

December 9, 2021 Principal: Brooke DeBonis 645-9009

#### **Principal's Corner:**

#### **Report Cards**

I wanted to let you know that I will be emailing your child's report card TODAY through our Alma Operating system. Please check your email inbox. It is important that you take the time to read through the report card and comments. The teachers have worked hard to update you on how your child is doing so far

this year. If you have questions about the report cards, please contact your child's classroom teacher.



#### Mettawee in the News!

Mettawee students were excited to participate in naming one of Vermont's snow plows. You can read the article in the Manchester Journal here.





This is how Mettawee Celebrated Veterans Day and Thanksgiving in a covid world. You can read the article from the Manchester Journal here.

#### Emergency Call system

There were some issues with our call system on Monday when we made the call about the Rupert bus running late. We will be making another



call today to see if the problem has been fixed. If you did NOT receive a phone call from the Mettawee School on Thursday afternoon, December 9th, please reach out to the school to let us know. We need to be sure that the emergency call system glitch is fixed.

#### **Community Sharing Project**

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





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Miss Becky Potter accompanied Mrs. Mayer while visiting our 3rd and 4th graders last week to teach them about the heart and the circulatory system.

#### PTO Dollar Skate THIS WEEKEND!

The Mettawee PTO will be hosting a Dollar Skate at Riley Rink in Manchester on Sunday, 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. Skate rentals are available for a small fee. We are looking for more helpers with supervising the rink, bringing a snack, or helping out

with admissions and the snack table. Please let us know if you can help out. Snacks and admission will be CASH ONLY.



#### 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.



#### Giving Tree



Thank you so much to
everyone who helped
brighten someone's holiday
by purchasing much needed

or wanted holiday gifts for our families in need.

Please return Giving Tree items unwrapped with the ornament tag by <u>December 15th</u>.

For those receiving gifts: Gifts will be wrapped, labeled, and ready for pick up the week of December 20th. Please call ahead to make arrangements for your pick up.



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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.





Teamwork rolled all the big snowballs together in one pile! Way to go Kindergarten!

#### **Merck Forest Field and Forest** Fridays IS FULL!

A confirmation email was sent to parents of the students who made the list or were waitlisted. We had a lot of interest and it filled up super fast. We wish we could have accepted everyone. Please call if you are unsure whether your child made the list or not.



#### **SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED**



The BRSU is looking for substitute

teachers!!! If you are willing to sub in any of the BRSU schools please reach out to Cheryl Chalmers for a sub application.

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!

- Visit Price Chopper.com link
- Enroll your card by selecting your email, Price Chopper card number, and selecting Mettawee Community School.





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#### **Clarification about JISP Fridays**



As we have said before, we dismiss at 11:40 every Friday from January 7th through March 11th. Please mark your calendars and be prepared for your children to come home

early on Fridays. There are multiple programs that run activities and enrichment during these early release days. Bromley Mountain offers skiing and snowboarding lessons. Riley Rink offers ice skating lessons. Merck Forest offers outdoor education right here at Mettawee. If your child is not enrolled in an afternoon activity they will be coming home or to your designated Friday afternoon child care. There is no Mettawee After School Program during this time. Please plan ahead and let us know what your plan will be by sending in a note with your child the week we return from our Holiday Break. Note: each program has their own schedule which includes not offering lessons on vacation weeks. Be sure to clearly mark your calendars.



Taking a ride on the first grade train!

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



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 7th - March 11th - Early Release Fridays

January 17 - No School MLK Jr. Day



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# COVID-19 Question of the week!

Answers to some Commonly asked COVID19 Questions

\* Where do I go for more information about the COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine for 5-11 year olds and how can I find a vaccination clinic?

Here are some links from the Vermont Department of Health.

This link has all kinds of information about the vaccine for 5-11 year olds.

#### healthvermont.gov/KidsVaccine

This link: **vaccine clinics list** is where you can look for clinics with "Pfizer (Ages 5-11)"

This link will answer the most commonly asked questions about vaccinations for 5-11 year olds.

## Find more answers in these FAQs about children's vaccines

We hope this information is helpful but if you are still left with questions please don't hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Mayer.

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.

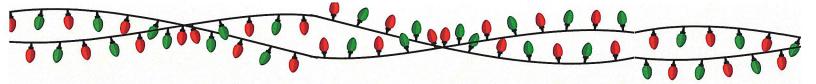
Even if your child is feeling totally better, unless they have had a covid test, have an alternative diagnosis from a doctor, or it has been 10 days since the first day they were feeling sick, we do not want them back at school.

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.

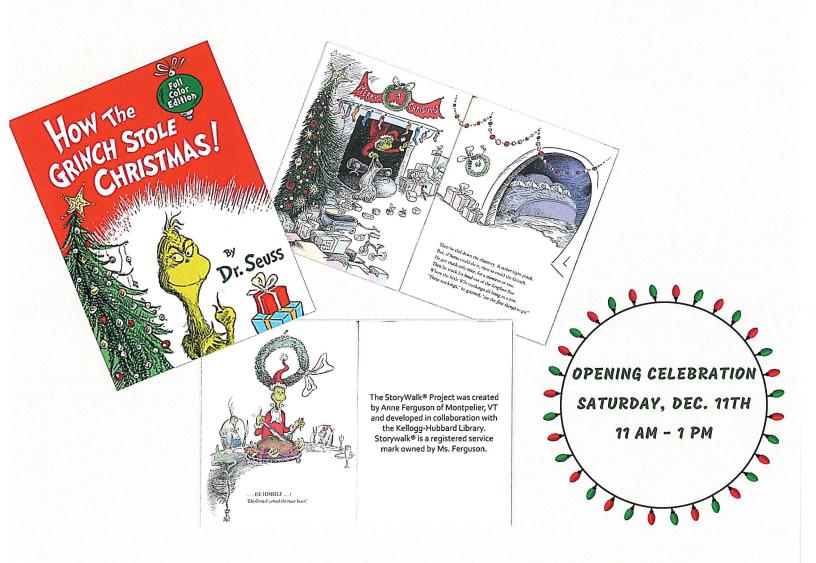


We had a
wind
tornado of
leaves on
Monday that
the kids had
fun playing
in!





# TAKE AHOLIDAY STORYWALK® ATPAWLET PUBLIC LIBRARY



Join us for a walk through Pawlet Village while reading a holiday classic, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* by Dr. Seuss.

Come during the opening celebration for a special giveaway, goodie bag, refreshments, and a surprise guest.

The StoryWalk will be on display through January 4th.

It's a holiday adventure at the Pawlet Public Library!

RUPERT VILLAGE TRUST PRESENTS

# 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 RUPERT TOWN GREEN

FREE AND OPEN TO EVERYONE

### FREE HOLIDAY MEALS

For those negatively impacted by COVID-19 or experiencing food insecurity



# Pick up on Wednesday December, 22 between 2:00PM - 4:00PM

at the Smokey House Center 426 Danby Mountain Rd, Danby

Must Pre-order meals by emailing jamie@smokeyhouse.org or calling 802-772-5919 by December 15, 2021

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