



Mettawee Messenger

December 8, 2022 Principal: Brooke DeBonis 645-9009

Principal's Corner:

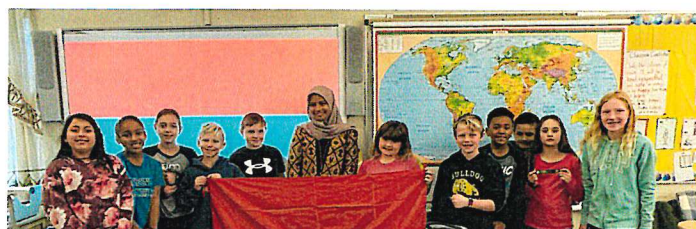
Report Cards

The report cards for students in grades K-6 will be emailed to you today through the Alma system from me. Please check your email inbox. Please take the time to read through the report card and comments. The teachers have worked hard to update you on how your child is doing so far this year. If you have questions about the report cards, please contact your child's classroom teacher.



Student Presentation

Long Trail School international student, Sheza Kalila, came to visit Mrs. Lea's class to talk to the students about Indonesia. Sheza wanted to share her cultural presentation about the country where she is from with other VT students. She was eager to share the unique characteristics and facts about Indonesia with our 4th graders. Sheza was well prepared and we all learned so much from her. This presentation was a great way for our students to learn about another country and culture and it was so positive for our students. We are hoping Sheza returns to Mettawee to share her knowledge with other students soon.



Community Sharing Baskets

Your child's classroom is 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 helping those less fortunate.



IMPORTANT - Bromley JISP



If you need a ride to or from the mountain please reach out to India Farmer so she can begin making

phone calls and connections.

i.burnett.farmer@gmail.com

No Preschool on

Wednesday, December 21st

K-6 will have an 11:40 dismissal on

Wednesday, December 21st.

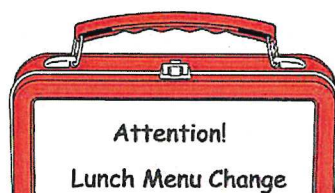


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MENU CHANGE for DECEMBER 21st

We will be having Popcorn Chicken with Roasted Potato Wedges, Steamed Corn and a Whole Grain Dinner Roll.



The Giving Tree is up!

The Mettawee Giving Tree is up and ready for community members to choose an ornament to help families in need have gifts under their tree. If you are in a place to help, an ornament can be chosen and signed out at the front desk. Gifts should be returned to school unwrapped or in a gift bag and with their tag by December 14th. Thank you so much for your generosity.



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 Handbook](#)



Rentals are available for a small fee.

We could use a few more helpers for the entrance table and snack table so that parents can rotate out and skate with their kids. If you can help please call the school at 802-645-9009. If you have already sent in your form you are already on the list.

6th Grade HOLIDAY STORE

It's that time of year again already: the annual 6th grade **Holiday Store** will be held on **Tuesday, December 20th** from **8:15 - 11:30**. All students will visit the store (the 6th grade classroom) with their teacher to shop for items ranging in **price from .10 to \$1.00**. A 6th grader will help each student find just the right gift for everyone on their list. **Free gift wrapping will be provided.**

It's an exciting time of year. Our goal for this event is to have each student leave with a smile on their face.





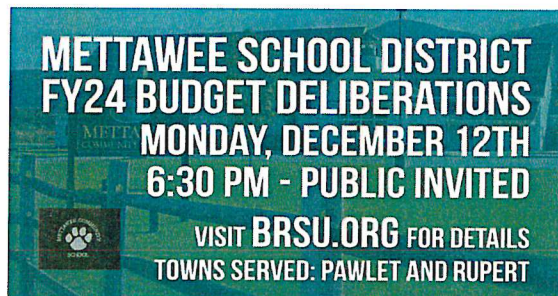
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Winter Weather is Upon Us!

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).



We welcomed Secretary of Education, Dan French to our school on Monday to meet with Superintendent, Randi Lowe and Mrs. DeBonis. They had a chance to visit classrooms and we got to share all the positive things that happen in our school.

SPORTS CORNER

3/4 Team update: We have a coach and a practice schedule will be in your child's Big Blue folder.

Games will begin in January.

Please reach out to Janna Webb if you have any questions.

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.

The play begins at 6:30 and students should arrive between 6:00-6:15 and report to their classrooms.

There will be a dress rehearsal at 1:00pm on December 15th that will be open to the public.

We are asking all students to wear black or dark colored pants. We will provide tops for all classrooms.



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 7 DAYS AWAY!!!



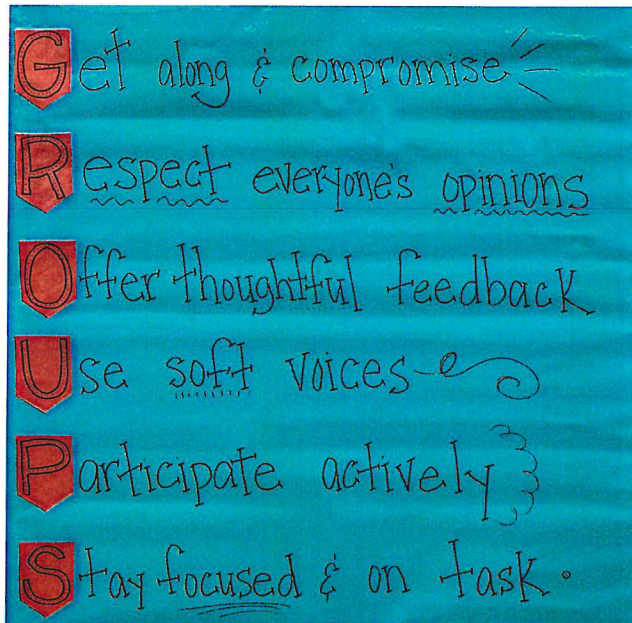
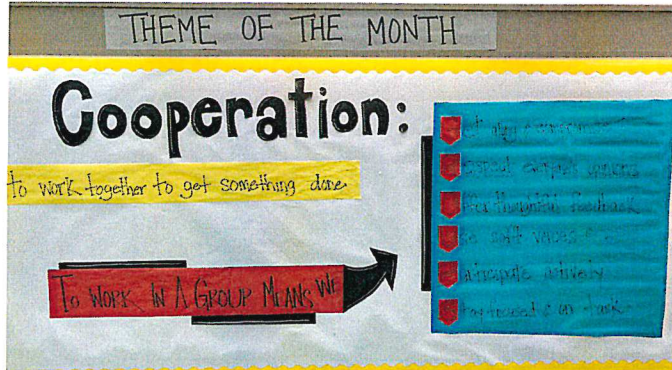
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THEME OF THE MONTH

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dates
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Remember



December 15th - Play Dress Rehearsal at 1:00

December 15th - All School Play at 6:30

December 20th - 6th Grade Holiday Store

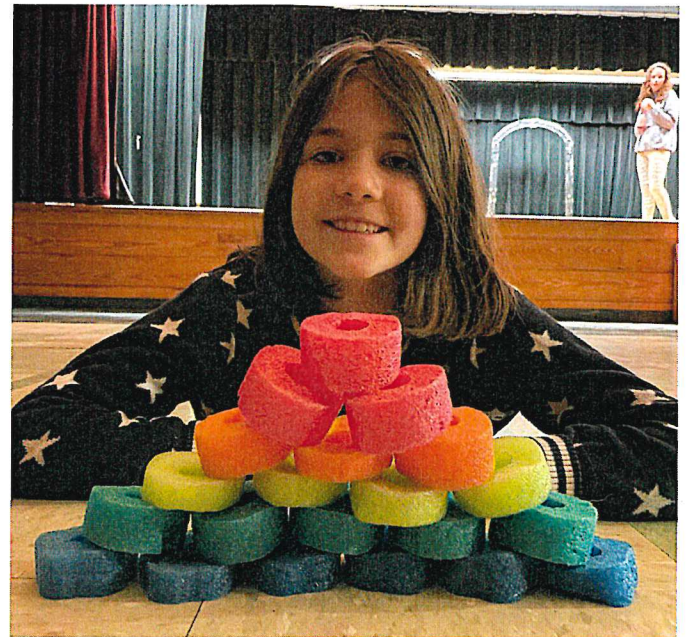
December 21st - Early Dismissal 11:40

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



Lyra being creative with pool noodle rings!



3/4 Basketball Updates

Yay - THANK YOU to Brittany Badger, Marge Mason and Mike Lewis for stepping up to coach our 3/4 co-ed team this year!

Our practice schedule for the year will look like this:

Tuesday, 12/6 - 3:45-4:45

Tuesday, 12/13 - 3:30-4:45

Monday, 12/19 - 2:30-3:45

Tuesday, 12/20 - 3:30-4:45

Monday, 1/9 - 2:30-3:45

Tuesday, 1/10 - 3:30-4:45

Monday, 1/23 - 2:30-3:45

Monday 1/30 - 2/30-3:45

Monday 2/6 - 2:30-3:45

Monday 2/13 - 2:30-3:45

Tuesday 2/14 - 3:30-4:45 LAST PRACTICE

We are hoping to have 3 or 4 games this year. They will most likely be on Tuesdays - I will send that schedule home before Christmas break.

RUPERT VILLAGE TRUST PRESENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

3 - 5 PM, weather permitting

RUPERT TOWN GREEN

FREE AND OPEN TO EVERYONE

S'MORES on the GREEN

Gather around a fire pit for warm cocoa, hot cider, and s'mores. Make luminaries to celebrate the beginning of winter and the longer days of light ahead.





Please join us for a

Holiday Open House at PAWLET LIBRARY

Sing, dance, and play along with the BenAnna Band for a special holiday concert at 10:30AM. Stay for children's crafts and goodie bags.

Enjoy tea tasting with Ruth Lampi, a local teamonger and potter, who blends local and imported leaves into tasty beverage blends and delights in shaping cups for hands to hold. She works from her studio in Pawlet on Route 133 beside Flower Brook. Stop by for a tea demonstration at 11am, enjoy festive treats, and season greetings with your neighbors.

SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 10



10:30AM - 12:30PM

For more information and happenings at the Pawlet Public Library visit www.pawletpubliclibrary.com or call 802-325-3123



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IMPORTANT BROMLEY JISP INFO

Transportation options for Bromley JISP participants

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. i.burnett.farmer@gmail.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 below.

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

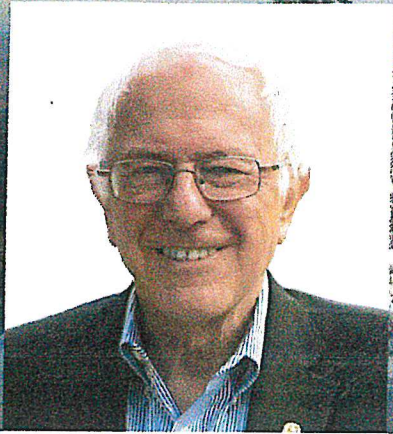
NO Saturday pickup in December

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.





BERNIE SANDERS

UNITED STATES SENATOR FOR VERMONT

**Do you or someone you know struggle to pay for heat?
Help may be available.**

SEASONAL FUEL ASSISTANCE

This program helps income-eligible homeowners and renters pay for heat. Funded through the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), the benefit to help cover a household's seasonal fuel bills is estimated to average about \$925 this year. Renters: You may qualify even if heat is included in your rent. Participation may also increase monthly 3SquaresVT benefits. To apply contact the Vermont Department of Children and Families' Economic Services Division Office nearest you, online at <https://dcf.vermont.gov/benefits/fuel> or by calling **800-479-6151**. Older Vermonters can also call the Senior Helpline for assistance at **800-642-5119**.

UTILITY ASSISTANCE

Green Mountain Power and Vermont Gas have programs to help low-income Vermonters heat and light their homes in the winter. To apply, call **800-775-0516** or visit www.energyhelp.vt.gov.

EMERGENCY/GENERAL ASSISTANCE

This program may help if you do not have enough money to meet an emergency heating, housing, medical, personal, or burial need. Visit <https://dcf.vermont.gov/benefits/EA-GA> or call **800-479-6151** or **2-1-1** for information, including how to apply.

CRISIS FUEL ASSISTANCE

If you are low on fuel and cannot afford more, crisis fuel assistance may be able to help. This program can also pay to repair or replace furnaces and fuel tanks and help you negotiate a payment plan. To apply, contact your local Community Action Agency, which can be found by visiting <https://dcf.vermont.gov/contacts/partners/caps> or calling **800-479-6151**.

WARMTH PROGRAM

This program helps Vermont families pay for fuel and utility bills not covered by seasonal or crisis fuel assistance. It also offers financial counseling and assistance in applying for other programs like 3SquaresVT and home weatherization. To apply, contact your local Community Action Agency, which you can find at <https://dcf.vermont.gov/contacts/partners/caps> or by calling **800-479-6151**.

HOMEOWNER & RENTER ASSISTANCE

Some Vermonters may qualify for help with utility bills through two federally-funded housing assistance programs. Homeowners can get more information about the Vermont Homeowner Assistance Program by visiting <https://vermonthap.vhfa.org/> or by calling **833-221-4208**. Renters can apply for utility assistance through the Vermont Emergency Rental Assistance Program until December 31. Go to <https://erap.vsha.org/> or call **833-488-3727** for more information.

Income guidelines and other eligibility criteria apply.

**If you have questions or need assistance, please call my office at
800-339-9834**