and inside the lobby for dropping off donations. Thank you so much for your generosity.

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



The Next 4-Winds Training will be November 30th at 8:30



Recorder lessons have begun - outside!



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Share the Warmth Clothing Drive

Save the Date!!

November 20th & 21st from 9:00-2:00

at Mettawee Community School

Bring your own bags!!!

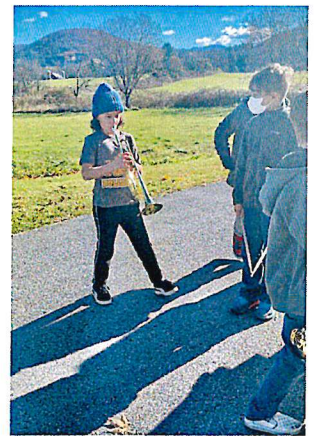
😊 MASK MANDATORY

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



Mrs. Myott's class was so excited to get their instruments they put on a concert for the class complete with tickets and a conductor!



If you need help getting holiday gifts for your children please be sure to return the Giving Tree form that went home last week. The due date is November 19th.

Items will be written anonymously on an ornament, assigned a number, and placed on our lobby Giving Tree for faculty, staff, interested families, and community members to choose an ornament. Items will be returned to school along with the numbered ornament so we can match them up. You can pick up items here at MCS when they are ready.



This warm weather makes us so happy!



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SAVE THE DATE

November 11th - No School Veterans Day

November 19th - Basketball sign up deadline

November 24th - 26th - Thanksgiving Break

November 29th - Picture Retake Day

December 9th - Report Cards going home

December 23rd - January 3rd - Holiday Break

January 17 - No School MLK Jr. Day

Picture Retake Day



PICTURE RETAKE DAY!

School Picture Retakes
will be done on
November 29th.

If you would like a **RETAKE**
on this day, please bring in
your original packet to return
to Barksdale and they will
retake your pictures.

If your child was **ABSENT** on Picture Day, they
will have their picture taken on November 29th. If
you would like to order pictures you can go to
www.barksdalephoto.com.

The online password for
Mettawee Community School is 0033090AR.
We do have some blank picture forms here at
school if you would rather order on paper and
not online. Just reach out to Mrs. Hammell or
Mrs. Chalmers and we can send one home.

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.

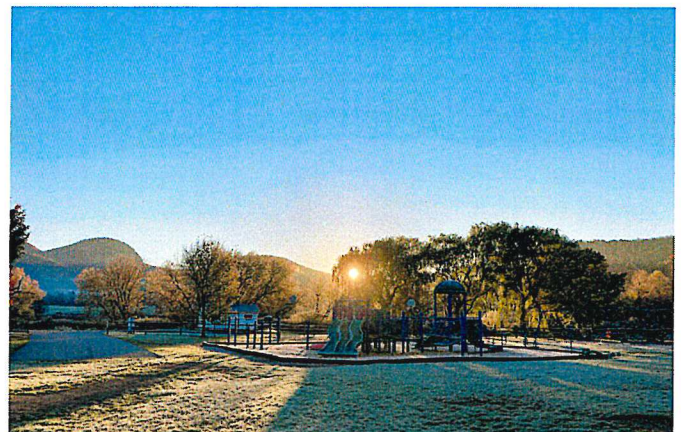
[Register](#)

[Jonathan Levin Scholarships](#)



JISP SKIING

[link to JISP/KAPS information](#)



Sunrise over the frosty playground

We feel so lucky to spend our days
nestled in these beautiful mountains.





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COVID-19 Question of the week!

Answers to some Commonly asked
COVID19 Questions

*** Is it important to have my child tested for covid-19 right away if they are not feeling well and have been at school?**

YES - is the short answer! If your child becomes ill with any symptoms that could potentially be covid-19 - and has been at school - we will need to know as soon as possible whether their illness is covid related or not. If your child's test comes back positive we will need to begin the process of identifying close contacts and potentially beginning quarantines. If you wait to test, we will miss the window of identifying close contacts and risk the chance of classroom spread. Once classroom spread happens, it's a slippery slope to community spread.

It is so important for us to know right away of a positive case if we hope to keep our classrooms and our school open for full time, in person learning.

Please work with us to keep everyone safe.

Likewise, if your child has been identified as a close contact to someone who tested positive for covid-19, please keep your child home and contact the school right away so we can be prepared for the possibility of a positive case. If you have kept them home, it is quite possible that the school will not be impacted at all. That is a best case scenario!

**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.



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



EMBROIDERED

NAVY

TB850 PORT AUTHORITY TRAVEL BLANKET



LASER ENGRAVED
WITH LOGO

LTM076 20 oz. Vacuum Insulated Tumbler



LASER ENGRAVED
WITH LOGO

PG16 16oz. Pint Glass



KEY TAG



WHITE WITH NAVY PRINT

MUG 15oz. Coffee Mug



MINI EURO
3x4 INCH
MINI EURO DECAL



EURO
4x6 INCH
EURO DECAL

add \$2 for sizes XX and bigger

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.



SHARE THE WARMTH 14th year

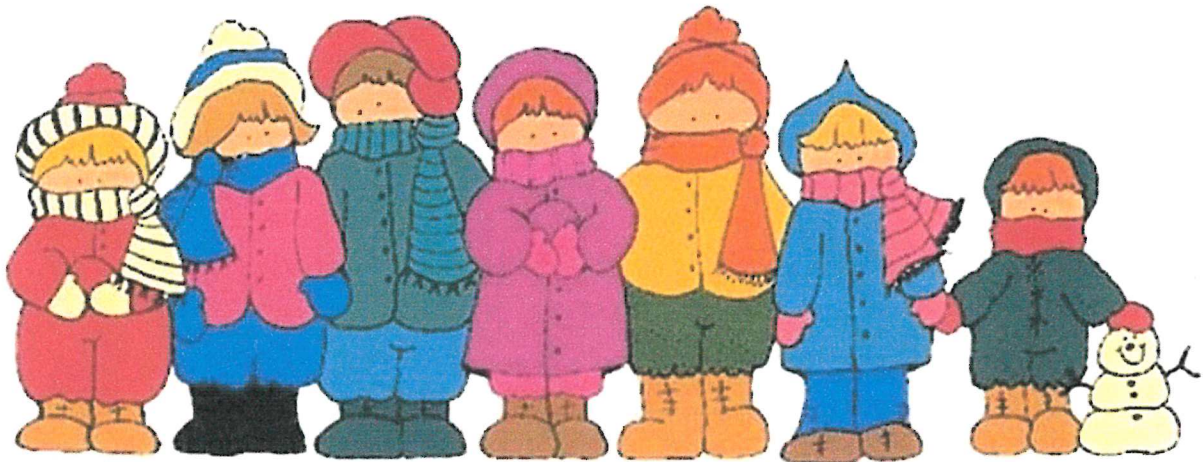
At Mettawee Community School

5788 VT -153, West Pawlet

Saturday, November 20th and Sunday, November 21st

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 19th from
8:00AM-4:00PM

If you have any questions, please call Brooke Burnham at

802-342-6377