



Mettawee Messenger

November 10, 2022 Principal: Brooke DeBonis 645-9009

Principal's Corner:

We welcomed almost 40 Veterans to our breakfast this morning.

So many thank you's are in order.

Thank you to our **6th grade class** for working together to create decorations, seating charts, set tables, welcome guests, and support this event in every way. Thank you to our **kitchen staff** for preparing muffins, bagels, fruit platters, and drinks for all of our guests. Thank you to Ms. Hoyt for preparing the music and program for this event. Thank you to our **staff** for helping support our guests with beverages, seating, and clean up. Thank you to our **teachers** for talking to your students about honoring our Veterans and taking a break from your busy day to be at this event. Thank you to our **students** for your respect, participation, and gratitude. Most importantly, thank you to our **Veterans** for their sacrifice and service.



Vaccine Clinic at MCS

Our Mettawee Covid vaccine clinic has been rescheduled for next Wednesday, November 16 from 9:30 - 12:30 at school.

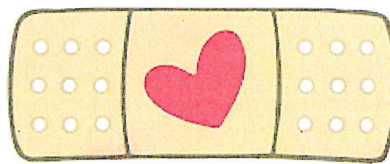
Children may receive their booster vaccine or either of their primary doses.

If you have not signed up your child but are interested, please call our school at (802) 645-9009 or email School Nurse Mandy Mayer at mmayer@brsu.org before the end of this week.

Please note: Children in Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st grade and 2nd grade must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Older children may receive their vaccine with a parent/guardian present, or with Mrs. Mayer as a support person (with written permission). Our vaccine clinic is being sponsored by the Vermont Department of Health.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Mayer.





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Picture Retake Day!

Retakes are scheduled for Monday, November 28th. If you would like to have your picture retaken please bring the original packet back to school and turn it back in. Pictures should arrive within the next week. If you were absent on picture day, your picture will be taken on retake day. Everyone will have a picture taken for the yearbook and for your student ID's.

Below is the information you need to order pictures online.

ABSENTEE & RETAKE PICTURE DAY

RETAKES:
For a no charge retake, return the entire package to the photographer on retake day.

ABSENTEE:
Please Order Now!

BACKGROUNDS MAY VARY
- MORE CHOICES ONLINE!

Take advantage of these two great features to **enhance your order!**

1

Build Your Own

You can select multiple backgrounds to build your own look. MUST PURCHASE ONLINE TO SELECT MULTIPLE BACKGROUNDS.

2

Digital Bundle

You can save by building digital with all the backgrounds. MUST PURCHASE ONLINE TO BUILD DIGITAL BUNDLE.

METTAWEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Absentee/Retake Picture Day is
November 28, 2022

0033090AR
order code for online purchases
(password expires 24 hrs. after picture day)

CLICK TO ORDER

THIS IS A PREPAY EVENT. PAYMENT IS DUE ON PICTURE DAY. Este es un evento prepagado. Pago se debe entregar el día de las fotos.

BARBOURDALE SCHOOL PORTRAITS | WWW.BARBOURDALEPHOTO.COM
 PICTURES WITH CLASS by Barboudale | WWW.PICTURESWITHCLASS.COM
 HOCKMEYER with Barboudale | WWW.HOCKSTUDIO.COM
 QUESTIONS 1.800.326.7467

Merck Forest Field & Forest Friday For 5th & 6th Graders!!!

Due to lots of interest in this program Merck Forest is happy to announce that they will be offering Field and Forest for 5th and 6th graders here at the Mettawee Community School on the Merck Land next door and taught by the amazing Merck Forest education outreach staff.

If you have a 5th or 6th grade student, more information and a registration sheet are in your Big Blue Folder.



There will be NO SCHOOL TOMORROW

Friday, November 11th.
Honoring our Veterans on Veterans Day!



There will be No Preschool classes on November 22nd.



The next PTO meeting will be December 5th at 2:45



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Mettawee Clothing and Swag

Please find in your Big Blue folder an order form for Mettawee Community School T-shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants, hats, bags, cups, magnets...

Orders are due by November 28th and should be in by the holidays.



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. Please bring your own bags.

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.

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.



Basketball Sign Ups



Basketball registration forms for Kindergarten through 6th grade should be returned to school by Friday, November 18th.

We are looking for coaches for all grades. Please reach out to Janna Webb at

jwebb@brsu.org if you can coach.

3rd-6th graders will begin practice the week after Thanksgiving. All other players will begin in January.

The Thanksgiving Feast is Back!

If you have not already returned the guest form for the Feast please do so as soon as possible so we know if we need to assign your child a senior guest.

We also need to begin creating seating charts and ordering food!

The Feast is scheduled for

Tuesday, November 22nd at 12:00.

There will be No School for preschoolers on Feast Day and no school on Wednesday, November 23rd-Friday, November 25th so our families can spend time together.





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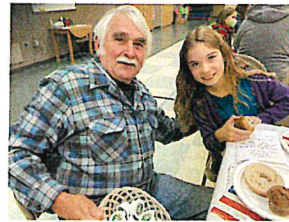
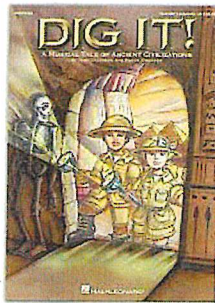
All School Play Returns

Our students will once again grace the stage as we perform our All-School Play.

"Dig It! A Musical Tale of Ancient Civilizations"
on December 15th, 2022.

All classes prek through 6 will perform at least one group song and a grand finale. Depending on class size, we may combine some groups for strength in numbers.

If you have time in your schedule to help with the play, please reach out to Lisa Hoyt at lhoyt@brsu.org.



November 11th - No School - Veterans Day

November 19th-20th - Clothing Drive

November 22nd - Thanksgiving Feast at 12:00

November 23rd-25th - Thanksgiving Break

November 28th - Picture Retake Day

December 21st - Early Dismissal 11:40

December 22nd-January 2nd - Holiday Break

January 3rd - No School - Professional Dev. Day

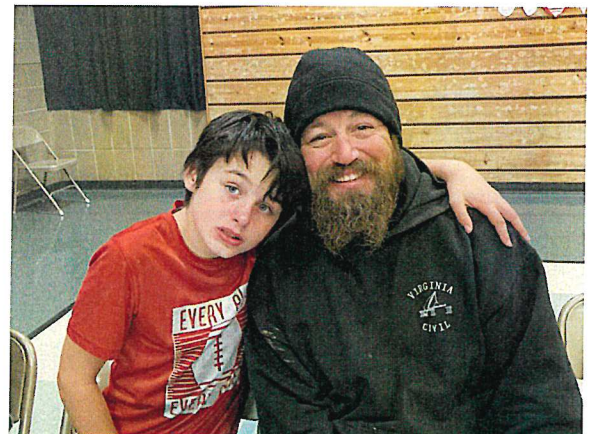
January 4th - Return to school

January 13th - JISP begins - dismissal at 11:40



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Health Notice from the BRSU School Nurses

11/10/2022

Dear BRSU Families and Staff,

The upcoming months bring colder weather, shorter days and more time indoors, which leads to a seasonal increase in viral illness. **In the interest of planning ahead for Thanksgiving and other upcoming holidays, it is important to do our best now to reduce the spread of illness in our schools.** The goal is to reduce transmission of viruses as much as possible so we can be healthy when it comes time for travel and family gatherings (and also holiday school events!).

This is probably one of the most important times of year to take symptoms seriously and keep children home when they begin feeling sick because it could help prevent outbreaks of illnesses such as the Flu, Covid and RSV, all of which are beginning to increase now. The same guidance is important for adults in our buildings as well. This way, we can ALL have a healthier winter.

If your child has symptoms of illness in the morning, please keep them home from school. Colds and flu are highly contagious in the earlier days of illness. If you are unsure what is the best decision to make, please call your school nurse in the morning and talk it through together before sending your child to school and possibly exposing others. Your school nurse can also partner with you in deciding when your child should return to school after illness.

Healthier school buildings with fewer circulating illnesses means that as many people as possible can be healthy for the holidays.

Flu and Covid shots are available now, and are known to reduce the spread of these illnesses as well as decrease severity of symptoms, especially for our elderly relatives, young children and family members with weaker immune symptoms or chronic illness. You can arrange getting vaccines with your healthcare provider.

Mask wearing, while optional, remains a helpful tool for anyone who wishes to reduce the risk of passing germs in public places as well. Reviewing proper cough etiquette ("cover your cough") and thorough handwashing also go a long way as we make every effort to not share our germs.

We cannot thank you enough for joining us in thinking ahead and taking proactive steps to stop viruses from spreading. This is truly a community-wide effort that only works if we all do our part!

Sincerely,

BRSU School Nurses

Nicolette Beagle, RN Victoria DiMonda, RN Mandy Mayer, RN
Sonce Pearce, RN Peggy Roberts, RN



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November 8, 2022
Merck Forest Field and Forest Fridays: Grades 5 & 6

Dear Parents,

Merck Forest and Farmland Center is once again offering 'Field and Forest Fridays' for students at the Mettawee Community School in Kindergarten through 4th grade. **And, due to interest in this program for Grades K – 4, we are extending this program to include students in grades 5 and 6.**

Offered at no cost, all students will need is their warm outdoor winter recess clothes and a desire to have fun outside (as well as an afternoon snack and water bottle). Our goal is to offer an outdoor experience that is as fun, safe, and comfortable as possible and empower students with a skillset they can take home.

The Merck Field and Forest Friday program will include:

- Woodcraft: Staying safe in the woods, shelter building, survival skills for the out-of-doors
- Games and Activities
- Snowshoeing and Sledding
- Nature Ecology and Exploration: Winter Bird ID, winter tree ID, animal tracking

Merck Forest staff members will lead the fun and exploration as we get out and play in the fields and forest surrounding the school. The program will begin January 6th and take place Friday afternoons from January 13 until March 10, following the JISP schedule. Each Field and Forest Friday will begin at the 11:40 a.m. dismissal on Fridays and end at 3:00 p.m. with parent pick-up at the Mettawee Community School lobby. Dates for Field and Forest Fridays are as following: Jan. 13, 20, & 27; Feb. 3 & 10; and Mar. 3 & 10.

A minimum number of students enrolled will be required for the program to run.

Please return your sign-up sheet to your child's teacher **no later than November 18th**. Enrollment will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. We look forward to having your child join us for Field and Forest Friday!

Christine Hubbard, Education Director
Merck Forest and Farmland Center

SIGN-UP
Merck Forest and Farmland Center's Field and Forest Friday
for
Mettawee Community School Students
Please return to school NO LATER THAN Friday, November 18th

Sign up is on a first-come, first serve basis. Space is limited, and we are requiring a minimum number of students to run the program.

If you are interested in having your child(ren) participate, please fill out the following:

Name of child. _____

Grade _____ Age _____

Name of child. _____

Grade _____ Age _____

Name of child. _____

Grade _____ Age _____

Contact information:

Name of parent _____

Email address _____

Phone number _____

Person(s) authorized to pick up your child(ren) at 3:00 _____

Does/Do your child(ren) have any medical conditions we should be aware of? If so, please describe:

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Merck Forest and Farmland Center Field and Forest Friday Afternoon Program

- I affirm that my child/ward's participation in Field and Forest Friday is voluntary and understand that participation in activities include hiking as well as activities around the field and forest that involve inherent risks, known and unknown, which could result in injury, illness, and death. I acknowledge that the activities and their associated risks are inherent to the Field and Forest experience and without them the program would lose its essential character and value.

I also understand that, despite safety precautions MFFC cannot guarantee that my child/ward will not be injured. I am willing to assume these risks.

- I, for myself and for my heirs, personal representatives, and assigns, and each of them, do hereby forever release and fully discharge Merck Forest and Farmland Center, and its officers, agents, volunteers, and employees, affiliates (including all 2023 MFFC partners), representatives, successors, and assigns, from any and all actions, causes of actions, claims, costs, damages, demands, fees, and/or liability of any kind, nature, or description whatsoever, whether known or unknown, arising out of or in any way related, whether directly or indirectly, to participation in any MFFC program, including, but not limited to any physical injury, psychological injury, or loss of life or personal property that may occur as a result of participation in this program.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____
Date _____

I grant MFFC permission to use photographs of my child participating in Field and Forest Friday activities for publication in promotional materials, including but not limited to brochures, flyers, newspaper advertisements, social media, and the MFFC website. _____

(Initial to accept)



METTAWEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

\$8.50

NAVY OR DK GREEN



PC450 Port & Company
Fan Favorite Tee

\$11.50

NAVY OR DK GREEN



PC450LS Port & Company
Long Sleeve Fan Favorite Tee

\$23

NAVY



PC590H Port & Co. - Performance Fleece
Pullover Hooded Sweatshirt

\$7.50

NAVY OR DK GREEN



PC61Y Port & Company
YOUTH Essential Tee

\$10.50

NAVY OR DK GREEN



PC450YLS Port & Company - YOUTH
Long Sleeve Fan Favorite Tee

\$23

NAVY



PC590YH Port & Co. - Performance Fleece
YOUTH Pullover Hooded Sweatshirt

\$5.50

NAVY



PAMASK Port Authority
Cotton Knit Face Mask

\$21

OXFORD



974Y
JERZEES YOUTH
OPEN-BOTTOM SWEATPANTS

\$20

SPORT GREY



G182B
GILDAN YOUTH
50/50 SWEATPANT

NAVY

\$10



CP77
Port & Co. Low Profile Cap

\$15

FOREST or NAVY



BST600 Sport-Tek Rival
Cinch Pack

DUE TO LACK OF GARMENT COLORS IN CERTAIN SIZES, SOME GARMENTS WILL BE SUBSTITUTED WITH A DIFFERENT BRAND AND COLORS MAY NOT BE CONSISTENT.



Winter Wonderland Art Camp

Monday–Friday, December 26–30, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Grades 1–4 (or equivalent)



During winter break come up the hill for a fun-filled week of art making, gallery visits, outdoor excursions, and more. Students will create large scale paintings, three dimensional sculptures, mosaics, and explore techniques in printmaking, bookmaking, and more. Each day will include visits to SVAC's exhibitions with gallery activities, special demonstrations, and more. Students should bring lunch, snacks, outdoor clothing for sculpture park and nature walks. Camp will end with an art show and reception for all students, families, and guests.

Instructors: SVAC Executive Director, Anne Corso
and The Newark Museum of Art Manager of
Interpretation and Public Programs, Maegan
Douglas

SVAC Member: \$325 /Non-member: \$375

Register with Erin at ekaufman@svac.org or
802.367.1306. Scholarships are available.



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