

December 1, 2022 Principal: Brooke DeBonis 645-9009

Principal's Corner:

Thank you for the Thanksgiving Feast

A huge thank you goes out to the staff, parents, and volunteers who made our Thanksgiving Feast so successful. It takes an incredible team of people to serve 280 people a delicious meal with dessert. A special thank you goes out to Heidi Hammell for making sure each student had a guest and for coordinating all the details. In addition, the kitchen staff, Tera Williams, Lisa Olsen, and Heidi Hawkins, all deserve a huge thank you for going above and beyond to cook and serve all the fabulous food. Our custodians, Bill Wood and Jim McGraw, worked hard setting up and taking down tables and chairs as well as cleaning the floors. Thank you to all of our dedicated teachers and staff who helped out with making sure everything went smoothly. It was wonderful to gather together to enjoy a meal with all the staff, students, families and community members. Check out this (article) that was featured in the Manchester Journal about our amazing Thanksgiving Feast.



Community Sharing Baskets

Your child's classroom will be sponsoring a food basket to provide a bountiful holiday meal to a family in need. Each student will be bringing in a specific item to contribute and should have brought a letter home before break explaining what to bring and more information about the Community Sharing Project. Please have your food item at school no later than Friday, December 9th. Baskets will be picked up by the Community Sharing Project on Monday, December 12th.

Thank you so much for talking to your children about the spirit of

giving and and helping those less fortunate.



Mettawee Community School / BRSU Parent Handbook

The Mettawee Community School Parent Handbook and BRSU Family and Student Handbook are available by following the link below or by going to the Mettawee Community School website.

Mettawee Community School and BRSU Family <u>Handbook</u>





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Rentals are available for a small fee.

We are looking for volunteers to:

- * make baked goods and snacks for the Bake Sale
- * work the entrance table welcoming families and handling money
 - * work the Bake Sale/Snack table

If you can help out please return the volunteer form in your Big Blue folder.

You can contact the school at 645-9009 with any

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

Please find your
December Menu in
your Big Blue
folder!



Winter Weather is Upon Us!

It is finally feeling and looking like winter is approaching! PLEASE, have your students bring hats, gloves or mittens, snow pants, boots, and a

jacket to school! We go
outside for walks, learning,
and recess even if the
weather is a little inclement.
Extra clothing in their
backpack is also a great
idea (including socks).





December 15th - All School Play at 6:30

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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SPORTS CORNER

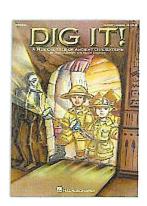
We are still looking for
Coaches for 3/4 Boys
and Girls teams. They
will not begin practices
until we have coaches. We will keep
you informed.

Please reach out to Janna Webb if you can help. jwebb@brsu.org.

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.
Please ask your students to

Please ask your students to share their song with you so they can practice and encourage them to read through lines with you if they have a speaking part. The play is only 14 DAYS AWAYIII

The Biggest Clothing Drive Yet!

Brooke Burnham and her team want to thank everyone for their support and for volunteering their time to help hundreds and hundreds of people with clothing for the cold months of winter. This was the 15th year of Share the Warmth which serves people from our community and surrounding towns with childrens' and adult clothing. Our 6th graders were some of the 75+ volunteers it takes to pull this off. Thank you!











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IMPORTANT BROMLEY JISP INFO

<u>Transportation options for Bromley JISP</u> <u>participants</u>

There is not a bus to
Bromley this year. If your
child needs a ride to
and/or from Bromley for
JISP, please reach out to
India Farmer directly! She
will help match you with a



volunteer parent driver. If you have contacted her already, she will reach out to you directly by next week. iburnett.farmer@amail.com.

Rental Information for Participants

All JISP/KAP rentals are now pickup only, you may not take them home. JISP/KAP rentals are \$120 with no deposit required. If you desire to take them home, you will need to purchase a regular seasonal rental for \$220 plus a \$100 deposit.

All participants must come to a fitting.

Rental Fitting & Sizing Days @ Bromley Rentals

Nov. 25 - Dec. 23 from 8:30 - 4:30

No sizing available between Dec. 24 - Jan. 1

You must get fitted before your first day of rentals or you will be charged a late fee of \$20. This includes scholarship students.

Questions – Contact rentals at 824-5522 or rentals@bromley.com

JISP and KAP Pass Pickup Information

Passes must be picked up in-person from the ticket office at Bromley prior to January 10, 2023. The ticket office will be available for JISP and KAP pass pickup only on the dates and times indicated

Pass Pick Up Dates @ Ticket Office

November 7 - 11 from 1pm - 5pm.

November 14 - 23 Mon – Fri from 1 - 5, Saturday from 10 - 4

November 28 – December 2 from 12:30 – 4:00

December 2 through opening, Mon. – Fri. 9:00 until 3:30, Sunday's 1 – 4

NO Saturday pickup in December

LATE FEE

You must come pick up your pass before December 12th or you will be charged a late fee of \$20

There is a \$10 replacement fee for lost Pass Cards at Bromley customer service.







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Thanksgiving Feast

Our feast was a huge success and we thank all of our staff, volunteers, students and seniors for being part of it!







































Mettawee Community School

Parent Handbook

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Mettawee Community School Parent Handbook and BRSU Family and Student Handbook - link to handbook

An updated version of the The Mettawee Community School Parent Handbook is now available on the Mettawee Community School website under the Family section.

The handbook is a guide for parents and is a very useful tool to answer a large variety of questions from, "When should my child be at school in the morning?", to "What do I do if my child is home sick?". It also includes staff information, food service information and information about expectations and conduct.

To access the handbook policies simply click the link and it will take you directly there. Some of these policies are BRSU wide and pertain to things like harassment, transportation and tobacco use; some are more Mettawee specific like links to our After School Program application. Following the Mettawee Community School Parent Handbook is the BRSU Family and Student Handbook. Any BRSU wide information or policy will be found in this portion of the handbook. We will no longer be printing paper copies of the Parent Handbook. If you need a paper copy of the handbook, or even a portion of the handbook printed, please contact the school and we will do our best to get you the information that you need.

Please sign this form and return it to scho	ool as soon as possible.
I have read the parent handbook and pledge achievement and promote effective home-sc	to do everything in my power to enhance student hool communication.
Student's Name(s):	
	Date:
	Date:
Parent/Guardian Signature:	
	Date:

November 30, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As part of our ongoing efforts to keep our learning community safe, this year BRSU Schools (Currier Memorial School, The Dorset School, Flood Brook School, Manchester Elementary Middle School, Mettawee Community School and Sunderland Elementary School) will be adopting a new protocol for responding to an active threat in our schools. At the recommendation of the Vermont School Safety Center, Vermont's Agency of Education and Department of Public Safety and the U.S Department of Homeland Security, we will begin the transition to what is known as an "options based" response protocol for addressing the unlikely event of an active threat in our schools. An options-based protocol empowers people to choose a response to an active threat situation based on the information they have in the moment, known as situational awareness. It teaches individuals to use the information at their disposal to do what they think is best to keep themselves and others safe.

This fall, our teachers and staff are learning about the options based protocol, "Run / Hide / Fight." The training consists of facilitated group discussions about the protocol and how to apply it to various scenarios. We feel strongly that while older students are aware of the possibility of school violence and can benefit from this training as an important life skill, younger students need only be instructed, as they do now, to follow the direction of their teacher as quickly and quietly as possible. Therefore, in our schools which only serve students through 8th grade, these facilitated discussions will involve adults only and will take place during staff professional development time. Though PreK-8 students will participate in the regular and required drills throughout the year, for now, these drills will look and feel the same as in previous years.

The Homeland Security website about the Run / Hide / Fight protocol can be found at this link.

School violence is not something anyone wants to think about, but in today's world we must do the best we can to be prepared. Thank you for your support in this effort and continue to look for further communications from us in the next few weeks.

Sincerely,

Brooke DeBonis Principal



Can you help make this a successful event?

Parent/Guardian Name:
Student(s) Name(s):
I can bring baked goods or individually packaged snacks for the snack table?
YES NO
I can work the entrance table welcoming families and handling money?
YES NO
I can work the snack table handling money?
YES NO



December 2022

Mettawee Community School

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Tomato Soup	Fish Taco	Loaded Baked Potato Bar	Chicken & Waffles	Ham Sub Day
Grilled Cheese on WG Bread Homemade Tomato Soup	Crunchy Fish Taco on a bed of Homemade Coleslaw served on a Soft Taco Shell	Baked Potato Bar Toppings: Ham & Cheese Cornbread Muffin	Chicken & Waffles with Vermont Maple Syrup Garlic Mashed Potatoes	Ham and Cheese Sub on WG Haagie Roll with all the fixinas
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WG Penne with Marinara WG Garlic Knot	(Baked Local Boyden Beef, Corn and Mashed Potatoes)	Cneese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Chef Special Pizza	Hamburger or Cheeseburger (local from Boyden Farms) on WG Bun with all the fixings	Creamy Garlic Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
Fruit Selection		Pickled Beets		WG Dinner Roll
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			Fruit Smoothie with Annie's Graham Crackers	Ham, Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich
			Fresh Fruit Milk	Fresh Fruit Milk
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Pancakes with Vermont Maple Syrup	Homemade Brown Sugar Oatmeal (Warm)	Whole Grain Muffin	Yogurt Parfoit with Homemade Granola	Sausage, Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich
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Whole Grain Bagel with Cream Cheese	Fruity Overnight Oats (Cold)	Whole Grain Bread Chef's Choice of Banana, Pumpkin, Blueberry or Apple Cinnamon	Fruit Smoothie with Annie's Graham Crackers	Ham, Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich
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Food Services Director: Stephanie Gates, SNS sgates@brsu.org	Breakfast Sen Meal Modifications &	Breakfast Served with a Choice of Hood 1% White Milk or Hood Skim Milk Meal Modifications & Accommodations Upon Request ~ Menus are Subject to Change "This institution is an equal opportunity provider."	od Skim Milk Subject to Change	Paid Student Breakfast; \$0.00 Adult Price: \$3.00 Milk Only ,50
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Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Monthly Menu

School: Mettawee	: Community School	,	Month: December 2022	ar ¹
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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			Banana	Clementines
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			Serving Size - 1 each	Serving Size - 1 each
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		Serving Size - 1/2 cup		
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Granny Smith Apples	Tangelo	Candy Stripe Beets	Blueberries	Oranges
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MCT AUDITION NOTICE for "Hansel & Gretel"

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Dorset Players are delighted to once again host Missoula Children's Theatre. The 2023 Missoula Children's Theatre production will be *Hansel & Gretel*.

Auditions will be held on Monday, January 16th from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Dorset Playhouse. There are roles for students in Kindergarten through 12th grade. Approximately 50-60 local students will be cast to appear in the show with a MCT Tour Actor/Director. There is no guarantee that everyone who auditions will be cast in the play. **Students wishing to audition must arrive by the scheduled starting time and stay for the entire two-hour session.** (The first rehearsal begins approximately 30 minutes after the audition for the older cast members.)

This is a group audition - **no advance preparation is necessary**, but a smile never hurts. Students should just be ready to come and have a good time!

Rehearsals will be conducted on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 4:00-6:00 and/or 6:30-8:30 at the Dorset Playhouse. Although not all cast members will be needed at every session, those auditioning must have a clear schedule for the entire week and if selected, be able to attend all rehearsals required for their role. A detailed rehearsal schedule will be distributed at the conclusion of the audition. Cast members scheduled for the full 4½ hours of rehearsal will be asked to bring a sack dinner or snack.

The performances will be held on Saturday, January 21st at 2:00 and 7:00 and will be presented at the Dorset Playhouse. All those cast must be available for **all** scheduled performances.

The Missoula Children's Theatre is a non-profit organization based in Missoula, Montana. The residency in Dorset is made possible by the Dorset Players with help from community businesses and members. To cover ever-increasing production costs not covered by our sponsors, there will be a fee of \$25.00 for each child who agrees to participate in this show. We are asking that parents make payment of the \$25.00 on Monday evening after the cast assignments have been made. Should this fee pose a financial hardship, please talk to one of Players' Producers about the availability of a scholarship.

If you have any questions, you may contact Claire VanEeden at the Dorset Players' office between 10 and 3, M, W, Th, or F at 867-5570 or e-mail info@dorsetplayers.org.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Gushee Producer of MCT Dorset Players' Board Member



Conceived and Written by **Jim Caron**



Music and Lyrics by Michael McGill

A PRODUCTION OF MCT, INC.

Saturday January 21, 2023 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Dorset Playhouse
Buy Tickets online at www.dorsetplayers.org
Or call 802-867-5570 or 802-867-5777

Presented by Sheila Childs Sponsored by Bank of Bennington

SHOW SYNOPSIS HANSEL AND GRETEL

Adapted by Jim Caron
Music and Lyrics by Michael McGill and Jim Caron

Times are tough for modern-day Hank and Gretchen, 'til they find themselves deep in the wondrous Wildwood world of Hansel and Gretel. The Missoula Children's Theatre proudly presents an original musical adaptation of the Brothers Grimm age-old tale of a journey, a secret and a grand adventure. Poor Hank and Gretchen! All of their friends, off to summer camp, have left them behind. While waiting for dinner, Hank and Gretchen fall asleep and dream their way to times gone by. They wake with a start! Their clothes are so strange—and so are their names. Lost in the deep dark woods, Granny leads Hansel and Gretel on a search for the path which will lead them to better times at home. But as evening approaches and the moon rises above the trees, Hansel and Gretel are not alone! The Rascals dart from tree to tree as sweet little Wallybirds innocently munch on the cookie crumbs left as a map on the forest floor. Crafty cooks and Gingerbread Men lead our heroes to a colorful cottage concocted completely of candy and cakes, where Hansel and Gretel unravel the secret of the Wildwood Witch:

Is she bad?
Or is she good?
Is she wicked...
Or misunderstood?

There's music and laughter and thrills and chills. So join the fun as Hansel and Gretel's dream is mysteriously blended with real life, and the lessons of one apply to the other. You'll learn the secret of the Wildwood --- but, shhh --- don't tell!



WORKSHOP LIST 2023

A PRODUCTION OF MCT, INC.

The Dorset Players are offering your school one complimentary workshop. You may purchase extra workshops at the rate of \$75.00 each, as the tour directors' schedule allows. Workshops last quality educational projects, the maximum number of participants will be strictly enforced. Educators are Thursday, Jan. 19th and Friday, Jan. 20th. Due to Missoula Children's Theatre's continued dedication to approximately 45 minutes. Workshops will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 17th, Wednesday, Jan. 18th, expected to attend with their students.

Please contact Claire VanEeden at the Dorset Players' office M, W, Th, or F between 10:00-3:00 to schedule your workshop. The phone number is 802-867-5570 and the Players' e-mail address is info@dorsetplayers.org.

Grades and Capacity	Grades K-2 30 students We ask that one representative from your organization be available during the workshop.	Grades K-2	Grades 3-12 60 students	We ask that educators be available during the workshop. Workshop content will be tailored to the chosen age group and is most effective when limiting the age range of the	participants to three or four grade levels within a particular session (i.e. K-2, 3-5, and 6-8).
DESCRIPTION	A grand adventure through a jungle awaits! Using active and energetic role-playing in a dynamic group setting, students will develop problem-solving skills by engaging their communication and imagination skills. Your students will have so much fun - they won't realize that they're learning!	The basic tools of an actor's trade - observation, memorization, concentration, and imagination are presented and explored in an entertaining manner. The students participate in a variety of fun exercises, learning to apply the actor's tools to both performing and everyday life.	People communicate with each other in many ways. Much of that communication is done without ever needing to speak. See how isolations, illusions, key gestures, and body language are all used to tell a story.	Participation and teamwork are emphasized as the students learn to act without a script. This workshop can be geared to all skill levels of students from beginners to more experienced performers.	Most people don't get to see what happens before the curtain rises. This workshop explains how the process of role-play helps to increase communication skills and teaches constructive group dynamics.
TITLE	Drama Quest	Acting	Mime	Improv	Behind the Scenes



12/10/2022 12pm-4pm

@Paul's Pizza 886 Vt Rt 4a Bomoseen, Vt 05735 ph#802-265-8880

Santa and Mrs. Clause will be at Paul's pizza on 12/10/2022. They will be there to take pictures with anyone wishing to get a holiday photo. Santa and Mrs. Clause have a professional photographer on site to take pictures. You will be able to take your pictures home the same day. Just in time for the Holidays! We will have several photo options available. Please email us with any questions or to reserve your time slot right away.

Please email us at kynasweets@hotmail.com for Reservations.

Photo Options: 8x10 for \$19.99

8x10 & 2 5x7's for \$29.99

8x10, 2 5x7's & a sheet of wallets for \$39.99

**There will also be a cookie decorating table & hot chocolate while you wait for your turn with Santa & Mrs Clause.





Join the Manchester Tritons Swim Team for

DOLLAR SKATE DAY

Sunday, December 18, 2022 12:15-2:15 p.m.

Riley Rink

Enjoy baked goods, bring friends,
and have fun on the ice.

Everyone is invited – swimmer or not!

(Because when we can't swim in the water,

we skate on it.)



CHARLIE'S CAMP

ELITE BASKETBALL SKILLS

Dec 22,23,26,27,28,29,30 9:00AM - 1:00PM MEMS gymnasiun Ages 7-17 Girls/Boys

Cost: \$ 45 per day / \$250 all 7 days of camp

Learn/develop your skills in a fun and intense setting.
Coach with 30+ years of experience developing youth/proplayers.

- Swishin'
- Balldancin'
- Footwerkin
- Outfoxin'
- Lockup D
- Dime droppin'



CONTESTS, GAMES, STATIONS, DRILLS, AND MORE!



QUESTIONS AND /OR TO REGISTER:

Chris Travers- Director

Sportsmanchester@gmail.com
(Please include child's sex, age and camp days you
wish to register for)
Or call 802-362-5748

