



Mettawee Messenger

October 20, 2022 Principal: Brooke DeBonis 645-9009

Principal's Corner:

I-Ready Family Reports

This week in Big Blue you will receive your child's i-Ready family report if your child is in first grade through sixth grade. i-Ready is an online program for reading and/or mathematics that will help your student's teacher(s) determine your student's needs, personalize their learning, and monitor progress throughout the school year. i-Ready allows your teacher(s) to meet your student exactly where they are and provides data to increase your student's learning gains.

i-Ready consists of two parts: Diagnostic and Personalized Instruction. The i-Ready Diagnostic is an adaptive assessment that adjusts its questions to suit your student's needs. Each item a student sees is individualized based on their answer to the previous question. For example, a series of correct answers will result in slightly harder questions, while a series of incorrect answers will yield slightly easier questions. i-Ready Personalized Instruction provides students with lessons based on their individual skill level and needs, so your student can learn at a pace that is just right for them. These lessons are fun and interactive to keep your student engaged as they learn. We finished the fall diagnostic assessment and your child will participate in this test again in January and May. Our hope is that your child will gain skills throughout the year in both math and reading. Your child will participate in the personalized instruction for 30-45 minutes in both subject areas each week. Please feel free to reach out to your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions.



FOOD FOR CONFERENCE DAY

Please consider volunteering to bring in an item for Conference Day to show our staff how much you appreciate their hard work. There will be a live link in your Messenger email. [conference food sign up](#)



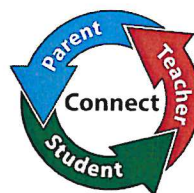
Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences on Thursday, October 27th after school and Friday, October 28th.

There will be no school on FRIDAY, October 28th.

K-6th grade students are expected to join their conferences and share their goals for the year. Childcare will be provided in the library for siblings.

A live link to sign up for your conferences will be in the Messenger email.

Monday, October 24th will be the last day to sign up for conferences. This allows our teachers a couple of days to organize for conference day. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher or call the school at 802-645-9009.





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Conference Links will be live in the Messenger email

Preschool Parent Link: [Mrs. Waterhouse - Parent Conference Link](#)

Kindergarten Parent Link: [Ms. Kelly - Parent Conference Link](#)

First Grade Parent Link: [Ms. Pierce - Parent Conference Link](#)

Second Grade Parent Link: [Mr. Harmon - Parent Conference Link](#)

Third Grade Parent Link: [Mrs. Baker - Parent Conference Link](#)

Fourth Grade Parent Link: [Mrs. Lea - Parent Conference Link](#)

Fourth/Fifth Combined Grade Parent Link: [Mrs. Porrier - Parent Conference Link](#)

Fifth Grade Parent Link: [Mrs. Thomas - Parent Conference Link](#)

Sixth Grade Parent Link: [Mrs. McGann - Parent Conference Link](#)



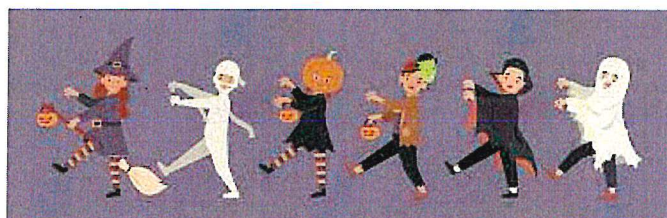
The next PTO meeting will be
November 7th at 6:00pm virtually.

METTAWEE HALLOWEEN PARADE



Our parade will be held on Monday, October 31st at 1:45. Kindergarten through sixth grade, along with the Mettawee teachers and staff, will walk in our parade by coming out the primary wing doors, down the sidewalk in front of our school, and end up out back on the playground. We will sing a few songs outside before the classes come back into school. Make sure your child's costume is school friendly and easy for your child to put on and take off independently. *Please leave the weapons, scary masks, and any extra accessories at home.*

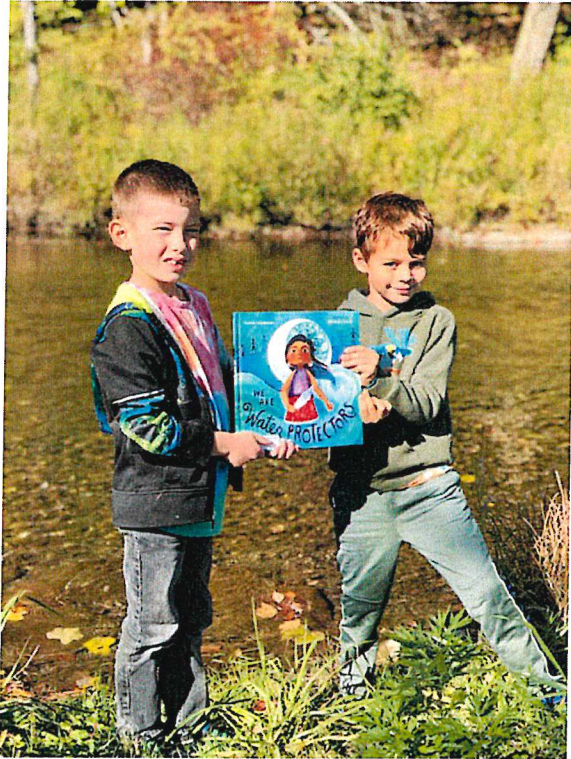
Families will not be entering the building to bring in costumes, help put the costumes on, or to pick up their children afterwards. You are welcome to come watch the parade outside the school and you can come around the building to listen to the children sing the songs. The parade will be done around 2:15 so families can pick up their children for dismissal. We will ask that you send in a note telling us that your child will be leaving with you after the parade and we will send them to the front to be dismissed.





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Mrs. Donaldson's students read the book *We Are Water Protectors* down by the river last week in celebration of Indigenous Peoples' Day.

SOCCER UPDATES:

We are wrapping up our soccer program for this year. Kindergarteners, first graders, and second graders will have their last practices this week. The 3/4 Team wraps up their season with their final game tonight vs. Poultney at 4:30. Our 5/6 Team has two games next week and then they are done. A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Webb for being an amazing Athletic Director at Mettawee. She worked hard to recruit coaches, schedule games, find referees, and manage the daily communication for the soccer program. Thank you to all the



coaches, parents, teachers, and referees, for all coming to collaborate to make sure our students had the opportunity to play soccer this fall. We loved to see the students laughing, socializing, running, and working together on the field. The students have made so much growth this year in their soccer skills.



If you've been taking pictures at practices or games please send them to Heidi Hammell at hhammell@brsu.org so we can begin building a soccer yearbook page!

GAME SCHEDULE

3/4 Team

Thursday, October 20th
Home vs. Poultney at 4:30

5/6 Team

Monday, October 24th
Away vs. Truthville at 4:30

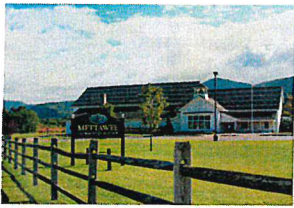
Wednesday, October 26th

** Rescheduled game*

Home vs. Maple Street at 4:30



First Grade soccer players



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Share the Warmth Clothing Drive & Give Away

The Mettawee Community School is excited to be hosting the Share the Warmth Clothing Drive this year on Saturday, November 19th and Sunday, November 20th from 9:00a.m. to 2:00p.m.

All sizes of clothing, especially winter will be accepted along with outerwear, accessories, bedding, and shoes. ALL clothing must be clean and smoke free. Donations can be dropped off Friday, November 18th from 8:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. Please bring your own bags.

If you would like to volunteer, donate or have any questions, please reach out to Brooke Burnham at 802-342-6377 or email

lbbw1999ollieowen@yahoo.com.



Holiday Greenery Orders

Greenery order forms will be going home soon! Be on the lookout in your Big Blue folder in the next week or two. Greenery orders are a PTO Fundraiser.



JISP Info!

Bromley Mountain JISP: A \$50 late fee will be applied to any registration completed after October 31, 2022. Registration closes November 30, 2022.

Riley Rink ice skating JISP: Now open for registration.



Links to both programs will be included in your newsletter email.

If you are a parent of a Mettawee 5 year old, and you would like to take the lead on a 5 year old JISP program at Bromley please reach out to Brooke DeBonis.

For those of you new to Mettawee, JISP is the Junior Instructional Ski or Skate Program. For Mettawee school, we dismiss Friday afternoons at 11:40 starting January 13th through March 10th. Our students have the opportunity to ski, skate, go home, or sometimes a variety of other options pop up in the community. JISP is NOT a school sponsored program. You can go directly to the Bromley or Riley Rink website for more information.

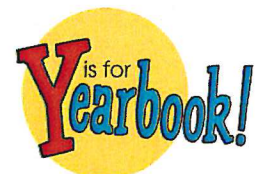
If you have any questions about Bromley you can reach out to our JISP coordinator India Farmer at i.burnett.farmer@gmail.com.

Call for yearbook helpers!

We are looking for someone to help with the yearbook - does anyone have time to take photos or lay out a few pages?

Reach out to Heidi Hammell if you can help!

hhammell@brsu.org





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The LOST & FOUND pile is growing!!!
If you are missing something please come and look or have your child look. We will try to put a table out on conference day.



October 27th - Evening Student Led Parent Conferences

October 28th - No School - Student Led Parent Conferences

October 31st - Halloween Parade at 1:45

November 19th-20th - Clothing Drive

November 23rd-25th - Thanksgiving Break

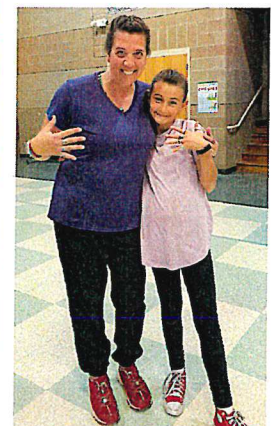
November 28th - Picture Retake Day

We really do sometimes play in the rain!

Please remember to have your child pack extra clothes and socks in their backpacks. We do occasionally go out rain or shine to play or learn.



Spirit Week
was so much
fun!





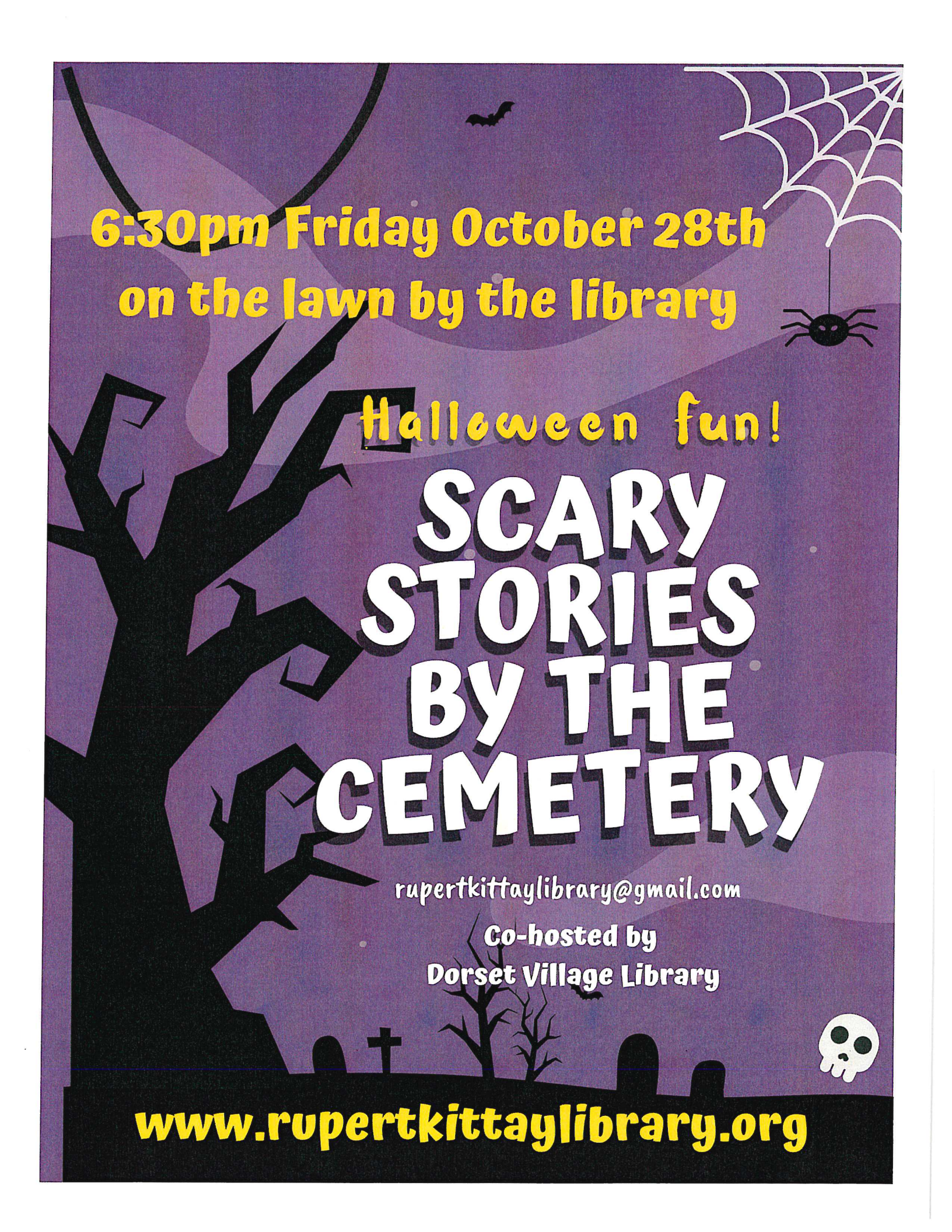
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BIKE WEEK

Bike Week was a HUGE success! Thank you to Cheryl Chalmers and Janna Webb for once again bringing the Bike Trailer to our school and so much gratitude to Heather Lund and the Bart Center for coming and bringing adaptive bikes so that all of our students could ride.





6:30pm Friday October 28th
on the lawn by the library

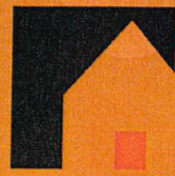
Halloween fun!

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HALLOWEEN ON THE HILL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

2:30-5 PM

Taconic Music & Spooky Stories

Magic Shows

Face Painting

Bounce House

Long Trail School Student Band

Halloween Crafts

Scavenger Hunt with Candy

Costume Parade with Prizes

Preschool Dance Party

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