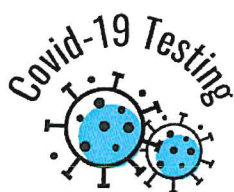




# Mettawee Messenger

December 2, 2021 Principal: Brooke DeBonis 645-9009

## Principal's Corner: Test to Stay Program



We are happy that we were able to launch the test to stay program this week. Thank you for your patience as we work through this new process. I am grateful that we are able to have our

students stay in school vs. being at home waiting for the test results to come back. The one thing that we need to figure out is how we will know who needs to be tested each morning so we are prepared. If your child needs to be tested in the morning, please call the front desk when you arrive so we can meet you in the bus lane in the back of the school. You can also email Brooke DeBonis at [bdebonis@brsu.org](mailto:bdebonis@brsu.org) and Mandy Mayer at [mmayer@brsu.org](mailto:mmayer@brsu.org) the night before or early in the morning so we know to expect you in the back of the school. If your child is not vaccinated, or is not yet fully vaccinated, it would be a great idea for you to fill out the consent and registration links just in case your child becomes a close contact to someone at school. There is more information about Test To Stay in the Covid-19 Question of the Week section of your Messenger including links to the forms. Let us know if you have any questions about the procedures of the test to stay program.

## PTO Dollar Skate

We are excited to announce that the Mettawee PTO will be hosting a Dollar Skate at



Riley Rink in Manchester on December 12th from 12:15- 2:15. The fee to skate is \$1.00 for children 13 and under and \$3 for people 14 and up. Please fill out the form in Big Blue if you can help out at all with supervising the rink, bringing a snack, or helping out with admissions. This is a great opportunity to have your child skate for a fraction of the cost of usual ice time and the PTO appreciates the support. Snacks and admission will be CASH ONLY. Skate rentals are available for a small fee.

## Winter Gear

**We go outside EVERY DAY! Physical Education classes are sledding on the hills on the Merck Forest land, recesses are filled with playing in the snow and rolling HUGE snowballs, we have Four-Winds come for outdoor nature lessons and classes go out for walks and fresh air.**

**PLEASE, send your child to school with snow pants, a winter jacket, warm boots, a hat and snow mittens. If you need help getting these items for your child please reach out and let us know.**





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Shout out to Jill Pelton, Judy Zinn, Brittany Badger, and Renee Kitts - members of our PTO that helped with our very successful Holiday Greenery Fundraiser! Thank you so much for all your time and effort.



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

The magical first snow before Thanksgiving break!!!



## Giving Tree

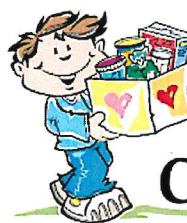


We have items on the Giving Tree if anyone in the community is interested in providing a child with a

*much needed or wanted holiday gift. You can stop in and pick an ornament off the tree and sign it out at the front desk. You should return the item unwrapped with the ornament tag by December 15th. Thank you so much for brightening someone's holiday.*

## Community Sharing Project

Please bring in your donation for your classroom holiday food basket **no later than December 10th**. Thank you so much for helping us brighten someone's holiday.



## Food Collection



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## Mark Your Calendars

### Save the Date!

*Announcing the return of the legendary Holiday Store.* On Tuesday, December 21st all students will have the opportunity to go "shopping" for holiday gifts for the entire family. All items will range in price from .10 cents to \$1.00. Free gift wrapping will be available courtesy of the 6th graders.

In addition, keeping with the spirit of spreading kindness, the 6th grade will also be creating a *holiday-themed carnival* for all students to attend FREE OF CHARGE.



Shop at Price Chopper and Market 32 with your enrolled AdvantEdge Card to help our school earn new supplies and equipment.

Enrollment is new this year and is FREE and easy!

1. Visit [Price Chopper.com link](https://www.pricechopper.com)
2. Enroll your card by selecting your email, Price Chopper card number, and selecting Mettawee Community School.

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## JISP PASSES NEED TO BE PICKED UP!

The late fee for picking up JISP and KAP passes has been extended until 12/24,



Christmas Eve. Please try and get your passes picked up by then to avoid a \$20 late fee and a tremendous hustle as the program starts just after the holidays. The ticket office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday each week, and will be open 8:30 AM until 4:00 PM Wednesday thru Friday, and 12:00 PM until 4:00 PM on Saturdays and Sundays for JISP passes.

**\*\* If you have a photo on file with Bromley and opted to use it for this year's pass - our JISP coordinator picked them up for you and you will find them in your Big Blue Folder. If you thought you should get a pass but didn't, it could be that the waiver wasn't signed or something went out of whack. Just give them a call.\*\***

If you have any questions about pass pickup, please contact the ticket office by calling (802) 824-5522.

**SAVE THE DATE**

December 9th - Report Cards going home

December 10th - Community Sharing items due

December 12th - Dollar Skate at Riley Rink

December 15th - Giving Tree items due

December 21st - 6th Grade Holiday Store

December 23rd - January 3rd - Holiday Break

January 17 - No School MLK Jr. Day



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An afternoon in the woods with Kindergarten and 4th Grade – before the big snow!



The meadow walk to the woods.



Deep in the woods.

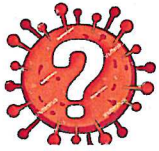
This is what PE looks like when we have SNOW!!!





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## COVID-19 Question of the week!

Answers to some Commonly asked  
COVID19 Questions

### \* What is Test To Stay and when can I use it?

The Test To Stay is activated when a student or students are identified as close contacts to a confirmed case of COVID-19. The intention of the TTS program is to allow students that would otherwise be required to quarantine to remain in school. A student can only participate in the program if their parent or guardian has signed the consent form and has registered their child. If you are interested in signing up your child, please complete these two links: the [consent form](#) as well as [registering](#) in the SimpleReport system.

This program is for unvaccinated or partially vaccinated students and staff who are close contacts of a positive case they encounter **AT SCHOOL**. It can not be used by close contacts encountered outside of school. It replaces the need to quarantine and miss school days, but **students are still expected to quarantine when at home, including weekends**. Testing will continue for 7 days after the last day of exposure. If the 7th day falls on a weekend day the last test will be administered on the Monday.

If your child tests **NEGATIVE**, they may remain at school and participate in school-sponsored activities. If your child tests **POSITIVE**, they will be considered positive for COVID-19 and will need to enter a period of isolation for 10 days.

If your child develops symptoms at any point, inform the school, seek a PCR test right away and keep your child home and away from others.

During the entirety of the Test To Stay, you or a designated person should be available to provide transportation home should your child test positive.

We are thrilled to be able to start this program and provide less disruption to our learning and to our

families. If you have any questions about Test To Stay please reach out to Mandy Mayer or Brooke DeBonis.

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.



# Dollar Skate Volunteers Needed



**Mettawee Community is hosting the  
dollar skate on December 12th from  
12:15 - 2:15 at Riley Rink!**

**Please sign up for one of the tasks to make this event  
successful.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I can make a baked good item or bring a healthy snack.

\_\_\_\_\_ I can skate on the rink and help monitor the children.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am willing to collect cash at the door at the admission table.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am willing to collect cash at the snack table.

We can rotate the people at the admission and snack table so you can skate with your children. You can bring the baked goods/snacks to school on Friday or you can bring the snack to Riley Rink on Sunday.

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# S'MORES on the GREEN

Gather around a fire pit for warm cocoa, cider and s'mores. We will have luminaries to celebrate the beginning of winter and longer days of light ahead.

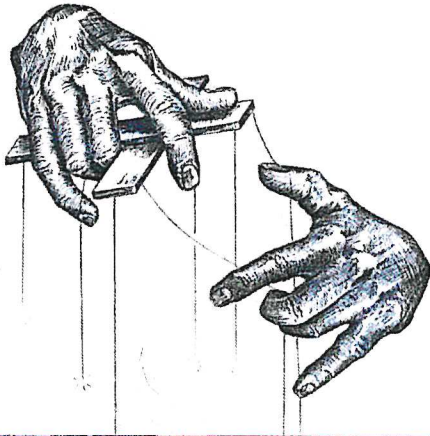
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

3-5PM

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Savor the Enchantment of the  
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of

# *Scrooge* *A Christmas* *Carol*

Come experience this timeless story, told through the magical artistry of puppets! Eighteen large-scale marionettes whisk you through the Good Ole Streets of Charles Dickens' London.

If the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future can awaken the forgotten love and joy within stingy Scrooge's heart, just think what the story can do to encourage the everlasting Spirit of Christmas in us all.

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Saturday, December 4, 2021

Poultney Elementary School Gymnasium

Snow People Puppet Making at 1 p.m.

Scrooge Show at 2 p.m.

Who might visit after the show?

Santa, that's who!

Questions contact Sheryl Poirrier: Poultney Recreation 802-353-7212



*SVAC and Taconic Music warmly invite you to our annual*  
**Musical Holiday Stories**



In a magical partnership, Kathy Penge reads Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa stories paired with favorite songs performed by the Taconic Chamber Players.

Please join us!

**Saturday, December 18 at 11:30 and 12:30**

SVAC Yester House  
930 SVAC Drive, Manchester.  
There is no charge to attend, but space is limited. Please register soon! [www.svac.org](http://www.svac.org) or call Erin at 802.367.1306. Masks required.

