



# Mettawee Messenger

March 31, 2022 Principal: Brooke DeBonis 645-9009

## Principal's Corner:

### SBAC Testing

We will have our students in grades 3-6 take part one of the SBAC math assessment on April 5th and April 6th. Part one is made up of multiple choice questions. The second part of the math assessment are performance tasks, which will take place on April 7th.

The ELA assessment will take place on April 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th. The first two days will be multiple choice questions, day 3 will be short answers, and on the 4th day your child will need to write a longer essay.

Please make sure your child has eaten breakfast and is well rested. It would be beneficial to have your child take the test with their class so please try to send your child to school on all the above dates on time. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns with having your child attend school for this state assessment.



### Bus Tickets

We have been seeing an increase in student behavior on the buses. It is a privilege to have your child ride the bus and we expect our students to be respectful to all people on the bus at all times and to listen to the bus driver's directions. Please take the time to review these expectations with your child. If your child is not

safe or following the rules the bus driver will write them a ticket.

If your child receives a ticket please sign and return it to school the next morning. The bus drivers need to have the return ticket signed before your child returns on the bus. Each ticket is put into a discipline referral form and the number of tickets are tracked. If your child receives 2 tickets they will be off the bus. If your child receives more than 3 tickets, they may be removed from the bus for 30 days.

Please encourage your child to make good choices. It is important that the bus is safe for all students and adults.



THERE WILL BE NO PRESCHOOL CLASSES ON TUESDAY, APRIL 5TH DUE TO OUR DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING DAY.

### Proper Clothing Reminder

Please be sure that your children come to school prepared for outdoor adventures in the meadows, in the woods, and on the playground.

Sometimes it's cold, sometimes it's muddy, sometimes it's wet. Kids should have boots, coats, and comfortable clothing.





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## Spring School Picture Day is on MONDAY!



Don't forget to bring your picture packet order form or online confirmation if you want pictures taken. Anyone who did not get a picture taken in the Fall will have a picture taken for the yearbook even if you choose to not order a picture packet.

## PRESCHOOL SCREENING

The Mettawee School Early Education Program is excited to announce their Early Education Developmental Screening on Tuesday, April 5th. If you have a child between the ages of 0-5 and would like to have them screened, please contact Heidi Hammell at [hhammell@brsu.org](mailto:hhammell@brsu.org) or call 802-645-9009.

Students currently enrolled in our preschool program do not need to be screened.

The purpose of a developmental screening is to provide parents with a picture of their child's developmental strengths and/or needs and to increase awareness of services available to children and families in our area.



## Summer Camps

Summer Camp flyers are rolling in! To keep things organized and the Messenger packet



a reasonable size, we will begin sending Summer Camp flyers in a separate email called "Summer Camps", that way you will have all summer options in one place to cross reference dates and times. New flyers will be in the front followed by flyers from previous weeks.

**PTO  
MEETING**

**MONDAY, APRIL 4TH 2:45**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**April 4th - Spring School Picture Day**

**April 4th - PTO Meeting at 2:45**

**April 5th - Preschool Screening**

**April 5th - NO Preschool Classes**

**April 12th - Four Winds Meeting**

**April 18th - April 22nd - Spring Break**





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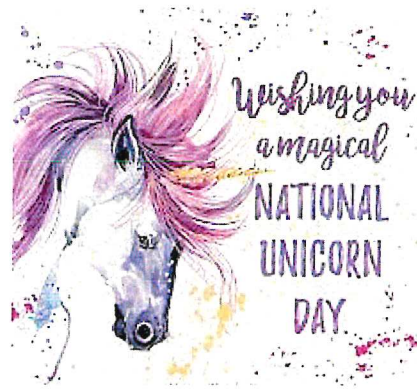
Mrs. Porrier's class delivered kindness notes to teachers and staff throughout the building on I Matter, You Matter Day. Such a beautiful way to brighten someone's day and show you care.



*Sixth graders are staying current on world events through CNN10 and wanted to voice support by creating a bulletin board for the school community to see.*



## **National Unicorn Day at Mettawee is Friday, April 8th.**



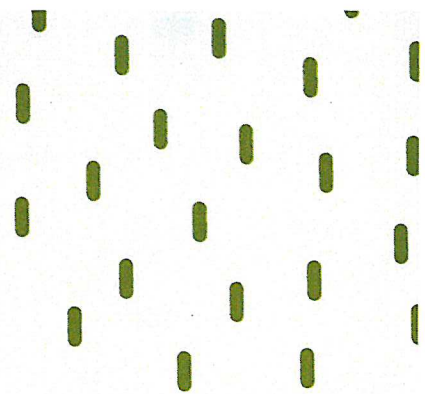
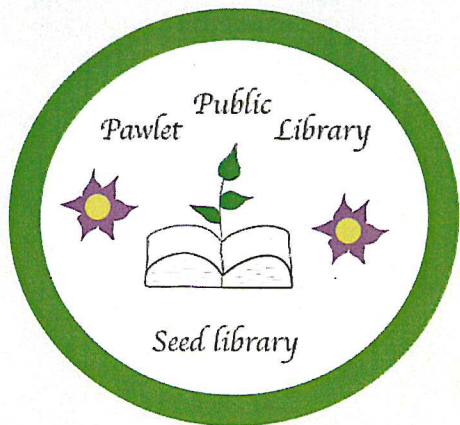
*National Unicorn Day is on April 9th each year. In our library we will celebrate the mythical horse-like*

*creature by exploring the folklore, history, and literature surrounding this beautiful creature. It's a fun day to wear your unicorn clothing, make some brightly colored pancakes or cupcakes and decorate them with multicolored sprinkles or glitter. Watch a favorite unicorn movie and celebrate Unicorn Day with us!*



**Need a unicorn book - we have them!**





# Seed Library Launch Party!

Pawlet Public Library, 141 School Street

Saturday, April 9

11am - 1pm

What is a seed library?  
Join us to learn more!

- ✿ Seed Starting Workshop by Cori Rail, from the University of Vermont Extension Program
- ✿ Children's Activities
- ✿ Art Opening of Mettawee Community School 2nd graders
- ✿ Reception and refreshments with friends and neighbors as we welcome in Spring!

More Info

[pawletpubliclibrary.wordpress.com](http://pawletpubliclibrary.wordpress.com) | 802-325-3123

*We are pleased to announce that Alyssa Sargent, Long Trail School, 8th grader is the winner of the Seed Library Logo Contest! Thank you to all the students who submitted designs and to the community for voting.*





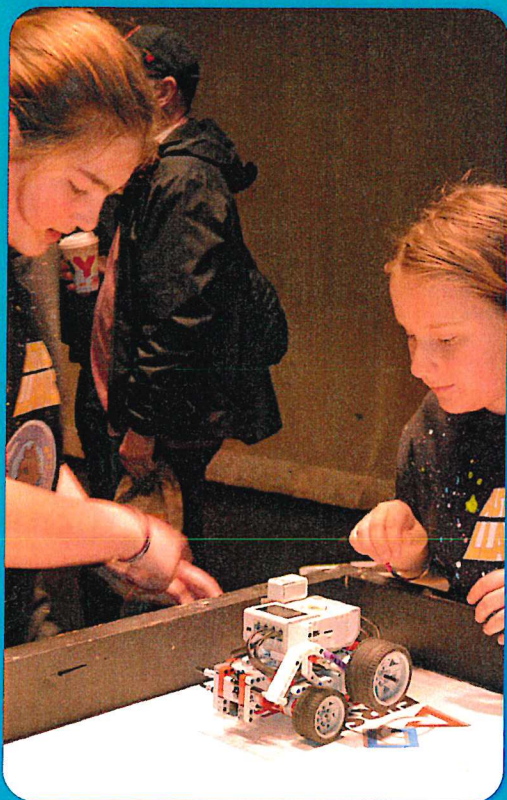
United Counseling Service (UCS) will be presenting a virtual screening of the Indieflix documentary, LIKE on Wednesday, April 6 at 6pm.

The documentary LIKE breaks down why we find social media so irresistible, examines who is controlling who, and gives you the tools to pivot to a more balanced and contented relationship. It features Silicon Valley entrepreneurs, including the co-creator of the 'LIKE' button, experts in brain science and regular teenagers. The screening of the film will be followed by a panel discussion facilitated by Jason Fleming, UCS' Director of Children, Youth and Family Services Division.

The event is free, however, registration is required. You may register at <https://www.ucsvt.org/events/event/ucs-presents-like/>



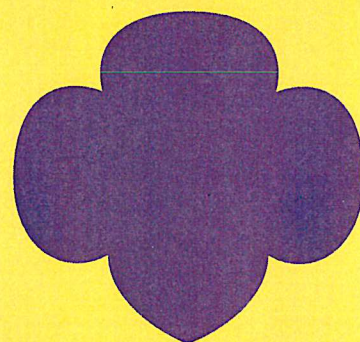




# You're Invited!

## Explore Robotics Badge Blast

girlscouts  
of the green and  
white mountains



Explore robotics through a series of challenges, hear from a robotics competition team, and take home your own working robot!

We invite girls Grade 2-8 to meet new friends while completing badge activities from the Robotics, Financial Literacy, and STEM Careers Badges for your age-level.

**NOT A GIRL SCOUT YET?**

**This is your opportunity to check us out!**

**ONCE REGISTERED YOU'LL JOIN IN THE BADGE EARNING FUN!**

**APRIL 2, 2022  
4:00PM-5:00PM**

**American Legion Post 50  
378 Route 4A Castleton, VT**

Parents & Caregivers, you're invited, too. Get more information at [girlscoutsgwm.org](https://girlscoutsgwm.org) or contact Customer Care at [customer care@girlscoutsgwm.org](mailto:customer care@girlscoutsgwm.org) or 888-474-9686.



SAVE  
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DATE

## ***Adventure Day***

*Lotus Lake in Williamstown, VT*

**May 20, 2022**

Adventure Day is a fun-filled networking event for children who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or Deaf Blind and in 4th through 12th grade. This event is being organized by UVMHC EHDI program. A complete itinerary and transportation details to follow. Email Tracy Hinck at [tracy.hinck@uvmhealth.org](mailto:tracy.hinck@uvmhealth.org) to RSVP or with any questions.