



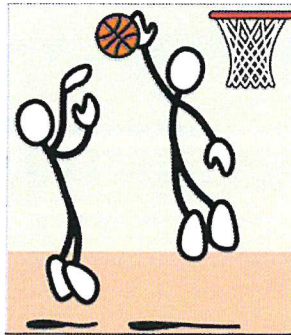
Mettawee Messenger

February 3, 2022 Principal: Brooke DeBonis 645-9009

Principal's Corner:

Basketball Pictures

If you have taken any pictures during the basketball games that you would like to share with the school, please email the pictures to mettaweeyearbook@gmail.com. We will feature these pictures in our messenger and/or yearbook. We will be taking team photos this week and next week for the yearbook. We are so happy that our students in grades 3-6 have been able to participate in this winter sport. Thank you to all the coaches for making this a positive experience for our students.



Parent Conferences

Our goal is to have all of our parents sign up for parent conferences in February. This is an opportunity to hear how your child is doing so far this year. We will be hosting parent conferences after school on Thursday, February 17th and during the day on Friday, February 18th. We are also offering child care for your children to attend so you can focus on the child that is presenting at their conferences. Thanks for partnering with us on educating your child.

Parent Conference Links

If you haven't already signed up for your Parent/Student/Teacher Conference please click on the link to reserve your time slot. Conferences will be held on Thursday, February

17th after school and Friday, February 18th throughout the day. We are asking parents and caregivers to please register for your conference by Monday, February 14th. Your child's teacher will reach out to you to follow up if you DO NOT register for a conference to see if they can help find a time that works for a meeting. Thank you so much for making this Parent/Student/Teacher Conference a priority.

[Mrs. Waterhouse - Preschool Parent link](#)

[Ms. Kelly - Kindergarten Parent link](#)

[Ms. Pierce - First Grade Parent link](#)

[Mr. Harmon - Second Grade Parent link](#)

[Mrs. Baker - Third Grade Parent link](#)

[Mrs. Porrier - Third/Fourth Grade Parent link](#)

[Mrs. Myott - Fourth Grade Parent link](#)

[Mrs. McGann - Fifth Grade Parent link](#)

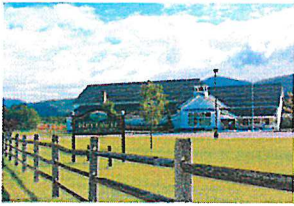
[Mrs. Thomas - Fifth Grade Parent link](#)

[Mrs. Lea - Sixth Grade Parent link](#)



**NO SCHOOL ON
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH**

DUE TO PARENT - STUDENT - TEACHER CONFERENCES.
PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS SO YOU ARE SURE
THAT YOU SAVE THE DATE.



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Mettawee Community School Parent Teacher Conference Lunch

Our Mettawee Community School teachers and staff are amazing! The PTO needs your help to bring in items for a nice lunch during Parent/Teacher Conferences on February 18th. Please click on the SignUp genius link below or email reneekitts@gmail.com. You can also donate cash or a gift card so we can purchase items locally if you don't have time to cook.

Please bring your lunch items on Friday, February 18th before 10:30 a.m. if possible. Non-perishable items can be brought to school on Thursday afternoon. We will have a table outside the kitchen. If you need to make other arrangements for delivery, please send me a message (reneekitts@gmail.com) and I am happy to help. Thank you!

[link to sign up for Conference food](#)



Yearbook Photos

If you have soccer or basketball photos that you would like to see in the yearbook send them along to mettaweeyearbook@gmail.com.

We will see what we can do to celebrate our student athletes in the 2021-2022 yearbook!

Yearbook

Updated Close Contact Guidance from the Agency of Education

If your child is **unvaccinated** and is identified as a close contact to someone who tests positive for covid-19, completion of the appropriate rapid testing protocol clears a student for all daily activities in the school **and the community**. They no longer need to isolate or quarantine.

This means, as long as your child is doing the rapid antigen tests for the 5 consecutive days that allows them to be in school, they can also participate in all other activities including basketball games and JISP.

If you have any questions about this guidance please feel free to reach out to Mrs. DeBonis or Mrs. Mayer, or visit the Agency of Education website.



BIG BLUE FOLDER

Please check those backpacks for your Big Blue Folder. You will find a Little League Sign up sheet, your Jump for Heart fundraiser packet, and a letter from Mrs. Mayer!





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Basketball News and Updates:



A Quick look
at the week

Feb. 7th - Practice - 3/4 Girls 2:30-4:00
- 5/6 Girls 4:00-5:30
- 5/6 Boys 5:30-7:00

Feb. 8th - Practice - 3/4 Boys 2:30-4:00
AWAY GAMES
- 5/6 Girls at 4:30 in Castleton
- 5/6 Boys at 5:30 in Castleton

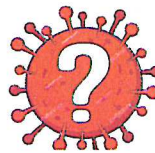
Feb. 9th - Practice - 3/4 Girls 2:30-4:00
HOME GAMES
- 5/6 Girls at 4:30 vs. Poultney
- 5/6 Boys at 5:30 vs. Poultney

Feb 10th - Practice - 5/6 Boys 2:30-4:00
HOME GAMES
- 3/4 Girls at 4:30 vs. Middletown
Springs
- 3/4 Boys at 5:30 vs. Wells



**PTO
MEETING**

**PTO Meeting on
Monday, February
14th at 2:45**



COVID-19 Question of the day!

Answers to some Commonly asked
COVID19 Questions

Please see the letter following your Messenger from Mrs. Mayer, Mettawee Community School Nurse, in regards to COVID procedures in the wake of the new guidance from the Dept. of Health and Agency of Education that has been trickling in since the new year began. We have also included a print copy for you to keep handy in the event you need easy access to answers.

It will answer questions like...

What do I do if my child has symptoms?

What do I do if my child is considered a close contact?

What happens if my child is exposed to someone at school?

What do I do if my child tests positive for COVID?

There are live links in the email for more information.

The best thing you can do is to keep your child home if they are not feeling well. Thank you for your support and cooperation.



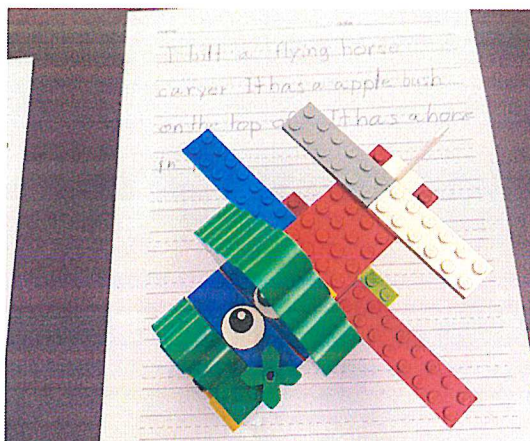
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Mrs. Myott's
4th Grade
class
celebrated
National Lego
Day with their
Guest Teacher
Mrs.
Smith-Pliner.
They
thoughtfully
designed Lego

creations and wrote about them. Thank you Mrs.
Waterhouse for letting 4th Grade borrow the Lego
bucket from Preschool!



Need your input!

The BRSU and the Mettawee School District are eligible for federal funding using the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds (ARP ESSER). The added financial resources are to be used by schools to aid the academic recovery from the pandemic. As part of the application process, Mettawee and the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union (BRSU) would like to hear your thoughts on our investments and suggestions for how we can spend the remaining dollars - including Mettawee Community School specific needs.

[Just follow this link for more ARP ESSER information.](#) It includes a letter from BRSU Superintendent, Randi Lowe, explaining the ESSER process; charts that provide a brief overview of our application; and a Community Engagement Page where you can pass along your thoughts on investments we should consider for T&G and the Mettawee Community School.

The Community Engagement Page is now open for your input through Friday, February 11th. We'd love to hear from you.

SAVE THE DATE

January 7th - March 11th - Early Release Fridays

February 18th - No School / Parent Conferences

February 21st - February 25th - Winter Break

February 28th - March 4th - Book Fair

March 11th - Last early dismissal

A Note from the Nurse
Mettawee COVID Procedures Winter 2022

January 31, 2022

Dear Mettawee Community Staff and Families,

Throughout the course of this pandemic, our Covid procedures have ebbed and flowed with state guidance and as you know, we've been deeply grateful for everyone's patience, concern, and cooperation. At this time, we are seeing a similar pattern as the greater community: Covid numbers have decreased a bit with the slowing of Omicron. However, we continue to be cautious and vigilant, so as to keep our school learning community as safe as possible.

Everyone is wondering now how our school is interpreting the new guidance, how we are managing test kits, and coordinating return-to-school if a child or staff member is out due to a close contact or actually having a positive Covid infection themselves. The purpose of this letter is to share with you our most current procedures.

What to do if your child has symptoms: Regardless of vaccination status, if your school-age child has any symptoms of illness (fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, fatigue, muscle aches, headache, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea or new loss of taste or smell), **the very first thing to do is to please keep your child home. We rely on families monitoring their children for illness as a main factor in preventing the spread of Covid and other illnesses in the school setting.** If your child comes to school with the above symptoms, or develops them while here, we will call you to pick them up.

The next step is that your child should be tested for Covid-19. You can do one of the following:

- A. administer two antigen tests as close to 24 hours apart as possible or
- B. sign up for [State of Vermont Testing](#) or
- C. take your child to their primary care clinician for a test.

Your child should stay home while you are going through this process, even if they begin to feel better. You should know the results of the two antigen tests OR the PCR test before returning your child to school.

- A. If your child's test results are negative, they may return to school once they are feeling better **and** any fever has been resolved for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication.
- B. If your child's test results are positive, they will need to isolate according to [VT Dept of Health isolation guidelines](#). Please see next page.

If your child has symptoms and you choose not to test them for Covid, it is strongly recommended that you follow the Vermont Dept. of Health isolation guidelines **as if** they had a positive result. This is because we will have no idea whether or not your child has Covid-19.

What to do if your child is a close contact to someone who tested positive for Covid-19, but your child does not have symptoms:

- A. **If your child is fully vaccinated:** They may continue to come to school if they have no symptoms, and should take an antigen test on the fourth AND fifth day from their last contact with the positive individual. ****If your child LIVES with the person who tested**

positive and isolating is difficult, it is recommended that they test every 3 to 5 days until their family member is out of isolation, and then for 5 consecutive days after the household contact ends isolation.

- B. **If your child is NOT fully vaccinated:** They may continue to come to school if they have no symptoms, but should test daily for 5 consecutive days (before school if it is a school day) beginning on the day of their last contact with the positive individual. **If your child LIVES with the person who tested positive and isolating is difficult, it is recommended that they test daily while their household contact is in isolation, and for 5 consecutive days after the person ends their isolation.

What if my child is exposed to someone with Covid-19 while at school?: Families will be notified if their child is a presumptive contact and the same guidelines will apply as outlined in this letter.

If your child needs to test but you do not have antigen tests: Please contact our school to arrange pick up of antigen tests, or request that we send some home with your child. Any in-school presumptive contacts will receive test kits (in backpacks if we are notified during the school day).

Participation in sports/JISP/other activities after a Covid exposure: Whether or not your child is vaccinated or unvaccinated, they may participate in all activities as long as they 1) are following the testing protocol if they are a close contact and remain negative and 2) do not have symptoms.

My child has tested positive for Covid. Now what? If your child has Covid-19, they will need to isolate at home for at least five days from when they received their positive test result. They MAY return to school after day five IF:

- A. They have two negative antigen tests performed at least 24 hours apart beginning no earlier than day four* AND
- B. They either have never had symptoms, or their symptoms have improved AND
- C. They have not had a fever in 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication)

**Testing is strongly recommended. If they are unable to test and they meet all other requirements, they may end isolation after 5 days. Knowing that a person may still be contagious after 5 days, we do ask that if they have symptoms that the symptoms are greatly resolved before they return.*

We continue to follow guidelines for face coverings at school for all individuals in our building at this time.

For more information, please visit these links:

- 1) [Close contact](#)
- 2) [Positive test/isolation](#)
- 3) [Winter 2022 Guidelines for VT Schools](#)
- 4) [Winter 2022 Testing Protocol for VT Schools](#)

Please contact us here at school if you have any Covid-related questions or concerns. Communication has been one of our best mitigation strategies and we continue to be very grateful for your mutual support.

Sincerely,

Mandy Mayer, RN, BSN, School Nurse, mmayer@brsu.org

Dear Parent/Guardian,

During the first week in March, our school will hold our annual Kids Heart Challenge Event. Over the next few weeks, our students will learn jump-rope skills while raising money to fund lifesaving research and educational programs! Our school also earns gift certificates for physical education equipment.

The event will be held during the day, during your child's physical education class. Therefore, every child will be a participant in this worthwhile event. Please help to make sure that your child is prepared to participate in the Kids Heart Challenge. They should wear sneakers, and comfortable clothing.

Fundraising for this event is optional. If you choose to fundraise, **please do not send in any money until you're finished fundraising.** If you fundraise online, I will be able to see that on my end, as long as you've signed up with our school.

Family and friends are welcome to support your child's participation by making contributions. **All donations must be handed in by Friday, March 4th.**

****Please convert all cash to a check payable to The American Heart Association.**

Thank you,

Janna Webb
Physical Education Teacher

Email: jwebb@brsu.org

Phone: 802-645-9009 ext. 3232



JOIN US

for

Sledding

& hot chocolate

February 12th 1-3 pm
Rupert Town Green

Join us on the Rupert Town Green for an afternoon of sledding. Bring your own sled, we will provide the hot chocolate! It is a great time to connect with your friends.



Free event sponsored by the Rupert Village Trust

Merck Forest Winter Explorations - February

Winter is a great time to see who's been out and about in our fields and forests, with footprints left in the snow telling tales of creatures' comings and goings, or for heading out on a hike on a moon-lit night. Join us as we explore our wintry landscape!

WILDLIFE TRACKING FOR AMATEUR NATURALISTS

- ❖ Sunday, February 6, from 10:00a – noon
- ❖ Our Main Campus: 3270 VT-Rte. 315, Rupert, VT

An adult-focused tracking workshop will have us out exploring the trails at Merck Forest, discovering the signs left by wildlife and learning about winter ecology.

We'll meet up at the Visitor Center. Dress warmly, with proper footwear. Microspikes and snowshoes are strongly recommended, depending on ground conditions.

Family Owl Workshop

- ❖ Saturday, February 12, from 10:00a – noon
- ❖ Our Main Campus: 3270 VT-Rte. 315, Rupert, VT

Explore what makes an owl an owl in this hands-on workshop, as we hike outside, listen for owl calls, and learn about these feathery creatures. Be sure to dress in layers, with warm footwear. Bring snacks and a warm drink, if you wish.

Full Moon Hike

- ❖ Tuesday, February 16, from 5:30p – 7:00p
- ❖ Our Main Campus: 3270 VT-Rte 315, Rupert, VT

The full moon will be on the rise, and with luck we'll have clear skies to hike under.

Please dress warmly, with proper footwear, including Microspikes or snowshoes, depending on ground conditions. Bring a snacks and a warm drink, if desired. Headlamps are strongly recommended. We'll meet up at the Visitor Center.

FAMILY-FRIENDLY TRACKING WORKSHOP

- ❖ Thursday, February 24 from 1:00p – 3:00p
- ❖ Mettawee Campus, 5788 VT-Rte. 153, West Pawlet, VT
- ❖ **Free for Mettawee Families – please register by emailing learn@merckforest.org.**

Who left those tracks in the snow? What stories do animals leave for us to discover? Join us for a family-friendly tracking workshop, as we see who's been out and about at our first Mettawee campus public event. We'll meet at the Mettawee Community School's northern parking lot. Be sure to dress in layers, with warm footwear. Bring snacks and a warm drink, if you wish.



- ❖ \$10 per person for all events (unless otherwise specified), space is limited, and reservations are required.
- ❖ To reserve your spot:
Go to our shop at www.merckforest.org.
- ❖ Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the program.
- ❖ Covid protocols will be in place as needed.



Granville Little League

Registration Form

Register in-person February 9th & 23rd, 5-8PM in the
Patio Essentials Showroom at Telescope Casual Furniture
or register online



LEAGUE USE ONLY

- ☐ Birth Certificate
- ☐ Cash
- ☐ Check; # _____
- ☐ Credit/Debit

Parent/Guardian Information

Name	
Street Address	
City/Town	State Zip Code
Home Phone	Cell Phone
E-Mail Address	Relationship to Participant
Secondary/Emergency Contact	
Name	
Phone Number	Relationship to Participant
Interested in Volunteering? (Check all that Apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Coach; Level _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Concession Stand <input type="checkbox"/> Umpire <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Availability: <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> T <input type="checkbox"/> W <input type="checkbox"/> Th <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> Su	
Name of Volunteer: _____	

Participant Information

Name		
Gender:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Male	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of Birth	Age
Insurance/Hospitalization Plan		
School Attending		
Uniform Sizing (Check boxes)		
*Pants are only given if your child is new to Little League or moving age groups (ex. moving from 10U to 12U).		
Jersey/T-Shirt	Pants	Hat/Visor
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Small	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Needed	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth (T-Ball Only)
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Medium	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Small	<input type="checkbox"/> SM/MD
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Large	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Medium	<input type="checkbox"/> LG/XL
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Small	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Large	
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Medium	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Small	
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Large	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Medium	
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult XL	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Large	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult XL	
Additional Information: _____		

Due at Registration:

- \$40-dollar fee per participant for 12U, 10U and 8U.
- \$35-dollar fee per participant for T-Ball.
 - Cash/Check/Credit or Debit Card (checks payable to "The Granville Little League", 2.75% fee on Credit or Debit)
- Copy of Birth Certificate

I/We the parents/guardians of the above-mentioned participant(s), hereby give my/our approval to participate in any and all Little League activities, including transportation to and from the activities. I/We know that participation in Little League activities could potentially result in serious injury and protective equipment does not always prevent injuries to participants. I/We hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify and agree to hold harmless the local Little League (The Granville Little League), Little League Baseball Incorporated, the organizer, sponsors, supervisors, participants and persons transporting my/our child to and from activities for any claim arising out of any injury to my/our child whether the result of negligence or for any other cause, except to the extent and in the amount covered by accident or liability insurance. I/We agree to return upon request the uniform and other equipment issued to my/our child in as good condition as when issued except for normal wear and tear. I/We agree to furnish a certified birth certificate to League officials.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name	Signature	Date
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***Deadline for Registration is Tuesday March 1st, failure to register by the deadline may impact your child's ability to participate.**