



Mettawee Messenger

May 5, 2022 Principal: Brooke DeBonis 645-9009

Principal's Corner:

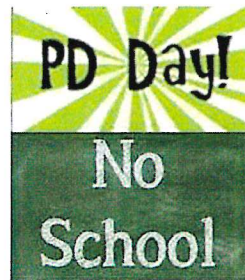
Teacher & Staff Appreciation

National Teacher Appreciation Week (May 2-6) has been an annual event in Vermont since 1964. Our teachers and staff members are passionate, innovative, kind, generous, honest, inspirational, creative, effective, fair, and so much more! Teacher Appreciation Week is a good time to let them know how important their work is to our children, our families and our future. I would like to encourage you, as well as your child, to take a moment to thank a teacher, para, kitchen staff member, custodian, bus driver or staff member for their support. A simple card, e-mail, or kind message would be a great idea. We are so fortunate to have such amazing people working in our school.

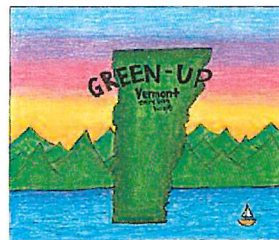
Student Behavior Concerns

We are noticing an increase in student behaviors the last few weeks. We are working hard to have conversations with our students about our expectations, about making good choices, and then creating a plan to move forward. Staff members are filling out a behavior form if there are issues that need to be addressed. Families will be notified if the situation is considered a major behavior concern - for example bullying, fighting or physical aggression, harassment, threatening behaviors, unsafe behaviors, disruption of learning environment, dishonesty, defiance, or leaving without permission. If the behavior is considered minor - this would mean being disrespectful, disruptive, using inappropriate gestures or language, non-compliance, physical contact, property misuse, teasing, or

the use of unauthorized electronic devices; you may not be informed if it is the first time your child has done something inappropriate. If we are seeing your child struggling with being respectful or following the school expectations they may not be invited to participate in field trips or other school activities. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.



**NO School
May 11th
Professional
Development for
our Teachers.**



Green Up Day

Each family will be going home with a Green Up bag today in their Big Blue folder.

Please use it to collect

trash on the road sides to help keep our state clean and green. You can leave the filled bag at a road intersection and it will get picked up by the town.

Thank you for doing your part.



GREEN UP VERMONT
Together We Keep Vermont Clean!



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CALLING ALL KINDERGARTENERS!

Kindergarten Registration for the 2022-2023 school year will be May 20th. If you know anyone in Pawlet or Rupert with a child who will be 5 years old by September 1st, please have them call the school at 645-9009 to register for kindergarten.

If you have an age eligible preschool student you will also need to call for an appointment!



**Bring your dancing shoes to Mettawee
on May 27th for a luau dance party!**

K-6th Grade

Cost: \$1 per person or \$3 per family.

**Parents will be required to stay at the
dance with their children.**

**Below is a link to a sign up genius
survey - many hands make light work!**

[Can you help? Sign up here!](#)



Mettawee Walk to School Day!

Have your child dress appropriately because
we are **"WALKING TO SCHOOL"** on

May 19th! Don't worry, no one is REALLY
walking to school since we don't have safe
sidewalks, but we will do an all school walk

first thing in the morning.

We will start our day exiting off the buses
as usual and doing our morning routine at the
flagpole. We will remain in our classroom
lines and all staff and students will have a
walk safe reminder, exit the parking lot and
circle back around to the parking lot
entrance for a very short but fun walk.

This experience goes hand and hand with the
Bike Smart program that we will have the
week of May 23rd.

This will be a great way to start our day
with fresh air and community spirit.

If you are a car drop off, please be on
time and use caution exiting the parking lot.



Books & Beyond
The last day to turn in
B&B sheets:
Friday, May 13th



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To allow for Kindergarten Registration
for the 2022-2023 school year.

Kindergarten

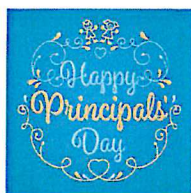
Thank You
BUS DRIVERS!



It takes a big
heart
to help shape
little
minds.

SCHOOL LUNCH
HERO DAY

May 6th



Mrs. Myott's class sharing their love for Mrs. DeBonis
during our week of appreciation.



Thank you to the PTO and parents for pulling together
an amazing breakfast spread for our teachers and staff.



Mrs. DeBonis spreads the love with her staff with fresh,
healthy snacks wheeled to their classrooms on Monday
morning.



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Author & Illustrator Event



Emmaline the Porcupine:
A Rhyming Animal Tale

Written by Alexandra Langstaff
Illustrated by Gretchen Hammell



We are excited to announce that local author, Alexandra Langstaff, and local illustrator Gretchen Hammell, will be joining us on May 25th for a K-5 author and illustrator event!

Introducing:

Emmaline the Porcupine: A Rhyming Animal Tale

Families will have the opportunity to pre-purchase the book and have it autographed. The order form will be sent home in your Big Blue folder today and must be returned by May 20th in order to be autographed. Late orders will be fulfilled but not autographed.



Next meeting May
12th at 2:45

No School May 30th

Memorial Day



SAVE THE DATE

May 2nd - 6th - Teacher/Staff/Kitchen/Bus Driver Appreciation Week!

May 11th - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Dev.

May 12th - PTO Meeting 2:45

May 13th - Books & Beyond Sheets Due

May 19th - "Walk to School Day"

May 20th - Kindergarten Registration

May 20th - No Regular Kindergarten classes

May 23rd - May 27th - Bike Smart Week

May 25th - Author/Illustrator Event @1:50

May 27th - Luau Dance @ 6:30

May 27th - Memorial Day Ceremony at 8:30

May 30th - NO SCHOOL Memorial Day

June 2nd - K-6 Spring Concert

June 3rd - Field Day @ 12:00

June 10th - Last day of After School Program

June 13th - Books & Beyond Celebration @1:00

June 14th - GOTR & H&S Ceremony @ 6:30

June 15th - Last Day of Preschool

June 15th - 6th Grade Graduation @ 6:30

June 16th - Last day of school K-6 @ 12:30



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Summer Camps

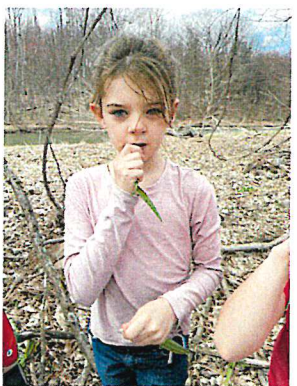
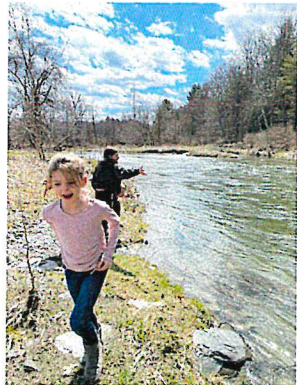
Summer Camp flyers are rolling in! To keep things organized and the Messenger packet a reasonable size, we will be

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.



Fennel vs Licorice vs Celery Which is better?

Fennel looks like celery but tastes like licorice! Thank you Cori, Jack and Lincoln's mom, for coming in to compare fennel, licorice, and celery.



Tasting some ramps by the River
Mrs. Porrier's 3rd and 4th Graders!



They liked fennel the best, by the way!

END OF YEAR DATES

- Tuesday, May 10th - 6th Grade Class Trip
- Friday, May 13th - 5th Grade to Fort Ticonderoga
- Friday, May 20th - Kindergarten Registration
- Wednesday, May 25th & Thursday, May 26th - 6th Grade to Merck Forest
- Friday, May 27th @ 8:30 - Memorial Day Ceremony
- Monday, May 30th - NO SCHOOL Memorial Day
- Thursday, June 2nd @ 6:30 - K-6 Spring Concert
- Friday, June 3rd - 6th Grade to Great Escape
- Wednesday, June 8th @ 12:00 - Field Day
- Friday, June 10th - Last Day of After School Program
- Monday, June 13th @ 1:00 - Books & Beyond Ceremony
- Tuesday, June 14th @ 6:30 - Girls on the Run/Heart & Sole Ceremony
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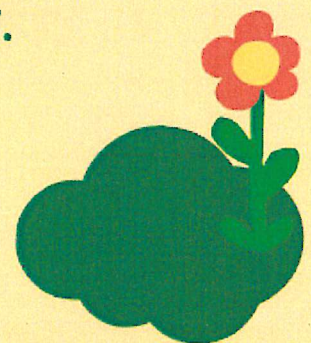
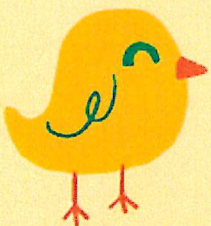


METTAWEE KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION!



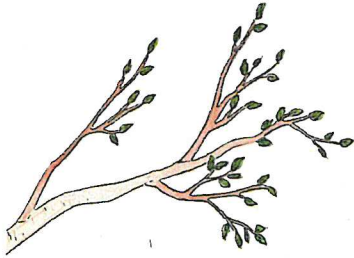
**ALL METTAWEE SCHOOL DISTRICT FAMILIES WHO
HAVE A CHILD THAT WILL BE 5 YEARS OLD BY
SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR
KINDERGARTEN. PLEASE ATTEND REGISTRATION
DAY ON MAY 20TH. CALL OR EMAIL THE SCHOOL
FOR AN APPOINTMENT. IF YOUR CHILD IS AN AGE
ELIGIBLE PRE-SCHOOL STUDENT, YOU WILL ALSO
NEED TO CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT.**

For more info, contact:
Mrs. Chalmers
802-645-9009
cchalmerse@brsu.org



Mettawee Community School

is excited to announce a children's book event on May 25th!



Emmaline the Porcupine: *A Rhyming Animal Tale*

Written by Alexandra Langstaff
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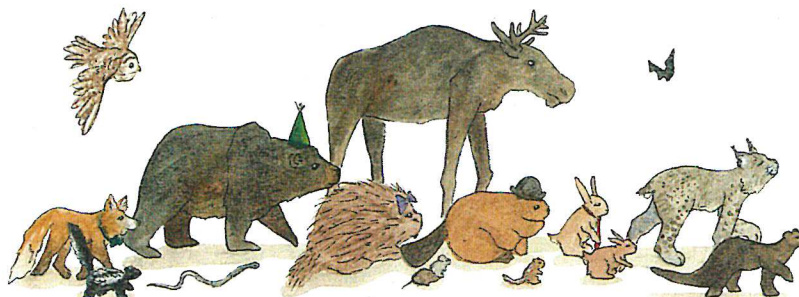
How is a prickly porcupine going to make friends? Maybe when she spends time alone she will come up with some ideas.

Alexandra lives in Dorset, VT. With a BS in early childhood education and a master's in Creativity Studies, she spends most of her time developing themes and activities for her program, Hullabaloo Danceshop, providing creative movement and yoga for children ages 14 months to 97 years of age! Her writing in *Virtuous Sinner* and at her blog Namastewhatthehay.com inspire the reader to remember, reflect, and rejoice in their own life stories. Her children's book *Emmaline the Porcupine* will be cherished by a wide variety of ages!

Gretchen lives in Pawlet, VT. She is currently a student at Smith College where she is majoring in Studio Art with a concentration in Book Studies. You may have seen her work in the Metawee Library, she is the creator of the mural "A Book is a Dream You Hold in Your Hand". She also is a Mettawee Community School 2014 graduate!

Alexandra and Gretchen are coming to join us for a book reading and draw along for children in grades K-5. You will have the opportunity to pre-purchase the book and have Alexandra and Gretchen autograph it for you! Please fill out the order form on the back and return it to school along with a check for \$14.00 (which includes tax). Order forms need to be returned by May 20th in order for them to be autographed. Any orders after May 20th will be fulfilled but not autographed.

Books will be delivered on Thursday, May 26th in your Big Blue folders.



ORDER FORM



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Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

How many books would you like to purchase? _____

\$14.00 each

TOTAL Payment: _____

Who would you like your book(s) autographed to?

1) _____

2) _____

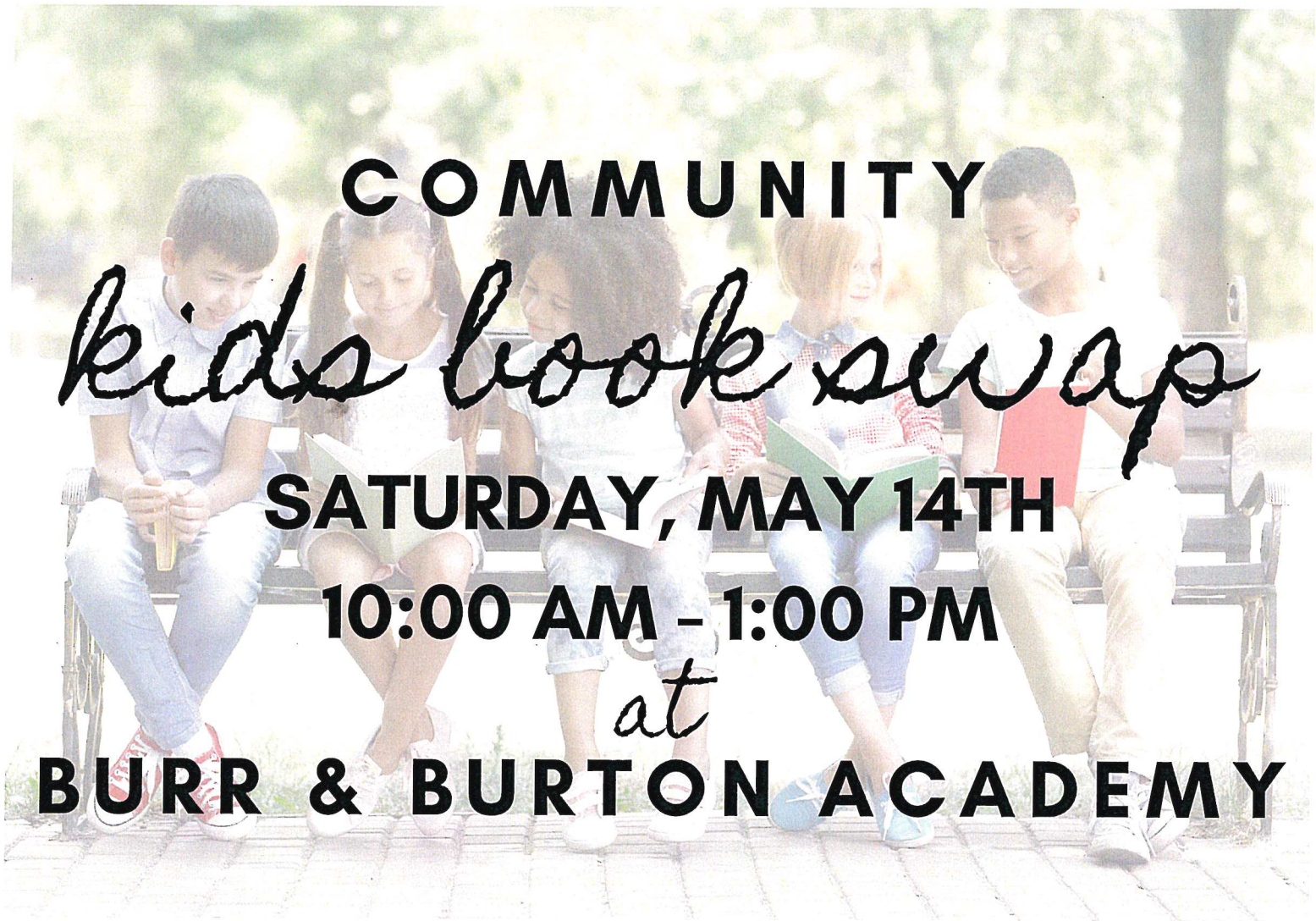
3) _____

Payment method:

*Check _____ Cash _____ Venmo _____@Alexandra-Langstaff

*checks should be made out to Hullabaloo Danceshop

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COMMUNITY

kids book swap

SATURDAY, MAY 14TH

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

at

BURR & BURTON ACADEMY

DONATE BOOKS / TAKE BOOKS!

Donate your gently used books (baby books through young adult) at a book drop location by May 11th.

Then join us on May 14th to take as many books as you like, for free!

Please attend even if you don't have books to donate, especially new parents and caregivers!

SHIRE KIDS



Book Drop Locations:

BBA - Smith Center
57 Seminary Avenue

Zippy Chicks
4732 Main Street

Northshire Day School
5484 Main Street

Contact: Nicole Campbell
nicole@shirekidsvt.org
603.759.9415

snacks and music!

raffle prizes!

Reading Places: Art, Architecture & Gravestones in Early Vermont

**Picture Show & Lecture by William Hosley - Public Welcome!
Pawlett Historical Society, Sat. May 21, 4pm at Town Hall**

